

Patty Langanis

Hall of Fame



For more than three decades, Patty Langanis has been the driving force behind Cary-Grove High School volleyball, transforming the Trojans into one of Illinois' most respected and accomplished programs. Since taking the helm in the early 1990s and guiding Cary-Grove to its first regional title in 1994, Langanis has built a legacy of excellence. The IHSA recently recognized Cary-Grove as one of the top 26 volleyball programs in the state over the past 50 years—a testament to her enduring impact.

Under Coach Langanis's leadership, Cary-Grove has amassed more than 730 career victories, highlighted by the 2009 IHSA Class 4A State Championship—the school's first state title in any sport. The Trojans continued their dominance with back-to-back state runner-up finishes in 2010 and 2011, followed by a third-place finish in 2016. Her 2010 team's remarkable 40-0 season, which earned a #1 national ranking for two months, remains one of the most memorable achievements in Illinois high school volleyball history. Over the years, Langanis's teams have captured numerous conference, regional, and sectional championships.

Beyond the wins, Coach Langanis is celebrated for her dedication to player development. More than 63 of her athletes have gone on to compete at the collegiate level, and many have continued her coaching legacy across the country—including Karen Naymola (Huntley HS) and Amy Johnson (Crystal Lake Central HS).

Volleyball excellence runs in the family. Patty was coached by her mother, Carol Griffith, a National Volleyball Hall of Famer and Michigan Volleyball Hall of Fame coach. A former Iowa Hawkeye setter, Langanis has carried forward her mother's passion and commitment, shaping generations of athletes and leaving an indelible mark on Illinois volleyball.