



Nort Thornton

Current Position: Head Coach Emeritus
 University of California at Berkeley

Nort Thornton is one of the deans of college coaching, retiring after 33 years at the helm of the Golden Bears men's swimming program.

During this time he had a dual meet record of 231-85 and two NCAA Division I team titles. In the process, his swimmers have won 48 individual and relay titles. For 28 of these 33 years his teams have finished in the top ten in the national polls.

On the international level, Nort has coached numerous United States teams in world competition. In 1979, he coached the U.S. squad in the FINA Cup in Tokyo, Japan, and in 1981 the U.S. team at the World University Games. He has served as an assistant coach at the Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela, the World Championships in Madrid, Spain, and Perth, Australia, as well as the Pan Pacific Games in Edmonton, Canada.

Nort has been the president of the American Swimming Coaches' Association and served on the ASCA Board of Directors for a number of years.

He is the co-editor of "The Swim Coaching Bible".