



Albert Lea High School
Athletic Hall of Fame
2025 Inductee



Patsy Slegh
Class of 1973
Volleyball, Basketball,
Track and Field, Softball

Patsy Slegh When Patsy Slegh graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1973, the Title IX Amendment for the Education Act had only been in place for one year. That one year she had the good fortune to take part in interscholastic sports for Albert Lea in the Big Nine Conference. She graduated one year prior to the first state volleyball tournament and two years prior to the first state girls' basketball tournament, so early recognition of female athletes was just beginning.

Her nomination form noted that in her one year of high school sports, she was a true leader. She participated in volleyball, basketball, tennis and track and field.

“She took part in whatever girls’ sporting activities were available and was an example on the floor and off the floor,” it stated. “Patsy was proud to be a Tigrette.”

After finishing high school, Patsy was a walk-on with a scholarship in volleyball, basketball and softball at St. Cloud State. Unfortunately, she had a back injury her

sophomore year, so she dropped volleyball and began officiating high school volleyball.

Patsy officiated volleyball for 35 years, including eight as a rules clinician and three as a supervisor of state volleyball officials for the MSHSL. In 2016 she received the Distinguished Service Award as a high school official from the Minnesota State High School Coaches' Association.

After finishing college, Patsy began 34 years of teaching art and junior and senior high physical education in Sauk Centre, where she coached volleyball, basketball, track and field and softball. In 1988 she received a National High School Coaching Award presented by Scholastic Coaches Magazine.

In 2023, Patsy began teaching at Hollandale Christian School, where she is a part-time K-8 art and kindergarten physical education teacher.