

# ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE



## Marauder Athletics

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## **TIM ATKERSON NAMED MEN'S BASKETBALL ASSISTANT; CHRISTINA OROZCO RETURNS TO HELP IN ATHLETIC TRAINING; MARAUDERS NOW ON TWITTER**

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**COACHING CHANGE:** Tim Atkerson will return to become a Men's Basketball Assistant Coach, according to Head Coach Dieter Horton. Atkerson takes over for long-time Horton assistant Chris Malloy who moved to Santa Clara to be with his wife and child.

**ATKERSON:** Tim Atkerson returns to the Marauder Men's Basketball Bench for the second time, spending a three year stint from 2000 to 2004. In those three years the Marauders under the guidance of Newton Chelette won two conference titles and advanced to state. Interestingly, Atkerson comes back to AVC after five years as the Rosamond High School Boys Basketball coach. He came to AVC the first time after a five year stint as head coach of the Roadrunners. In those ten years he holds a 180-66 overall coaching record, seven conference titles including the last five straight seasons. The Roadrunners went undefeated in the High Desert League in 1999-2000, earning a berth in the CIF Division IV AA Final Four appearance, the team in 2006-07 was CIF finalists and in 2007-08 won the CIF Championship. Atkerson was named CIF Coach of the Year in 2008 and has been named Conference Coach of the Year six times. A 1988 graduate of Rosamond High School, he was named All-League in basketball and baseball. He received his bachelor's in secondary education (math emphasis) from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and his master's in education (physical education emphasis) from Azusa Pacific University. He was the founder of the HDMBCA and the High Desert Basketball Camp. Atkerson and his wife of eight years, Amy, have three children -- Micha (12) and Madison (10) and Mackenzie (8). He has an uncle who was an assistant coach at Duke University under Mike Krzyzewski.

### **MARAUDER ATHLETICS**

**CHRISTINA OROZCO:** Christina Orozco, AT,C has been brought on board to replace Eliot Siler, who accepted the position of Head Fastpitch coach at Los Medanos College. She will act as athletic trainer for several Marauder sports - beginning with volleyball and soccer in the fall. She is also part of the adjunct faculty. Orozco actually returns to AVC where she was a student trainer for the Marauder Football, Men's and Women's Basketball and Baseball teams. She received her associate of arts in physical education from AVC in 2006. She transferred to Fresno State University where she received her bachelor of science in kinesiology-athletic training in 2008. It marks an all Fresno State training crew for the Marauders. AVC trainer Jerry Lewis also graduated from the school. She worked with the 2007 NCAA Champion Bulldog Baseball team as well as Fresno Pacific's Women's Basketball and Track and Field teams. She just graduated with a masters of education in athletic training from the University of Virginia where she worked with the softball team for the Cavaliers. Orozco is also a certified emergency medical technician.

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