



Baaron Pittenger

A respected sports administrator who saw opportunities where others saw obstacles, Baaron Pittenger led the effort to transform an outdated military base into a world-class training center where athletes could pursue their Olympic dreams. Fueled in large part by the vision and determination of Pittenger and Colonel F. Don Miller, the United States Olympic Committee established its first Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in 1977.

Pittenger was also responsible for the creation of the National Sports Festival, a multi-sport event that helped propel many of America's greatest athletes to Olympic success. With less than six months to plan and prepare, the first National Sports Festival was held in Colorado Springs in 1978. The event returned to the Pikes Peak region in 1979, and again in 1983 and 1995 under a new name — the United States Olympic Festival.

Pittenger's distinguished record of service also includes serving as Executive Director of the U.S. Olympic Committee from 1988 to 1990 and USA Hockey from 1990 to 1993.

Recognized worldwide for his leadership and commitment to the elimination of doping in sport, Pittenger was instrumental in the formation of the United States Anti-Doping Agency and continues to serve the organization as a Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer.

Pittenger and his wife, Anne, have made Colorado Springs their home for more than 20 years.