

Constance Claussen

Constance Claussen was born in 1939 in Omaha, Nebraska. She graduated from Omaha Benson High School in 1957. She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and her Master's degree from Adams State College. In 1963, she began teaching physical education at UNO and was the department chair two years later. In 1969 at the request of the Omaha Softball Association, Claussen organized the first Women's College World Series. As a result, she also initiated UNO's women's athletics program and was the school's softball coach for eight years, leading them to the national softball championship in 1975. In 1979, she was the manager of the USA Women's Softball team who won the gold at the Pan American Games. She was the first woman inducted into the UNO Athletic Hall of Fame and has also been inducted into the Omaha Benson High School Hall of Fame, the Omaha Softball Association Hall of Fame, the Old Timers Baseball Hall of Fame, the Omaha Sports Hall of Fame, and the National Fastpitch Coaches Hall of Fame. Claussen retired as the associate athletic director at UNO in 1998.



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