



Albert Lea High School
Athletic Hall of Fame
2021 Inductee



Coach Mary Beese

Mary Beese moved to Albert Lea in 1977. She was asked to help that same spring with the Girls Track and Field Team as an assistant coach. In the fall of 1977, she was asked to coach ninth grade girls volleyball, which she did for the next three years. Mary continued to coach the Girls Track and Field Team for 38 years with Margo Wayne. She also assisted Brenda Ludtke with the Girls Swimming and Diving teams for 10 years. Mary has served at the assistant coach level at Albert Lea in three sports: Track and Field, Volleyball and Swimming & Diving.

During this span of years, Mary was on the forefront of the growth of women's athletics. Title 9, and dedicated coaches like her helped increase athletic opportunities for girls. Over the years, Mary has coached Big 9 Conference Champion teams with many of her athletes being All-Conference, Region I and State Participants.

Mary and her husband Gary have 3 children, Christian, Amy Cichosz, and Kari Severson. All three have participated in Albert Lea Athletic Programs.

Congratulations and Thank You Coach Beese!