

Michele Mueller



Michele Mueller began her journey towards becoming a head coach, as a player under the tutelage of head coach Nancy Lill at Hersey High School who would amass over 1000 wins in her prestigious coaching career. Mueller credits much of her success to Coach Lill and the winning culture and work ethic she experienced at Hersey. Mueller earned All-Area captain honors and was named the MSL Player of the Year following their 2008 season. Mueller then went on to play collegiately at Marquette and Bradley.

Coach Mueller began teaching after college and it wasn't long before she found herself near a court again. Mueller began coaching the JV boys at St. Patrick's HS in Chicago in 2014 and was the assistant coach to Joel Anderson when St. Pats won a sectional championship in 2016. The following year Coach Mueller was named the next head coach at Leyden HS, where the Eagles brought home the regional championship in her first season. The Eagles would follow that up with back-to-back 20-win seasons before Coach Mueller found herself on the road to a new home.

In 2019, Coach Mueller was named the next head coach at Streamwood HS where she would also teach science. In her first year leading the Sabres, the team went 5-13 during an abbreviated season where most of the sports world had come to a screeching halt. In true Mueller form, she pushed forward with the goal of changing the culture and getting players to believe in themselves, as well as the process. In the next 2 seasons, the Sabres would go from 10-23 to a record of 16-16 in 2023. The culture had changed and so had the mindset of the Sabres volleyball team, the stage was set for a great year.

Coach Mueller and the Sabres finished off the 2024 season with an overall record of 25-7 and placed 2nd in the conference; the best record and conference finish in program history. During this memorable season, Mueller also won her 100th game as a head coach and credits her staff and athletes for everything.

"Building the program with development and success on the freshman, JV and varsity levels over the last few years were vital to our success. This recognition is really for the program that we've built over the last few years, and this would not have been possible without my coaching staff who have spent countless hours in the gym with our kids. I especially want to thank my assistant coach, Norman Perez, who has been here with me for the last three years, working and developing not only our athletes but the culture of the program at all levels. I would also like to thank and recognize all of the athletes who have been a part of this amazing ride that I've been so fortunate to be on. Their willingness to buy-in and be coachable has made all the difference. We've all made this program something that people really want to be a part of."



