



# BYRON GRAY

HEAD COACH



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Byron Gray enters his sixth season at Riverdale Ridge after being named head coach in March 2018. He is a driven leader of teenage men and women with over 20 years of experience coaching and managing basketball programs. His strong emphasis on skills development, fundamental play, and teamwork lead his teams to strong showings in competitive play. Coach Gray's passion for teaching and mentoring young people is evident in everything he strives to accomplish.

The Ravens are coming off two consecutive Sweet 16 appearances in the 4A CHSAA State Playoffs and have championship hopes heading into the 2023-2024 season (their final year in Class 4A). Coach Gray began his head coaching career as the boys basketball head coach at 3A Stargate School in Thornton, Colorado helping lead the program into its inaugural season in CHSAA play. In two years at Stargate, he led the program to a winning record in both seasons. Prior to being named the head coach at Stargate, Coach Gray spent 14 years as a boys varsity assistant/JV coach at 6A Legacy High School in Broomfield, Colorado under the leadership of head coaches, Jim Noonan, Darren Clemenhausen, and Gunnar Johnson. He also spent 2 years coaching the 12U and 14U boys club teams for BC Denver. He enters the 2023-2024 school year with 89 career wins as a varsity head coach in 7 seasons.

He is a native of Monroe, Louisiana where he graduated from Ouachita Parish High School while taking part in the basketball and football programs. He was a football walk-on at Grambling State University under the legendary coach Eddie G. Robinson. Coach Gray has been fortunate to be around coaching mentors who taught him powerful lessons on becoming an effective coach in Herschel West (member of the 1961 NAIA Champion Grambling College basketball team, head coach at Ouachita High), Larry Wright (member of the 1978 World Champion Washington Bullets, assistant coach at Ouachita High), Mike Vallery (head coach of State Championship football teams in Louisiana and Texas, head coach at Ouachita High), Lonnie Porter (winningest college basketball coach in Colorado history, head coach at Regis University), and the aforementioned Eddie Robinson (College Football Hall of Fame coach).

Coach Gray is a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, a Gold Licensed Coach with USA Basketball, and a member of the Colorado High School Coaches Association.

## **The Gray File:**

**Seasons:** Sixth at Riverdale Ridge, Twenty-second Overall

**Hometown:** Monroe, La.

**High School:** Ouachita Parish High

**College:** Grambling, BS, Computer Science 1995

**Children:** Brandon, Caleb

**Coaching Experience:**

- 2002 – 2006 - Varsity assistant coach, Legacy High School, Broomfield, Colorado  
 2006 – 2008 - Varsity assistant coach / JV Head Coach, Legacy High School, Broomfield, Colorado  
 2008 – 2013 - Varsity assistant coach, Legacy High School, Broomfield, Colorado  
 2013 – 2016 - Varsity assistant coach / JV Head Coach, Legacy High School, Broomfield, Colorado  
 2013 - 14U Boys coach, BC Denver - Basketball Club, Broomfield, Colorado  
 2014 - 12U Boys coach, BC Denver - Basketball Club, Broomfield, Colorado  
 2016 – 2018 - Head coach, Stargate High School, Thornton, Colorado  
 2018 – Present - Head coach, Riverdale Ridge High School, Thornton, Colorado

**Byron Gray's Head Coaching Record**

Season	Team	Overall	League	Standing	Postseason
2016-2017	Stargate	11-4			
2017-2018	Stargate	12-8			
<b>Stargate Totals (2 seasons)</b>		<b>23-12 (.657)</b>			
2018-2019	Riverdale Ridge	9-11	3-4	5 <sup>th</sup>	
2019-2020	Riverdale Ridge	16-8	3-4	5 <sup>th</sup>	3A 1 <sup>st</sup> Round
2021	Riverdale Ridge	6-8	5-4	5 <sup>th</sup>	
2021-2022	Riverdale Ridge	18-7	6-3	5 <sup>th</sup>	4A Sweet 16
2022-2023	Riverdale Ridge	17-8	13-5	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4A Sweet 16
<b>Riverdale Ridge Totals (5 seasons)</b>		<b>66-42 (.611)</b>	<b>30-20 (.600)</b>		
<b>Career Totals (7 seasons)</b>		<b>89-54 (.622)</b>	<b>30-20 (.600)</b>		