## ALUMNI

## **CLASS OF 2017**



## **Eddie Barnes**

Eddie Barnes retired from TCC following the 2014 – 2015 season as the dean of Panhandle Conference basketball coaches. Eddie spent 24 seasons as a National Junior College Athletic Association head coach, 14 of them at TCC and 10 at Wallace-Dothan in Dothan, Alabama.

Eddie's overall win-loss record at TCC was 274-144. Combined with his stint at Wallace-Dothan, his overall NJCAA coaching record is an impressive 469-254 (.649 pct.). At the start of his final season, Eddie was ranked 18th among active NJCAA coaches and first among his peers in NJCAA Region 8 (also known as the

Florida College System Activities Association) in career victories. Eddie is also one of the NJCAA's top 100 all-time winningest coaches (83rd prior to the 2014-15 season). During March Madness, Eddie posted a 12-6 record with the Eagles. In both his 14 seasons at TCC and 24 overall as an NJCAA head coach, Eddie averaged 20 wins per season.

Equally impressive as Eddie's win-loss record is the number of players who have moved on to the next level. To date, 60 of his Tallahassee student-athletes have continued their athletic and academic careers at a four-year college or university. In 11 years with the Eagles, Eddie coached six All-FCSAA players. Additionally, 67 of his players were named to various All-Panhandle Conference teams, including 32 first-team selections.

In 2015, Eddie was voted into the FCSAA Men's Basketball Coaches' Hall of Fame.