

Al Mathews, Professor, Kinesiology and Physical Education, passed away, December 2025

MATHEWS, AL, (1963), Professor of Kinesiology and Physical Education: A.B., 1954, M.A., 1958, Ed.D., 1966, University of California, Berkeley. Emeritus, 1992. Dr. Mathews passed away on December 19, 2025. Al Mathews began his tenure at Cal State Hayward in 1963 as an assistant men's basketball coach. In 1964, he launched the university's baseball program and served as its head coach for nine seasons, compiling a record of 147–161. Under his leadership, the Pioneers captured back-to-back Far Western Conference titles in 1971 and 1972. As Athletic Director, he guided the University through a period of remarkable success, overseeing six NCAA national championships, 64 conference titles, and numerous All-Americans. Mathews was inducted into the Pioneers Hall of Fame in 1998. His legacy continues through the Alfred "Al" R. Mathews Scholarship in Baseball, to support student-athletes who excel on the field and in the classroom.