

## COACHES CATEGORY



### *Anthony Noreen*

Anthony was born in Chicago, IL and attended St Francis Borgia grade school. Anthony started skating at the age of 3 and played on his first hockey team at Franklin Park Ice Arena. His Dad Rich taught him to skate while coaching him up until high school. His Mom Toni frequented the local rinks as his older brother Rich played hockey and older sister Gina was a figure skater. Anthony played his youth hockey with the Flames at Centre Ice of Dupage.

Anthony attended Fenwick high school where his brother also played, and dad coached for several years. He played for Fenwick, the Flames, and Team Illinois during his high school years winning 3 state championships and losing in the national championship game with the Flames his junior year. He was also team captain for both Fenwick and the Flames. After high school Anthony played junior hockey for the Springfield Junior Blues where he was reunited with Nick Pollos, his former Flames coach and served as team captain. He played collegiate hockey at University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point where he was team captain for 3 seasons and won 4 Distinguished Player Awards for player that best represents the organization on and off the ice.

Anthony began his coaching career at Stevens Point where he was an assistant for 3 seasons. He then moved on to the Youngstown Phantoms in the United States Hockey League where he was an assistant coach for one season, then Head Coach & General Manager for the next 4. He spent 2 seasons with the Orlando Solar Bears of the ECHL, AA affiliate of the Toronto Maple Leafs. He was Head Coach and President of Hockey Operations for the Tri City Storm for 7 seasons. Anthony is currently in his first season at the Division I level as Head Coach at Miami University in the NCHC. He has also represented USA Hockey on 5 different occasions at the Under 19 World Junior A Challenge and the Under 18 Hlinka Gretzky Cup.

During his time in the USHL Anthony won 3 Anderson Cups, 3 Coach of the Year Awards, and broke league records for longest winning streak, most points, most wins, and most power play goals. He also coached over 40 NHL draft picks. He has won 2 gold medals, 1 silver medal, and 1 bronze medal coaching USA hockey teams in international events.

Anthony is honored to join the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame. He wants to thank his family for their support and sacrifice throughout his hockey career and former youth coaches Bob Cademartori, Rich Noreen, Brad Saban, Chuck Linkenheld, Joe Saban, and Nick Pollos for their dedication and guidance.