

## **2019 AVCA Hall of Fame Class Announced Congrats to Jodi Manore!!**

No matter how you define “success,” coaching legend Jodi Manore has certainly attained it. This past season she eclipsed the 2,000-win mark at Bedford High School (Temperance, MI) to just 348 defeats and 59 ties over her three decades-long career. She’s won three state, 23 regional, 29 district, and 16 conference championships to go along with her six Michigan High School Coaches Association (MHSCA) Coach of the Year awards. Those might be impressive if you were only defined by a gaudy resume, but her impact on the sport goes far beyond on-the-court success.

She’s held a position on the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association (MIVCA) Board of Directors for 27 years, with six of them as president and vice president. She also served as the high school representative on the AVCA Board of Directors, helping high school volleyball move forward at both the state and national levels. Whenever someone has needed to step up for a position on a board or committee, you can usually find Manore with her hand raised high.

A 2016 MHSCA Hall of Fame inductee (won the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year the same year), Manore has helped over 100 Bedford High School graduates go on to play volleyball at the collegiate level. Many of them have continued their own careers as volleyball coaches across all sectors of the sport. Academics have been a high priority for her teams, winning 12 AVCA Team Academic Awards and nine in a row.

Her trailblazing goes beyond the high school ranks. It’s easy to see her high school success and overlook she was the first ever head volleyball coach at the University of Toledo starting in 1975. She simultaneously coached at Bedford for four years before giving that up to coach the Rockets exclusively. After 14 years with Toledo she found her way back to Bedford, where she has remained ever since.

“I had the opportunity to coach JV Volleyball under her after having coached Division I college volleyball right out of college, and she continuously taught me how to inspire young ladies to be their best on and off the court,” said Marshall High School (Marshall, MI) Head Varsity Coach Bre Johnson. “Jodi has a very high standard that teaches her girls life lessons they will never forget. It teaches girls to become hard-working athletes on the court, good students in the classroom, and good citizens outside the school. After playing for Jodi, you know what it takes to be a successful athlete and successful in life.”

