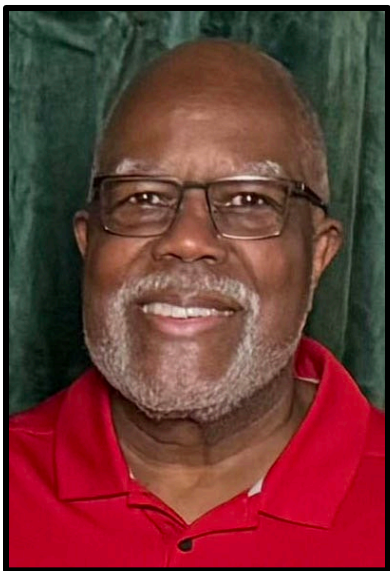


Carl Bryant

2025 Recipient of the Pacific Association Legacy Coach Award



Coach Bryant is a dedicated youth coach, mentor, and educator with more than 40 years of experience empowering young people through track & field, leadership development, and community engagement. Widely respected for his ability to create inclusive, growth-oriented environments, Bryant has impacted thousands of youth both on and off the track, helping athletes develop discipline, confidence, and life skills that extend far beyond competition.

Bryant is the Co-Founder and former Meet Director of the Tom Moore Youth Classic Track & Field Meet, one of California's premier youth track events, serving athletes ages 5–18. Under his leadership, the meet has hosted teams from across California and Nevada and has become a cornerstone of youth track in the region. Over the course of his coaching career, Bryant has mentored more than 3,000 athletes, many of whom have advanced to collegiate competition. A national-level USA Track & Field official, Bryant has served as a two-time Junior Olympic Nationals announcer and held leadership roles within USATF's Pacific Association as Chair and Vice Chair for eight years, helping guide youth engagement and competition standards statewide. In addition, he is the Founder and former Head Coach of the Roadrunners Track & Field Team, at which he served for 22 years.

Beyond athletics, Bryant's commitment to youth development spans education, faith, and public service. He has served as a highly qualified paraprofessional with Modesto City Schools, providing individualized student support and acting as a liaison between families and school leadership. As the former Senior Pastor of True Light Community Church in Modesto, he led spiritual education, mentoring programs, and community outreach initiatives focused on personal growth, social responsibility, and unity. His broader service includes work as a senior youth counselor, trainer, and crisis negotiator at the DeWitt Nelson Training Center, where he trained correctional staff statewide in cultural diversity, crisis intervention, and professional development.

Bryant's impact has been recognized at the local, state, and national levels, including the James M. Anderson Freedom Fighters Award, a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, honors from the California Legislature and Modesto City Council, and selection as an MLK Celebration Keynote Speaker for the State of California Senate. In recognition of his lasting service to youth athletics, the Frosh-Soph Classic was renamed the Carl Bryant Frosh-Soph Showcase: a testament to his enduring legacy within the track & field community.

Pacific Association Legacy Coach Award: *In recognition of the many influential coaches who have served in our association and have selflessly strengthened our sport(s) through teaching, mentoring, and promoting our profession, the Coaches Committee has created the Legacy Coach Award.*

Criterion is weighted heavily on coaches who were not only great coaches but who also inspired, trained, and mentored many of us to become coaches themselves. For a list of past recipients: <https://www.pausatf.org/coaches/coaches-legacy-awardees/>