



**WEST MICHIGAN  
PRO VOLLEYBALL**

# CATHY GEORGE

Head Coach &  
Director of Volleyball Operations



## **PLAYING CAREER**

1981-1985 Illinois State

## **HEAD COACHING CAREER**

1987-1988 North Dakota State  
1989-1993 Texas-Arlington  
1994-2004 Western Michigan  
2005-2021 Michigan State

- First woman to lead a team to the NCAA Division I Final Four as a head coach (1989)
- Upon her retirement from MSU in 2022, her 667 career wins ranked 15th among active DI coaches (third in the B1G).
- 302 MSU wins are the most of any coach in program history.
- 109 Academic All-Big Ten honorees
- Seven Academic All-America selections
- 15 NCAA Tournament appearances
- 26 AVCA All-America recipients
- 25 All-Big Ten selections
- 37 Big Ten Distinguished Scholars
- Five Big Ten All-Freshman Selections
- 2000 Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year
- Three-time Southland Conference Coach of the Year (1989, 1990, 1992)
- 1988 NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year
- 1987, 1988 North Central Conference Coach of the Year
- USA Volleyball: 2008 USA Adult Open Championship, 1999 World University Games
- 2019 Inductee, Illinois State Athletics Hall of Fame



# CATHY GEORGE'S HEAD COACHING RECORD



Year	School	Overall Record	Conf. Finish	NCAA	Notes
1987	North Dakota State	44-8		1-1	Fifth at NCAA Championship, NCC and Regional Coach of the Year
1988	North Dakota State	43-3		2-1	Third at NCAA Championship; NCC, Regional, and NCAA D2 Coach of the Year
<b>NDSU Totals (two seasons)</b>		<b>87-11, .888</b>		<b>3-2, .600</b>	
1989	Texas-Arlington	31-4		3-1	Finished third at NAAs; First woman to coach in Division I NCAA Final Four
1990	Texas-Arlington	18-19		0-1	Southland Conference Champion
1991	Texas-Arlington	13-18			Second Place, Southland Conference
1992	Texas-Arlington	20-14			Southland Conference Champion
1993	Texas-Arlington	11-19			Second Place, Southland Conference
<b>UT-A Totals (five seasons)</b>		<b>93-74, .557</b>		<b>3-2, .600</b>	
1994	Western Michigan	10-16	6-11, T-7th		Double-digit wins in first season
1995	Western Michigan	8-20	5-12, 8th		Coached WMU's seventh all-time 1000-kill performer
1996	Western Michigan	20-8	10-7, T-3rd		First 20-win season at WMU since 1980
1997	Western Michigan	13-15	9-7, 3rd		First of eight straight MAC Tournament appearances
1998	Western Michigan	19-13	11-7, 3rd		Had third 1000-kill club member in her tenure
1999	Western Michigan	25-7	15-3, 2nd		MAC Tourney Finalists; 15-2 tied home win record
2000	Western Michigan	25-6	17-1, 1st	0-1	MAC Champions; NCAA Tourney, MAC Coach of the Year
2001	Western Michigan	15-11	10-8, T-4th		First-ever WMU player named to USAV A-2 Team
2002	Western Michigan	14-18	8-10, T-3rd		Second-ever WMU player named to MAC All-Freshman Team
2003	Western Michigan	17-14	8-8, T-3rd		MAC Quarterfinals
2004	Western Michigan	19-11	11-5, 2nd		MAC Tournament Finalists
<b>WMU Totals (11 seasons)</b>		<b>185-139, .571</b>	<b>110-79, .582</b>	<b>0-1, .000</b>	
2005	Michigan State	12-18	5-15, 9th		Won six of first seven games as MSU head coach
2006	Michigan State	19-12	10-10, 6th	0-1	Returned MSU to NCAA Tournament
2007	Michigan State	21-14	10-10, 5th	2-1	NCAA Sweet 16; First MSU All-American since 2003
2008	Michigan State	15-16	7-13, T-7th		Freshman Class Ranked No. 7
2009	Michigan State	17-16	5-15, T-10th	0-1	Started season 12-0
2010	Michigan State	15-16	7-13, 9th		Swept No. 19 Michigan
2011	Michigan State	22-12	10-10, 6th	1-1	Started streak of six straight First-Round NCAA wins
2012	Michigan State	25-10	11-9, 6th	2-1	NCAA Sweet 16
2013	Michigan State	23-12	10-10, 7th	2-1	NCAA Sweet 16; Three All-Big Ten Selections
2014	Michigan State	19-14	11-9, 7th	1-1	Four AVCA All-Region Picks; Three All-Americans
2015	Michigan State	19-14	10-10, T-7th	1-1	Captured Sixth Consecutive State Pride Flag vs. UM
2016	Michigan State	25-9	13-7, 5th	1-1	Hosted NCAA Tournament; Three AVCA All-Americans
2017	Michigan State	24-9	14-6, 4th	3-1	NCAA Elite Eight; Four AVCA All-Americans
2018	Michigan State	17-16	5-12, 12th		Youngest team in the Big Ten; went 12-1 in non-conference games
2019	Michigan State	15-15	6-14, 12th		Won two pre-Big Ten tournament titles, went 9-1 in non-conference matches
2020-21	Michigan State	3-12	3-12, 14th		COVID-19 shortened season
2021	Michigan State	11-18	4-16, 11th		
<b>MSU Totals (17 seasons)</b>		<b>302-233, .564</b>	<b>141-191, .425</b>	<b>13-10, .565</b>	
<b>Totals (35 seasons)</b>		<b>667-457, .593</b>		<b>19-15, .559</b>	



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