



Linda (Casasanta) Zacchilli
Class of 1968 – Coach

Linda Casasanta Zacchilli, a 1968 graduate of Milford High School, joined the physical education and athletic staff upon her graduation from North Adams State College in 1972, where she competed in volleyball, basketball and tennis and received the Senior Athlete of the Year Award. During her 36 years in the Milford Public Schools, she taught physical education at every level – pre-school through high school – and became the most successful female coach in MHS history, winning over 600 varsity games in basketball and volleyball.

Coach Zacchilli's first varsity coaching opportunity was with the girls' basketball program from 1973-81. During that nine year span, her teams won over eighty games. In 1975, they won the first ever Midland League Championship for the program, finished the regular season at 15-2, and advanced to the District Quarterfinals. They repeated as league Champions the following year, again advanced to the District Quarterfinals, and finished the season at 15-6.

Volleyball was, and continues to be, Linda's true love. In 1975, she started the girls' volleyball program with a club team and spent two stints as varsity coach from 1976-1988 and then again from 2005 to the present time. Over this time her teams have compiled an overall record of 337-73, won 13 league championships, 9 Central District Championships, 5 District Finalists, and 3 Final Four, 1 Third Place and 3 Second Place finishes in the State Tournament.

Coach Zacchilli also started the boys' program in 1985, coached the varsity through 1994, and then again from 2005 to the present. Her boys' teams have been equally successful, compiling a record of 212-36, 10 league championships and 3 Final Four appearances in the State Tournament.

A two-time Boston Globe Coach of the Year, Linda was a founding member of the State Volleyball Coaches Association and has served as both Secretary and President. She served on the MIAA Volleyball Committee from 1978-96, and in 1999 was an inaugural inductee into the Massachusetts Girls Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame. In 2009, Coach Zacchilli received the MGVCALifetime Achievement Award and was inducted into the New Agenda Northeast Hall of Fame for her contributions to girls' and women's athletics in New England.

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