

Coach Danny Arrellano

Danny graduated from Ramona High in 1968, lettering in football-basketball and baseball. He continued his education and involvement in sports attending and playing at RCC (He was the Tiger's last three sport athlete) and then went on to UCR to get his degree and credential.

Danny started coaching while still in college working with the Riverside City Parks and Recreation Department. He was later hired by Coach Sam Pecchia at Arlington High as an assistant football coach. In 1976, Danny served as the head baseball coach for the Lions and in 1977, he became the boys basketball coach, building the program into a playoff contender. In 1980, he was named the Riverside County Basketball Coach of the Year, taking a team with nobody over 6-2 to a second place finish and into the playoffs. In 1982, he was named head football coach at Arlington and led the program for 14 years, making the playoffs on an annual basis. In 1990, the Lions finished third in league play and went on to win the 1990 CIF Championship. For those efforts, Danny was named Riverside County and CIF Coach of the Year. Also in 1990-91, Danny took over the girls basketball program on an interim basis and led the "Lady Lions" to one of their highest finishes ever. Again, he was named the Riverside County Girls Basketball Coach of the Year and the Los Angeles Times Inland Empire Coach of the Year. After stepping down from the head football job in 1996, Danny would continue to coach as an assistant in football, basketball and baseball at AHS even after his retirement. He got involved later in his career with officiating for high school football and basketball. Danny is a member of the Ramona High Sports Hall of Fame and is on the Riverside Sports Hall of Fame Wall of Distinction. He has been described as a "Coaches Coach" and someone who always gave his kids a chance to compete.

