

To: Dr. Weikle & The Board of Education
From: Angie Codron, Normal West HS Principal and Wes Temples, Athletic Director
Re: April Schermann-Illinois Coaches Association Softball Hall of Fame
Date: February 19, 2025

Normal West High School teacher and long-time softball coach April Schermann has been named to the Illinois Coaches Association Softball Hall of Fame. A banquet was held on February 16, 2025 at the Chateau in Bloomington to recognize and celebrate Coach Schermann's achievements. We would like to share just a few of those accomplishments this evening that show just how deserving Coach Schermann is of this honor:

Since taking the helm as the Head Varsity Softball Coach at Normal West in 2004, April Schermann has built a powerhouse program defined by excellence, integrity, and player development. Over 20 seasons, she has amassed an impressive career record of 506-179 (.739), leading her teams to numerous titles, including a 2016 IHSA 4A State Runner-Up finish—the best in school history. Her program boasts 8 Regional Championships, 4 Sectional Championships, 1 Super Sectional title, and 9 Big 12 Conference Championships. Her leadership has been recognized with multiple Illinois Coaches Association Sectional Coach of the Year honors (2006, 2012, 2016) and a nomination as a National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year Finalist in 2017.

Beyond the wins, Schermann is committed to developing well-rounded student-athletes who excel in competition, academics, and life. Under her guidance, 51 players have continued their careers at the collegiate level, including 16 at the NCAA Division I level. Her commitment to sportsmanship and excellence was recognized when her team received the Do What's Right! Sportsmanship Award at the 2016 State Finals.

Her legacy at Normal West extends far beyond championships—it is defined by her unwavering dedication to student-athletes and her passion for shaping future leaders through the game of softball.



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