

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WOMEN IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Join women athletes, coaches and administrators to learn about their experiences before and after Title IX with athletic programs and issues of equity.

Tuesday, March 29
Noon–1:15 p.m.
Fort Omaha Campus
Bldg. 10, Room 136B-D



Kirsten Bernthal



Mary K. Higgins



Maurtice Ivy

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Groups of 10 or more, call to reserve seating.

Panel facilitated by Dr. Peg Naylan, Coordinator of Physical Education and Athletics, Omaha Public Schools

Kirsten Bernthal Booth

Named the 2010 CVU.com National Coach of the Year, Kirsten Bernthal Booth is the only coach in Creighton's modern volleyball history to reach 100 wins. She enters her eighth year as head coach at Creighton where all of her teams have qualified for the MVC Tournament, with the last four reaching the semifinals. Prior to coming to Creighton, Bernthal Booth coached three seasons at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Growing up, Bernthal Booth excelled in both tennis and volleyball at Lincoln East High School, where she is a member of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. In tennis, she was a three-time All-American and two-time state champion at #1 singles. She was also a second-team all-state setter in volleyball. At Truman State, she was the conference MVP as a volleyball setter. She remains among Truman's all-time leaders for digs (1,410), aces (127) and blocks (230). Off the court, she earned Academic All-American honors, was named the 1997 Missouri NCAA Woman of the Year and has twice been named District Coach of the Year. She holds a Master's in Higher Education Administration with an emphasis in athletic administration from the University of Iowa in 2000.

Bernthal Booth and her husband Erik reside in Omaha. The couple has two daughters: Reese (5) and Hayden (3).

Mary K. Higgins

Mary K Higgins has served as the Assistant Vice President for Student Retention at Creighton University since 1997. Prior to that, she was Creighton University's Assistant Athletic Director and Senior Women's Administrator (1994–97) and the Women's Softball Coach for 17 Years (1977–93). She was the first female inducted into the Creighton University Athletic Hall of Fame and is a member of the Omaha Sports Hall of Fame. Higgins is married to Patrick Kennison and has two children aged 23 and 21.

Maurtice Ivy

Maurtice Ivy enters her fourth season at the helm for the Peru State College Bobcats basketball team. Before coming to Peru, Ivy spent three years as an assistant coach at the University of Nebraska–Omaha where they compiled three successful winning seasons.

A prep standout at Omaha Central (1980–84), Ivy was a first-team All-Metro selection for four years and was the state's scoring leader for three years. She starred on two state championship teams while at Central before she went on to a prolific career at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Ivy was the first player to score 2,000 points during her career at Nebraska. Ivy led the Huskers to the best record in school history and the Husker's first NCAA tournament bid in 1988. Ivy, whose career point total reached 2,131, was named to the Big Eight's all-decade women's basketball team for the 1980s. She was a three-time All-Big Eight first-team selection while at Nebraska and was also named as the Big Eight Player of the Year for Nebraska in 1988 while leading the team to the conference championship. Ivy was a two-time Kodak second-team All-American for the Huskers and later went on to play professionally in the Women's Basketball Association for five seasons. She was a two-time MVP in the league. Ivy was inducted into the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame in 1998, the Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame in 2006, the Omaha Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006 and, recently, her Omaha Central High School Team (50-0) was inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Ivy earned her Bachelor's in Communication from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and completed her Master's in Physical Education at the University of Nebraska–Omaha.