



Renee Saunders

Skutt Catholic High School (NE)

Girls Volleyball Head Coach

Renee Saunders is considered one of the top Nebraska high school athletes and coaches in the state's history. Saunders was a two-sport standout in basketball and volleyball, being named the Female Athlete of the Year in Nebraska after her senior year by the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. The Omaha native helped Nebraska Volleyball win its first national championship in program history as a freshman in 1995. After her playing career, Saunders moved into coaching where she's excelled for over two decades. Following a nine-year stint with the Omaha South volleyball team, Saunders became the head coach at Skutt Catholic where she's transformed the SkyHawks into one of the premier volleyball programs in the country. Skutt Catholic holds the state record for consecutive state championships winning nine in a row. Since her start at Skutt Catholic, the SkyHawks have qualified for state 14 of 15 years, reached the semifinals in all 14 years with two runner up finishes and nine state championships.

Saunders has been named the National Coach of the Year by the AVCA, Volleyball Mag, Athletico and MaxPreps. In the fall of 2023 she was one of 16 coaches selected as an Honorary Coach for Volleyball Day in Nebraska. She has also been named Nebraska Coach of the Year by the Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star, the first person to win the award as a player and as a coach.