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David J. Morgan was born in Washington, D.C. He was three years of age when his parents moved to Arlington. He attended Maury School, Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School and graduated from Washington-Lee High School in 1970.

Dave loved athletics and while growing up in Arlington participated in many of the sports programs run by the County Recreation Department, including baseball, basketball and football. He played American Legion baseball and was a member of W-L's varsity wrestling team. He was an excellent student and stand-out leader throughout his school years in Arlington. While in high school, guided by his mentor, the late W-L coach and A.D., John Youngblood, Dave set his goal to become a teacher and coach.

Dave went on to the University of Virginia and earned a degree in Education. In 1974, he began his teaching and coaching career, in Arlington, at Wakefield H.S. From 1975-1977, Dave was a teacher/coach at Stratford Jr. High, Thomas Jefferson Jr. High and Washington-Lee H.S. The classroom subjects he taught included U.S./Virginia History, Government, World Civilization, Geography and Environmental Science. He was a head coach and assistant coach on Freshman, JV and Varsity levels for football, baseball, wrestling, track, softball and golf. Dave received the 1978 Better Sports Club's Coaching Award for his outstanding accomplishments as a championship wrestling coach while at Stratford.

In 1978, Dave was lured away from Arlington by Fairfax County. He received an offer he couldn't refuse – to become a teacher/coach and Social Studies Dept. Chair at South Lakes H.S. From 1978-1984, he achieved much success there, as he did throughout his career. In 1979, Dave earned his M.Ed. Secondary School Administration Degree from the Univ. of Virginia. From 1984-1989 he was Director of Student Activities at Jeb Stuart H.S., from 1989-2001, he was the DSA at South Lakes H.S., and from 2001 until his retirement in 2004, he was the DSA at Oakton H.S. During his career, Dave continued to upgrade his career knowledge, completing programs administered by the NIAAA (National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association). In 1988 he earned the title of Certified Athletic Administrator, and in 2001 the title of Certified Master Athletic Administrator, joining a very elite group of athletic administrators nationwide to achieve that level of professionalism. Dave has authored a variety of articles on the subject of athletic administration and was a highly sought after speaker, nationwide, on aspects of athletic administration, among them, Coaching, Student Activities and Leadership Training.

Dave was named Virginia AAA Athletic Director of the Year in 1999. He served with distinction on the boards of the Virginia State High School Athletic Directors Association, and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He served as president of both organizations and received their highest honors, the VIAAA Award of Merit in 1999, the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 2001, the National Federation Citation in 2003, and was inducted into the Virginia H. S. League Hall of Fame in 2004.