



Julie Stavn

Educator

Deeply rooted in the community, Julie Stavn committed her entire teaching and coaching career to students in Bismarck Public Schools, with 37 of her 41 years at Century High School. During that time, she taught physical education and took on a variety of coaching positions from basketball to gymnastics, from swimming and diving to track and field, from volleyball to cross country.

In 1994, Julie was chosen as secondary physical education teacher of the year by the ND Alliance for HPERD and later received the Pathfinder award. Julie became the head girls' cross-country coach in 1983 and continued in that position for 36 years and was head coach of track & field for 22 years.

"Stav" coached one Class A State Championship in cross country and three runner-up finishes as well as 3 State Championships in Track and Field as an assistant. Her teams won four region championships and were the WDA runner-up team seven times. Coach Stavn's peers selected her as West Region Coach of the Year on a number of occasions and State Class A Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year four times. Coach Stavn was also a three-time finalist for National Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year.

In girls' track and field, Julie coached two Class A State Championships and two runner-up finishes. Her teams won one West Region championship and were the WDA runner-up team five times. Coach Stavn's peers selected her as West Region Coach of the Year on a number of occasions and State Class A Girls Track & Field Coach of the Year four times. Coach Stavn has also been a finalist for National Girls Track & Field Coach of the Year two times.

In 2009, Julie was inducted into the ND High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, joining her husband Rockie as the first husband/wife inductees. She was also inducted into the North Dakota Track & Field Hall of Fame and was named the ND Girls Cross Country Coach of the year by the US Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. In the spring of 2017, Julie received the Roger Higgins award and that summer was inducted into the National High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. In the fall of 2024, Julie received the Golden Award from Minot State University Alumni Association which is their highest award bestowed for distinguished leadership.

Along with serving students, Julie also served on various statewide coaching committees where she was highly respected among her peers as she shared her passion, talent, and skills. Coach Stavn's legacy within her community runs deep, touching countless lives as she cared about each student and as she modeled grit in the face of adversity.

