

To the Minico High School Administration:

We want to thank you for your support of Coach Ty Shippen since his hiring six years ago at Minico High School. It has been a remarkable six years for Minico Athletics. Some of our favorite things brought to Minico include:

- **Increased affordability for parents attending Minico Athletic Events to support our young athletes.**
- **Access to gymnasiums for grade-school aspiring girl and boy athletes.**
- **A winning basketball tradition.**
- **Record Boards** for former standout Minico Athletes. This has undoubtedly encouraged Minico players to work harder practicing to break those records while simultaneously remembering previous player's sacrifice and accomplishment.
- **A rarely-rivalled offseason basketball program** including annual trips to various Top-10 college programs. Our players experienced rare opportunities at Exposure Camps because of Coach Shippen's advocacy of his players. The strength of the basketball program enabled our players to attend competitive national tournaments mostly reserved for AAU teams – without the cost of an AAU program.
- **The college-model holiday basketball tournaments** that were a great opportunity to showcase our players and new facilities in the Magic Valley. This provided a unique venue and the only chance for some visiting family members to watch Minico Athletes during the holidays.
- **Opportunities for our basketball team to go to state, win at state, and bring home some hardware.** A handful of athletes set individual 4A player records at the state tournament which serves as a tribute to the detailed attention Coach Shippen gave throughout the year to prepare our athletes to perform at their best at the state tournament.
- **Ethics in a sporting atmosphere that can often be void of them.** His language was clean, his demeanor calm, and he brought a reputation to Minico of coaching his kids instead of berating officials. That character was passed on to each of our players and coaches.
- **Embracing our players unconditionally despite their failures in their darkest hours of competitive contest.** Coach Shippen's loyalty will not be forgotten or unappreciated.
- **Treating our custodians at Minico with dignity and teaching hundreds of other people to do the same.** It is common for teams to lay claim to a family mantra but Coach Shippen lived it with an outpouring of hugs, flowers, food, and Minico gear shared with staff and supporters alike.

This is not an exhaustive list of gratitude's expressed by Minico supporters. Thanks to the Minico High School Administration for building up our youth and advocating for our community and Minico Athletics... Go Spartans!

We wish the best to Coach Shippen – both of them.

Sincerely,

Supporters of Minico Athletics:

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