SAN PASQUAL HIGH SOCCER COACH NAMED SAN DIEGO SECTION COACH OF THE YEAR

Escondido, CA – San Pasqual High Counselor and Boys Soccer Coach John Burson has been named the 2021-22 San Diego Section representative for the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) California State Coach of the Year award.

The recognition comes after the San Pasqual High soccer team took the Open Division San Diego CIF Championship title last spring and Coach Burson was named CIF Coach of the Year.

“It’s exciting to be recognized at this level,” said Burson. “My coaching staff and I put in a lot of time and effort into every season and to receive recognition for it feels great.”

Burson has been coaching soccer for 20 years. The upcoming season will be his 17th year as the boys’ varsity coach at San Pasqual High. In addition to coaching at San Pasqual, he coaches club soccer at San Diego Soccer Club (SDSC) Surf. He has also coached with the Del Mar Sharks and FC Heat. He was previously an assistant coach at California State University San Marcos and has his National “C” coaching license.

As coach at San Pasqual High, Burson holds 10 league titles, six CIF finals appearances, three championships, and has made five state appearances. He was also named CIF coach of the year in 2009-10.

“Having known John for over 20 years, this recognition couldn’t go to a more deserving person,” said San Pasqual Athletic Director Andrew Clark. “His level of care for his players and our school is second to none.”

Burson holds a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Alliant International University and a master’s in School Counseling from Walden University. He played college soccer while at Alliant International University.

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About Escondido Union High School District

The Escondido Union High School District has empowered students to graduate prepared for college, career, and life through excellence in learning for more than 125 years. The district serves nearly 7,000 students across five high schools including: Escondido, Orange Glen, and San Pasqual, Del Lago Academy and Valley; as well as the Escondido Adult School. More than 900 staff members are employed by Escondido Union High School District, which offers more than 180 courses, including nationally recognized Advanced Placement courses, College & Career Technical Education, Independent Study, after school enrichment, career exploration, STEM opportunities, and more.

San Pasqual High School Soccer Coach John Burson.
San Pasqual High Counselor and Boys Soccer Coach John Burson (far right) was recognized alongside his team after winning the Open Division San Diego CIF Championship title last spring.