

2018 Thomas Hursey Distinguished Service Award



Dorene Ingalls - St. Ignace, MI

Dorene Ingalls is a 1986 graduate of Anchor Bay High School in New Baltimore, Michigan, but she has been a Yooper ever since attending Lake Superior State University. A “superior” athlete, she graduated with 10 varsity letters covering 4 sports. After graduation, she moved to St. Ignace and in 1992, started coaching junior high girls basketball. Over the next few years she coached numerous boys and girls teams in basketball and softball until landing the varsity girls’ basketball coaching job in 1999. Since then St. Ignace has been a powerhouse in girls’ basketball putting together an amazing record of 405 wins and 73 losses in her 19 seasons at the helm. Fifteen seasons showed records of 22 or more wins with a handful of undefeated seasons thrown in the mix. St. Ignace has won a plethora of post-season titles, with the ultimate prize of 5 state championships so far. Dorene has collected many coach of the year awards and many of her players have award titles behind their names as well. Dorene’s husband Doug has coached by her side since 1999 and the pair have been officially “co-coaches” of the team since 2006.

In 2002, BCAM President Christine Sermak approached Dorene and encouraged her to get involved with BCAM. Consequently Dorene was selected by the membership as president-elect for 2002-03. After her 3 year term on the executive board, she remained as a board member-at-large, serving for many years on the girls’ All-State/All-Star selection committee. In the fall of 2005 BCAM expanded to 16 regions and selected member coaches to serve in newly created positions as Regional Directors. Dorene became the region 16 girls’ director and serves in that position to this day. In 2013 she stepped up to become the Miss Basketball committee chairwoman and has done a great job in a position that can sometimes be quite stressful.

Dorene and her husband Doug currently live in St. Ignace with sons Jackson (15) and Jonathan (12). Outside of coaching, she runs her own screen printing and embroidery company. She also organizes the annual "Hooping for a Cure" charity basketball game which has raised many dollars in the last 10 years for the Mackinac Straits hospital oncology department and local patients.