



## John Cullen

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Long-time Canfield High School boys basketball coach John Cullen is in his first year serving as the Director of Women's Basketball Operations at Youngstown State.

Cullen joins the collegiate ranks for the first time after coaching high school basketball for the past 37 years in the Youngstown area. He amassed 472 victories in his 32 seasons as a high school head coach.

"We are ecstatic to have Coach Cullen join our staff," head coach Bob Boldon said. "He brings an incredible amount of basketball knowledge to our team. His connection to the local community will also be invaluable in helping to restore the winning tradition of Youngstown State women's basketball."

Cullen spent the last 28 seasons as the Head Boys' Basketball Coach at Canfield High School, leading the Cardinals to a 433-186 record under his leadership. In his tenure on the bench, Canfield won 15 sectional titles, 12 league championships and five district titles. He was named the Mahoning County Coach of the Year 15 times in his 28 years.

Prior to his successful stay at Canfield, Cullen also coached three seasons at Brookfield High and one year at Badger High. He led Brookfield to a 38-18 record and three sectional championships. Cullen got his coaching start as an assistant at Brookfield, helping the Warriors to five sectional championships, a regional title and a berth in the state semifinals over five years.

Cullen also spent four seasons coaching in the Amateur Athletic Union. His squads qualified for the AAU national tournament three times.

In the classroom as a high school teacher, Cullen taught physical education, health and integrated science.

Cullen graduated with his bachelor's in education from Kent State in 1973. He earned a master's in secondary administration from Youngstown State in 2005.

Cullen and his wife, Roseann, reside in Boardman, Ohio.