

## FORM C – Biographical Sketch

Clayton Ellis

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Clayton Ellis knew at an early age that he would build a career in physical education and physical activity. In his youth, he worked as a swim instructor and lifeguard for the all of the city of Boulder, CO Parks and Recreation Department's swimming pools, Recreation Centers and Boulder Reservoir Open Water facility where he was named Beach Manager and Lake Patrol Supervisor. He was also a supervisor for both youth and adult recreational athletic programs. Clayton was a pioneer course organizer and safety manager with the *Bud Light Triathlon Series* and the Colorado Governor's Council for Physical Fitness *Governor's Cup Triathlon*. Clayton then worked as Head Park Ranger for the City of Westminster, CO at Standley Lake Recreation Area.

With 34 years experience in education, Clayton's commitment to his students' in physical education and health is evident in all of his work. He began his career at the elementary level with the Archdiocese of Denver before moving to Houston, TX in 1990. He has taught at all levels ever since. Clayton moved back to Colorado in 2000 and has been with the Aurora Public Schools (Aurora, CO) for the past 18 years. He has been teaching health and physical education at both the middle school and high school levels. Clayton has extensive experience coaching football, basketball, baseball, volleyball and swimming.

Clayton is a Past-President of SHAPE Colorado (formerly COAHPERD). He currently serves as the SHAPE America - Central District Past-President. He has served as the SHAPE America Nominations Committee Chair. Clayton has also participated with the following SHAPE America programs: Physical Best (4<sup>th</sup> Edition Editor), Physical Best Specialist Professional Development Program, the Physical Education Metrics Professional Development Task Force, and the Presidential Youth Fitness Program Professional Development Task Force and is a Presidential Youth Fitness Program Champion Trainer. He is a Let's Move Active Schools Physical Activity Leader Trainer. He has earned the Platinum level as a contributor to the SHAPE America Exchange Network.

As an advocate, Clayton is one of six individuals that have participated in ALL of SHAPE America's Speak-Out Advocacy days in Washington, DC. In 2013, Clayton began a valiant effort to glorify #Broccoli

Clayton is a Past-President of the Colorado Governor's Council for Active and Healthy Lifestyles. During his tenure as President, the Council created two awards through partnerships with affiliated organizations. The *Governor's Award for Healthy Schools* was created through collaboration with the Colorado Education Initiative. The *Governor's Award for Worksite Wellness* was created with the University of Colorado Health Links organization.

Clayton has been recognized for his efforts by multiple organizations. Such honors include; 2009 SHAPE Colorado (COAHPERD) High School Physical Education Teacher of the year, 2010 Central District and National High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year, 2010 Aurora Sentinel Newspaper - Best Teacher Award, 2013 SHAPE America (AAHPERD) Honor Award, 2014 SHAPE Colorado Honor Award, 2014 and 2015 SHAPE Colorado Presidential Citation Awards, and the 2015 SHAPE America - Central District Honor Award.