



YOUTH & HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN COACHES ACADEMY

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WeCOACH to Host 2023 Youth & High School Women Coaches Academy

July 24, 2023 – WeCOACH will host its third annual Youth & High School Women Coaches Academy on July 31 and August 1. Established in 2021 as the "High School Women Coaches Leadership Academy," WeCOACH rebranded this transformational program in 2023 to be inclusive of women who coach at the youth, club, middle and high school levels.

This virtual program is modeled after the premier NCAA Women Coaches Academy and aims to provide leadership development programming that elevates holistic coaching effectiveness by learning advanced leadership skills and strategies that directly affect personal and team success. The two-day schedule showcases an impressive lineup of experts who will expound on topics such as Leadership Best Practices; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Effectively Coaching Gen Z; the Collegiate Recruiting Landscape; Performance Nutrition; as well as Peer-To-Peer learning opportunities.

Class #3 features coaches from 15 different sports who reside in 20 different states and possess a combined 411 years of experience. Some are just beginning their coaching journey, while others have dedicated 45+ years in the coaching profession. WeCOACH provided scholarship funding for select participants thanks to generous funding from Hudl and individual donors.

2023 Youth & High School Women Coaches Academy Class #3 Participants:

McKenna Acampora, Delaware Valley High School, Girls Wrestling Coach
Megan Amundson, Stanwood High School, Head Girls Volleyball Coach
Dannicam Barnum, Seckinger High School, Head Girls Wrestling Coach
Amanda Bianchi, Framingham JF Flyers, Head Ice Hockey Coach
Meg Glascott-Birch, The Baldwin School, Director of Athletics
Tara Boysen, Northglenn High School
Shanitra Brinson, Rye Country Day School, Head Softball Coach
Ellie Chenoweth, Newberry High School, Head Varsity Soccer Coach
Brielle Chmiel, Louis E. Dieruff High School, Volunteer Assistant Cheer Coach
Tamara Clayton, Crew Haven Youth Rowing, Assistant Youth Rowing Coach
Nixi Cura, Burr and Burton Academy, Head Ultimate Coach
Chrystal Davis, Gulliver Prep, Youth Sports Coordinator
Megan Driscoll, Stevenson School, Head Girls Cross Country Coach
Colleen Kelly Finegan, Germantown Friends School, Mental Performance Coach
Amy Franz, Westosha Central High School, Girls Wrestling Coach
Jennifer Grulke, Oregon High School, Head Varsity Volleyball Coach
Maddie Haas, Duluth East High School, East Select Soccer, Assistant Soccer Coach
Alexandra Hammon, Glendale Youth Rugby, Program Director
Kelli Harris, Grayson County, Head Volleyball Coach

Lauren Heath, Sehome High School, Head Swimming & Diving Coach
Katie Klein, Stevenson School, Assistant Cross Country Coach
Hannah Korslund, Burlingame High School, Head Varsity Volleyball Coach
Liz Koster, The Baldwin School, Head JV Soccer Coach
Laura LeDuc, Trojan Aquatics, Founder & CEO Swimming & Diving Coach
Heather Levine, Gulliver Prep, Athletic Director
Katie Bergstrom Mark, Germantown Friends School, Director of Athletics
Abby McClure, The Cambridge School of Weston, Head Lacrosse Coach
Rosanna McCormick, Stevenson School, Head Girls Field Hockey Coach
Liz Miller, Burr and Burton Academy, Head JV Field Hockey Coach
Lynneis Myers, West Point High School, Head Volleyball Coach
Tamika Newman, Northland Christian, Director of Athletics, Head Volleyball Coach
Nicole Possage, Clarksville High School, Head Softball Coach
Jenifer Reeve, Oakland Tech High School, Assistant Ice Hockey Coach
Mackenzie E. Riley, Swan City SC/ Bartow High School, Assistant Soccer Coach
Jackie Roque, Gulliver Prep, Assistant Athletic Director
Christine Sales, Olathe Northwest High School, Head Cross Country Coach
Solvig Sayvre, The Sailing Foundation, Youth Sailing Director
Alison Schickfus, The Baldwin School, Assistant to the Athletic Director
Savannah Sepulveda, Hollister High School, Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach
Andrea Sutterfield, Pasadena Rugby, Co-Head Rugby Coach
Andre Torres, Gulliver Prep, Director of Athletics
Mary Truesdale, Sheldon High School, Head Varsity Softball Coach
Katie Waletzko, Pine Crest School, Assistant Athletic Director
Raven Ward, Cardinal Ritter College Prep, Head Basketball Coach
Tanekka Watt, Kipp Impact Academy, Head Basketball Coach
Andrea Yamamoto, WSU Wrestling Club, Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach
Tierra Yazzie, Valley High School - Sanders Unified SD #18, Head Softball Coach
Madelyn Zink, East Lansing High School, Head Boys & Girls Swimming Coach

"Our Academy programs offer powerful knowledge and develop lasting relationships. Graduates leave feeling empowered, inspired, and motivated to be the best possible leaders for the young people they coach. We are excited for Class #3 to commence," said Vanessa Fuchs, WeCOACH CEO.

For more information about our Youth & High School Women Coaches Academy, please click [here](#). If interested in funding scholarships for our 2024 Academy, please email admin@wecoachsports.org.

About WeCOACH

Founded in 2011, WeCOACH is a one-of-a-kind nonprofit dedicated to recruiting, advancing, and retaining women coaches in all sports and levels through year-round professional growth & leadership development programs. Prior to Title IX, over 90% of women's collegiate sports teams were coached by women. Today, over 50 years later, the data indicates that number has decreased to a stagnant 43% in Division I, 41% across all three NCAA Divisions, with only 7.3% women head coaches of color (Division I). Only 5% women coach men's teams. At the youth level, the data is hard to estimate, approximately less than 20% of teams are coached by women. WeCOACH launched MOVE the NUMBERS in 2022 to help change the landscape for women coaches and the student-athletes they lead. If she can see her, she can be her. For more information visit [MOVE the NUMBERS](#).