

Sara (Smith) Baker

West Bend East Class of 1994

Sara (Smith) Baker was a true all-around athlete, participating in volleyball, basketball, and softball all four years at West Bend East from 1990-1994. She went on to play volleyball and basketball at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

During high school, Sara was described as hardworking, enthusiastic, and a great leader. She led the East volleyball team to conference championships and to the ultimate goal—the WIAA State Championship in 1993.

In volleyball, basketball, and softball, Sara was honored many times as All-Conference. She also won the Pick Award for the most outstanding female athlete for East in 1994.

Sara was inducted into the Cardinal Stritch University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005. She was named the Lake Michigan Conference Player of the Year in volleyball in 1996 among many other All-Region and All-Conference awards. In basketball, she was part of a program that posted a 61-23 overall record in four years and qualified for the NAIA Division II National Tournament twice.

Sara has coached softball at East and volleyball at Shorewood High School, as well as for various club teams. She continues to make an impact on the West Bend School District by teaching at Green Tree Elementary School for 20 years.