

Marquette



Softball

Final Four Appearances

1994, 2003, 2004,
2006, 2015

Mission

Our role is to inspire and empower young women with the skills and character needed to be successful on and off the field.

Vision

Our vision is to create an environment where our student-athletes thrive in a challenging, supportive, and caring setting.

Philosophy

“Why we do what we do.”

The philosophy of Marquette Softball is simple. We strive to inspire and empower young women the skills and character needed to be successful on and off the field by creating an environment where our student-athletes thrive in a challenging, supportive, and caring setting.

Life skills like grit, perseverance, confidence, team work and dedication are just a few of the attributes student-athletes walk away with when we build an environment that focuses on what matters at the core: pushing ourselves and those around us to be the best we can be on and off the field. We live in a society that too often places results above human decency; a place where the pressure to produce outweighs the pressure to be a good person. We don't have to look long to find popular figures who strive to win at all costs, even at the expense of their morality. Marquette Softball is one vehicle to help our young women develop into good, honest, hardworking young people who embrace challenge even in the face of adversity.

At Marquette Softball, we strive to model our program after coaches like Bob Ladouceur football coach of De La Salle High School who won 151 consecutive football games; Pat Summit who set the record for the most NCAA wins at 1098 and eight national championships in women's basketball; John Wooden who coached the UCLA Bruins to seven consecutive men's basketball national championships; Carol Hutchins, head coach at the University of Michigan, who is the third winningest coach in collegiate softball history with 1432 wins. We don't look up to these coaches because of the records they have broken and accolades they have amassed. We look up to these coaches because they live, and teach others, how to live a life of integrity. After winning a thousand games, Carol Hutchins remarked that her greatest pride did not come from the 1,000 wins, but from her ability to influence how her players look at life, “to get them to work together and meet standards, to show them they can lead as women.”

Our job as coaches is to inspire our student-athletes and help them develop skills and attributes they will have well beyond their lives on the field. Our hope is that our student-athletes leave our program as honest, hardworking, strong leaders. The confidence, assertiveness, and perseverance that sport teaches is second to none in empowering women to see no limit to their potential. We live in a world where women make .80 cents for every dollar men make. According to a recent study, the reason for this is not because women are treated unfairly by their bosses, or because they are not as good at their jobs. The study found the simple truth to be that oftentimes women do not take the initiative to ask for raises as men do. If this is true, it is essential that young women learn to become their own best advocate. To be productive members of our community, it is our mission to help young women grow in confidence, learn how to advocate for themselves, and persevere in the face of adversity. These attributes can only develop when our student-athletes are given the opportunity to push themselves beyond their preconceived limitations in a supportive environment that embraces failure as an integral step to success.

Finally, it takes a team of people to develop the kind of people that live lives of integrity. Parents, teachers, coaches, and teammates are integral to this process. Provided we have the same goals, it imperative that we work together to help these young women be the best they can be in all aspects of their lives.

