

## **Timothy McKinney**

The 2023-24 season will be McKinney's 28th year associated with Triton College Athletics and his 20th assisting the Triton women's basketball team. In August of 2019, McKinney was promoted to Sports Information Specialist where he will bring his over 20 years of media experience to Triton on a full-time basis to help all 10 Trojan athletic programs. His knowledge of the Region IV has been a tremendous asset to the women's basketball program.

Since 2004, McKinney has assisted the program behind the scenes in many capacities. McKinney works on scheduling games, scouting opponents and recruiting.

McKinney is credited for keeping the program afloat the past decade and help oversee the turnaround of women's basketball at Triton. He even coached the team on an interim basis during the spring semester of 2015. The Trojans moved up the Region IV and N4C standings to earn a home playoff game.

A 1997 Triton graduate, McKinney worked for many years as Sports Director at WRRG 88.9FM, Triton College Radio, broadcasting a wide variety of Triton and local high school sporting events. While at WRRG, McKinney was a three-time nominee (1997, 1998 and 2002) for the March of Dimes Achievement in Radio Awards in the categories of Best Sports Talk Show and Best Sports Play-by-Play.

Prior to his promotion as Sports Information Specialist, McKinney served from 2008-19 as Athletics Media Assistant writing athletic stories, maintaining the athletics website along with working other events for the marketing department to positively promote the college.

From 2000-04, McKinney was an assistant coach for the Triton men's basketball team under former head coach Curt Connor.

In 2011, McKinney earned the distinguished honor of being inducted into the Region IV Hall of Fame as a Contributor, Friend of Sport. McKinney earned another high honor in 2020 as he was selected for induction into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Hall of Fame.

Away from Triton, McKinney is a freelance sports reporter covering Chicagoland professional, college and high school teams. In recent years, he has served as an on-air contributor for Sports Edition with Kenny McReynolds which airs on WCIU-TV (The U) in Chicago. He also broadcasts games for area streaming outlets, including select IHSA postseason events for the NFHS Network.

McKinney, a native of Bellwood, graduated from Proviso West High School in Hillside. After he earned his associates degree at Triton in 1997, earned his Bachelor's in Broadcast Journalism at Columbia College Chicago in 2001.

## **Career Achievements**

Being able to call multiple NJCAA men's basketball national tournament games including Triton's national championship victory in 2018.

Broadcasted on Triton College radio, the baseball team's games in their last NJCAA World Series appearance in 2000.

Apart of the staff of the Triton women's basketball Region 4 championship team in 2021.  
Breaking a 27-year championship drought.

Keeping the history of women's basketball alive with the creation of the Dan Hull Memorial Classic.

### **Triton Impact**

When I first came to Triton in 1995 as a student, I would have never imagined that nearly 30 years later, I would still be here. From my time as a student. To now my time as an employee. Triton College has played an active role in over half my life. What makes Triton a special place is the people. I learned early on how important this institution is to the many that were and still are here. I've always tried to do my best to carry-on the values and care for a school that has given so much back to me. Triton is place of opportunity and my goal has been to use the tools I learned as a student to help those attending Triton currently to take advantage of their opportunity.