

Sherie Patano – 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee



An exemplary teacher, coach, and administrator for thirty-eight years and a driving force behind the development of girls' athletics in north Idaho, Sherie Patano spent all but three years of her career in Post Falls, primarily at Post Falls High School. She taught physical education and psychology, was head coach for volleyball, girls basketball, and girls track, and, for fourteen years, served as athletic/activities director. In 2004 she became principal of New Vision Alternative High School. Patano retired in 2006.

Among Patano's notable contributions are developing the first girls' basketball league schedule in 1973 and serving on the District I Board of Control for fourteen years. She also represented coaches of girls' sports on the IHSA Board of Directors for six years, working tirelessly to improve the season start dates for volleyball and girls' basketball and to ensure that venues for girls' state tournaments were equal to those of the boys.