

Sandy Griffin Hall of Fame



With the passage of Title IX in June of 1972 by the President of the United States, female athletics made a major change across the nation, as well for Illinois. High School's could engage in interscholastic competition for female athletes.

Sandy Griffin has coached 29 years of high school volleyball for Red Bud High School, (1972-2002-03) only missing two years when her daughters were born in 1979 and 1980. She also coached 5 years for Red Bud Elementary volleyball teams competing in the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association (1999-2003). In 1999, Red Bud Elementary won 1st place in the SIJHAA, 2000-placed 2nd, 2001-placed 3rd, 2002-placed 2nd, and 2003-placed 2nd. The same Red Bud Jr High School team (8th graders) to win first place in the SIJHSAA in 1999 were then Seniors on her IHSA 3rd place team in 2002.

Sandy's Red Bud High School coaching record finished at: 602-294-5 with 3 Cahokia Conference titles: 1983, 1985, 2000; 17 Regional (District) Championships: 74, 75, 77, 84, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, and 02, 7 Sectionals Championships: 74, 75, 91, 98, 99, 00, 02, 4 Super Sectionals Championships: 74, 75, 00, 02 and 4 State Competitions: 1974-3rd place, 1998-Elite 8, 2000-Elite 8, 2002-3rd place. In 1974 volleyball was one class with 481 teams across the state of Illinois joining in the First IHSA State Series in Charleston, Illinois.

Sandy was inducted into the Illinois Girls and Coaches Association in the Hall of Fame in 1991 and received an AVCA Victory award for receiving her 500th win in 1999 and her 600th win in 2002 for coaching at Red Bud High School. Sandy was the first person to be inducted into the Red Bud Musketeer Boosters Association Inaugural Hall of Fame, in April 2025 and the Red Bud High School Gym is now officially the "Sandy Griffin Gymnasium" as of August 25, 2025. She has coached all 29 years in this gymnasium.