

# Valor Christian High School

## Announces Expanded Leadership Role for Hockey Coach George Gwozdecky

Valor Christian High School today announced that Hall of Fame coach George Gwozdecky will transition into an expanded leadership role as Coordinator of Hockey Operations, marking a strategic step forward in the continued growth and long-term success of Valor Christian Hockey.

After 11 highly successful seasons as Head Coach, where he led the Eagles to a 179-44-7 record, Gwozdecky's role is evolving to focus on the broader vision and future of the program. In this new capacity, he will provide strategic oversight of hockey operations, steward the continued excellence of the coaching staff program, and lead efforts to build an even more vibrant and connected hockey program at Valor Christian High School.



Gwozdecky's tenure at Valor Christian has been defined not only by competitive success but by meaningful milestones that reflect the full mission of the program. Among the moments he identifies as most significant:

- March 2020 – CHSAA State Champions
- March 2021 – CHSAA State Champions
- March 2023 – CHSAA State Champions
- May 2023 – Varsity hockey player Aiden Owen named Valor's Valedictorian
- April 2024 – USA Hockey National Champions
- March 2025 – CHSAA State Champions

These achievements underscore a program that excels at the highest levels of competition while also developing student-athletes who lead with excellence in the classroom and beyond.

This transition reflects the program's strength and maturity, positioning Valor Christian hockey for sustained excellence. Gwozdecky's leadership will now extend beyond the bench, shaping the culture, structure, and long-term trajectory of the program while continuing to invest in the development of student-athletes and coaches alike.

Few leaders in the sport bring the depth of experience that Gwozdecky offers. During his 19-year tenure at the University of Denver, he compiled a 443-267-64 record and led the program to back-to-back NCAA National Championships in 2004 and 2005. He remains the only individual in NCAA hockey history to win national titles as a player, assistant coach, and head coach, underscoring a career defined by excellence, leadership, and impact.

*"For the last eleven years, Valor Christian High School has provided with me an incredible, life-changing experience. Never in my wildest dreams did I anticipate the great privilege of working daily with our hockey student-athletes. I've thoroughly enjoyed developing many wonderful relationships while helping our boys improve their game and leaving their mark on the program.*

*Over the last few years, (Athletic Director) Keith Wahl and I have talked about a succession plan and the flexibility I have to determine when to put that plan in place. So I've decided that this is the time for me to pass the torch to a new coach, but I'm very grateful to be able to continue serving the Valor community in this capacity." - George Gwozdecky*

In his new role, Gwozdecky will continue to champion the mission and vision of Valor Christian hockey program, ensuring it not only competes at the highest level but also develops leaders of character and influence.

*"It has been one of the great honors of my life in sport to work with Coach Gwozdecky. He's a consummate professional and an incredible teammate. I'm grateful his influence will continue in our Ice Hockey program and within our athletic department." - Keith Wahl*

Valor Christian High School celebrates Coach Gwozdecky's remarkable legacy behind the bench and looks ahead with great anticipation to the continued influence he will have in shaping the future of Valor Christian hockey through this expanded leadership role.