

Jon Culbertson is a 1952 Illinois State High School Gymnastics Champion. At the University of Illinois, Culbertson helped lead the Illini to three Big Ten Championships and two NCAA National Championships. He was an MVP, scoring points on pommel horse, horizontal bar, and the now extinct rope climb event. Jon was a member of three US international teams. He was the alternate to the US Rome Olympic team, the Canadian National Exhibit 1960-62 to Toronto, and the 1962 US World Championship Team to Prague. Jon competed in numerous US National Championships in a competitive career spanning the years of 1958 through 1964, regional competitions like the Peachtree Open, and winning the all-around in a seniors dual meet with Great Britain in Orlando in 1993.

Culbertson has had an extensive career in judging. He was the Technical Director of the National Gymnastics Judges Association from 1973 through 1977. Jon served as Chair of the Southeastern Gymnastics Judges Association from 1969 through 1973, and again, 1980 through 1987, conducting gymnastics judging courses more than numerous times. Jon judged the NCAA Championships, the USGF Championships, the SIGL Championships, the Championships of the USA, the Olympic Trials, the American Cup, the Pan American Games, the Junior Pan American Games Championships, and the Illinois High School State Championships, each many times. Culbertson was the Meet Referee/ Technical Director for the Junior Olympic National Championships for the years 1997 through 2008. Jon judged the Five Continents Junior Elite Championships in France, the Pacific Alliance Championships, and was an 1996 Olympic Games auxiliary judge. Jon served as the Technical Director for the National Future Stars Evaluation for more than ten years.

Jon directed Culbertson Gymnastique of Sarasota for a quarter century and coached many of the top male gymnasts in the State of Florida and USAG Region Eight. Jon served as President of the Florida Gymnastics Association from 1974 through 1976. Jon also served as the Program Director for the Woodward Gymnastics Camp in Pennsylvania in the mid-seventies.

Culbertson is a graduate of New Trier Township High School of Winnetka, Illinois. He received his bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Illinois in Zoology. He earned his PhD. in Biological Sciences from Northwestern University of Evanston, Illinois. Culbertson worked as a teaching assistant both at the U of I and at Northwestern Universities. He was a National Science Foundation Fellow, an Abbott Lab Research Fellow, and a NIH Microbiology Trainee all at Northwestern. Jon taught biology at Kendall College. Jon became a research associate and postdoctoral Fellow and a biology instructor at Florida State University during 1964 through 1966. Later, Culbertson became an Assistant Professor of Biology and a Student Chair at New College of Sarasota, FL. Jon was a science teacher at Prew Preparatory of Sarasota and an Adjunct Professor at Manatee C.C.

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Culbertson served as President of Planned Parenthood of Southwest Florida. He was a dealer for Resilite Sports Products. Jon was a professional adviser to the West Coast Gymnastics Foundation, Inc. He is a CoDirector of Healthsource. Jon served as the Chairperson of the Substance Abuse Committee of (PATCH) Planned Approach to Community Health and a member of the PATCH Data Committee. Culbertson continues to serve as an SAT Instructor for the Princeton Revue from 2003 on.



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