



CONCORD UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES, HONORIS CAUSA

Lewis D'Antoni, a century of accomplishment, service, and dedication to family, community, and countless students and athletes, defines your remarkable life. The honors of longevity and reaching the mark of Centenarian are milestones in and of themselves and you have enhanced those honors many times over.

You have brought acclaim to your hometown of Mullens, to the state of West Virginia and to Concord, your alma mater as both an educator and a coach. From high school to college and throughout your professional career, you have been a leader, an overachiever, a believer in challenging yourself and those around you to excel. The fruits of this lifestyle are many and rich and are well-deserved.

As both a high school athlete and as a Mountain Lion, you excelled on the field and on the court and as a student leader serving as president of your freshman class at Concord and captain of the football and basketball teams. Turning your focus to baseball, you enjoyed a brief stint with the Bluefield Blue Grays. You went on to nobly serve your country in the Navy during World War II and to continue your education by obtaining a master's degree from Marshall University.

Lewis D'Antoni, you made your mark as a high school basketball coach in southern West Virginia and Ohio where your 35 season career produced 450 games in the winning column. You have passed the torch of coaching to your sons, Mike D'Antoni and Dan D'Antoni, of education to your daughter, Dr. Kathy D'Antoni and of zealous accomplishment to your son, attorney Mark D'Antoni.

Legendary coach of state champions, revered teacher and principal, sports hall of fame inductee, Coach of the Year, Distinguished West Virginian – you count all of these accolades and more as your own. In your late 90s, you took on the new title of author when you penned your memoir, "The Coach's Coach."

For your extraordinary professional accomplishments and your tireless service and dedication as an educator and coach, Concord University confers upon you, Lewis D'Antoni, the degree of Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*.

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