

As one of Chicago's "very own," Coach Tommie Posley began his love for basketball early in life. As a point-guard at St. Michael's High School during the 1970s, his love for the game continued to grow, allowing him to play against some major names in basketball such as Isaiah Thomas, Doc Rivers, and Skip Dillard—all while remaining focused and humble.

It is hard to imagine Coach Posley loving anything more than teaching the sport because of all the hard work and dedication to the game he has put into it throughout his career, but his passion for bettering the next generation goes beyond just the courts. In fact, Tommie Posley says, "Wins and losses do not make me a Coach; graduating successful young men and women are wins for me."

Coach Posley's focus is not just on what his players are capable of doing on the court. From his perspective, the positive development of his players both on and off the court is what matters to him the most. "Creating a safe and positive environment for young people is my focus," says Tommie.

Since becoming the Athletic Director and Coach at East-West University, Coach says his primary focus is on "giving a chance to my players that others never did." In addition to his passion for making a difference in his players' lives, his background includes 20+ years coaching elementary through college-level basketball, being a Substance Abuse Counselor at Cook County Jail, leading as a mentor in youth programs throughout Chicago, and he also leads ministry as a Pastor.

Coach Tommie Posley currently serves as East-West University's Athletic Director, Women's Head Basketball Coach, and Men's JV Basketball Coach.

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