Ron Kosteliz was an admired coach to many students and athletes during his time at Edina. Graduating from The University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1962, Kosteliz was a four year letter winner for the Bulldogs. After a brief professional career with the Blue Bombers and the Minnesota Vikings in 1962-1963, Kosteliz began his teaching and coaching career for Hazel Park High School in Michigan. His career with Edina began in 1968. From 1968-1975, Kosteliz was the Assistant Football Coach where his team won numerous conferences and three “mythical” state championships. He was also the Assistant Coach for the Shot-Put and Discus on the track and field team where the Hornets won three state championships. Kosteliz trained the 1975 state champion, Phil Olson. From 1976-1981, when Edina High School split, Kosteliz became the Head Football Coach at Edina East High School and Assistant Track Coach. One of Kosteliz’s most memorable football players was Greg Olson, who went on to become the legendary catcher for the Atlanta Braves.

In 1982, Edina East and West merged back together to form the Edina High School alliance. Kosteliz became the Assistant Football and Track coach, and during that time his football team won the conference championship. In 1990, Kosteliz transitioned to the full-time Head Football Coach from 1990-1995. Kosteliz was selected by his peers to coach the Metro-All Stars in the Metro State All-Star football Game in 1991. After 36 successful years of coaching and teaching, Kosteliz retired from Edina in 1999.

Kosteliz has many memorable accomplishments as an athlete and coach. He implemented the first weight program for athlete’s at both Hazel Park and Edina High Schools. Furthermore, he is also the only man in the history of Edina to serve two terms as the Head Football Coach, guiding Edina East (1978-1981) and Edina High School (1990-1995). In 2001, Kosteliz received the prestigious honor of being inducted into the University of Minnesota-Duluth Football Hall of Fame.

"I had the greatest kids and the greatest job in the world," said Kosteliz. He is married to Nancy, has two daughters, Sarah and Angela Kosteliz, along with one grand-daughter, Katherine Kosteliz-Ajas. In his free time, Kosteliz enjoys hunting, fishing and attending athletic events. His advice to today’s youth, “Give to your ability and you will never second guess yourself. And have a few laughs!”