

Rich Skelnik - Biography

Education

- Graduated from East Leyden High School in 1969
- Earned BS and MS Degrees from Triton College
- Completed Bachelor's and Master's Degrees at Eastern Illinois University in 1974/75

Triton Impact

Triton played a pivotal role in shaping my life. The caring teachers and coaches not only nurtured my academic and athletic abilities but also instilled in me the skills to focus and study. As a first-generation college student, Triton laid the foundation for my success at Eastern Illinois University.

Achievements and Contributions

- Athletics
- Triton: Most Improved Soccer Player, Academic All-American, and Team Captain for the 1971-72 Wrestling Season
- Eastern Illinois University: Academic All-American for the 1973-74 Wrestling Season
- Coaching
- Named Assistant Coach of the Year in the Suburban SICA Conference during the 1976-77 school year at Homewood Flossmoor High School
- Officiated wrestling tournaments at Triton, Midland, and the Illinois State Wrestling Tournament in Champaign, Illinois
- Professional Career at Motorola/General Dynamics
- Director of Talent Acquisition/Community Investment for North America
- Introduced an automated applicant tracking system, eliminating paper and enhancing resume review
- Received the 1st ever Presidents award for Outstanding Recruitment, Innovation, and Budget Management
- Initiated the Links Fore Leukemia Tournament in 2005, raising 1.1 million dollars for Leukemia Research in Phoenix, Arizona
- Chairperson of Motorola/General Dynamics Recruiting Council
- Board member of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (Phoenix) and Direct Employers (Indianapolis)
- Recognized with an honor for the best Community Investment/Relations Program in North America by Women of Color Society
- Managed the entire hiring process for over 12 years, hiring over 12,000 technical employees with high acceptance rates for both Experienced Professionals and College Graduates.