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FENWICK TO HIRE TONY YOUNG AS NEW BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH

From Flyers to Friars: Former Marmion and East St. Louis HC, SLU assistant and SIU guard to lead Chicago Catholic League powerhouse program in Oak Park.

May 6, 2021, OAK PARK, IL -- Fenwick High School is hiring Antonio "Tony" Young as its new varsity boys' basketball Head Coach and Assistant Athletic Director. Mr. Young, who resides in northwest suburban Hoffman Estates, IL, comes to the Friars from Marmion Academy in Aurora, IL, and brings a strong background in educational leadership, including a master's degree in student personnel administration. He replaces [Staunton Peck, who stepped down last month](#).



For the 2017-21 school years, Young (left) has served as Marmion's Head Basketball Coach, Dean of Students, Associate Athletic Director and Physical Education Department Chair. Previously, he spent one year as a Teacher, Assistant Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach at DRW College Prep, Chicago, which is part of the Noble Network of Charter School.

In 2011-12, after a graduate-assistant coaching stint at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale (SIU), Young went to Saint Louis University (SLU) as Director of Basketball Operations and an Assistant Coach under the tutelage of late Hall-of-Fame Head Coach Rick Majerus. He also completed his graduate studies at the Jesuit university. He moved on from SLU to become the Head Coach, District Athletic Director and Academic Intervention Specialist at East St. Louis Senior High School (East St. Louis, IL) from 2012-15. For those three years, Young helped to nearly double the school's graduation rate while leading the Flyers basketball team to an undefeated Southwestern Conference Championship and two regional championships. IBCA named him the Southwestern Illinois "Coach of the Year" in 2013.

"We are extremely excited to welcome Tony Young to Fenwick High School," said Friars' Athletic Director Scott Thies, an alumnus from the Class of 1999. "Coach Young brings great enthusiasm, experience running a basketball program, and a track record for developing student-athletes on and off the court. Fenwick will also benefit greatly from his experience working in various leadership roles at the high-school level."

Coach Young added: "I am more excited to have the opportunity to head such a prestigious program at such an amazing institution. I want to thank the administration at Fenwick for giving me an opportunity and believing in me to be the next coach/mentor to the next generation of Friars. I want to thank Marmion Academy for embracing me and treating me so well. The staff and community there made my time at Marmion unforgettable. I am looking forward to this new chapter with new goals and new dreams! Go Friars!!"

College and High School

Coach Young is an alumnus of SIU, where he played the guard position as a scholarship student-athlete, graduating in 2007 with a B.A. in business management. As a student, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, a historically African-American fraternity. Playing on the court for coaches Bruce Weber (now at Kansas State), Matt Painter (now at Purdue) and Chris Lowery (now a KSU assistant), Young was the “Sixth Man of the Year” as a college sophomore in 2003-04, when the No. 11-ranked Salukis won the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) and advanced to the NCAA Tournament’s “Sweet Sixteen.” He earned All-Conference, All-MVC Defense and Associated Press Defensive All-American honors during his SIU career and was co-captain in 2006-07, before injuries cut short his playing career.

A native of Schaumburg, IL, Young graduated from Schaumburg High School in 2002. He was a three-time varsity letter earner for the Saxons’ basketball program. His high-school career was highlighted with a 2001 Class AA State Championship over No. 1 nationally ranked Thornwood and NBA Lottery Pick Eddy Curry. He also earned other accolades, such as 1st Team All-State, All-Area, All-Conference and *Daily Herald* Player of the Year. Young returned to his high school alma mater in 2015-16 as a Special Education Teaching Assistant.



Celebrating 92 Years

Fenwick High School, founded in 1929, is a Dominican college preparatory secondary institution with a co-educational enrollment of approximately 1,100 students. Guided by Dominican Catholic values, its mission is to inspire excellence and educate each student to lead, achieve and serve. Today, Fenwick has a Golden Apple teacher on its faculty and an alumni list that includes a Skylab astronaut, Rhodes Scholars, Pulitzer Prize winners, a Heisman Trophy recipient and other leaders making a positive impact locally and internationally. Fenwick is celebrating its 92nd academic year in 2020-21. www.fenwickfriars.com

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