



NFCA Hall of Fame Nomination

Nominee Name

Betsy

Nominee address

Basestealer

Nominee country

US

Nominee state

Virginia

Nominee city

Homer

Nominee zip

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Nominee phone number (Home or Cell)

202-409-1089

Nominee email

bestbasestealerever@hotmail.com

Nominee present occupation

Head Softball Coach

Nominee employer

Home Run University

Nominee employer city

Grand Slam

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility Category

coach

Head Coach Years

25

NFCA Member Years

30

Present Coaching Status

Active

If nominee is retired or deceased, what was the last year he/she coached?

ON-FIELD COACHING SUCCESS

	High School	2-Year Colleges	4-Year Colleges	Other Level(specify)	Total Years
Years as Head Coach			25		25
Years as Co-Head Coach					
Years as Associate Head Coach					
Years as Assistant Coach			5	5 - Team Greece	10



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Composite record as Head Coach

923-179

Winning Percentage

83.76%

Conference Championships (Regular Season)

14

Conference Championships (Tournament)

17

Post-Season Appearances

18

Second Round Post-Season

9

World Series/Championship

3

Championships won

1

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Coaching Awards

NFCA DI Mid-Atlantic Region Coaching Staff of the Year (5x) 2009, 2010, 2012, 2018, 2023, 2026

NFCA DI National Coaching Staff of the Year 2023

BIG20 Conference Coach of the Year (9x) 1997, 2000, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2018, 2023, 2026

Team Awards



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2023 NFCA DI National Player of the Year
3 Top-10 Finalists for the D1 NFCA National Player of the Year
2026 NFCA Freshman of the Year
NFCA All-Americans - 20
NFCA All-Region (Mid-Atlantic Region) - 44
NFCA National Player of the Week - 5
BIG20 Newcomer of the Year - 4
BIG20 Freshman of the Year - 6
BIG20 Pitcher of The Year - 1
BIG20 Player of The Year - 4
Big20 All Conference - 86
12 NCAA Individual Statistical Champions throughout the years

Student-Athlete Athletic Awards

2023 NCAA Woman of the Year
2023 Honda-Broderick Cup
2026 USA Collegiate Player of the Year
Rawlings Gold Glove Awards 2024, 2025, 2026

Student-Athlete Academic Awards

2023 Postgraduate Scholarship Winner
CoSIDA Academic All Americans - 10
CoSIDA Academic All-District - 15
BIG20 Scholar-Athlete of the Year (3x)
BIG20 All-Academic Team - 96
NFCA Scholar-Athlete - 104

Other Awards

Senior CLASS Award Finalist 2009, 2016, 2026
AUSL Golden Ticket Winner 2026
AUSL Draftees - 4

NFCA SERVICE

Committee Service

NFCA DI All-American Committee - 2012-2015 & 2022-2025
NFCA DI Head Coaches Committee - 2008, 2011-2019 & 2021-Present
Awards Committee - 2013-2017
Hall of Fame Committee - 2023-Present
DI Top 25 Poll Committee 2022-2025
NCAA Rules Committee 2019-2022



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Board Service

VP-Awards 2022-2025

DI Representative 2015-2018

Assistant Coach Rep - 1997-99

Clinic service

NFCA Coaches Clinic Minneapolis - January 2020

NFCA Coaches Clinic Louisville - January 2025

Convention service

Convention Speaker 2010, 2017, 2025

NFCA Grassroots Panel - Convention 2019

NFCA Fireside Chat - Convention 2021, 2024

Multiple Panelist/Speaker appearances for NFCC Course 401 (2019, 2022, 2023)

Mentor for Mentoring Session

Volunteered at the Convention Registration booth over multiple years

Other service

Guest on The Dirt podcast 2024

Lead for Mentoring Triangle 2023 - present

Wrote numerous articles for Fastpitch Delivery

Worked Pennsbury Camp 2010-2017

Team participated in NFCA Leadoff Classic 2025, 2026

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPORT & COMMUNITY

Contributions at the local level

Fifteen years ago, Betsy began a relationship with the local Little League, serving both youth softball and baseball. She worked with the leaders of the Little League to create a one-day clinic led by her softball team and coaching staff. This clinic has steadily increased in numbers growing from approximately 100 participants to over 300 annually. Also, Betsy has routinely led sessions for the leagues youth softball and baseball coaches to teach them how to teach the skills of the game to their own teams.

In 2015, Betsy led a fundraising effort to secure a 50% sponsorship deal for new batting cages at the league's home facility. The batting cages are available for community use throughout the year so any youth ballplayers can practice. Every year she leads softball clinics for middle school and high school softball players. She also gives private hitting and pitching lessons, and she works with athletes to improve their mental game.

Contributions at the national level

Sought after clinician and motivational speaker.



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Contributions at the international level

Assistant Coach - Hellas National Softball Team (Greece National Softball Team)
2021-present
3rd Place at the Canada Cup 2025
5th Place at the Women's European Championships (Prague)
Has sent 6 former student-athletes abroad to play internationally.
Donates HRU's extra softball equipment each year to underserved countries playing softball.

Contributions to the growth

Betsy travels around the country as a premier clinician teaching elite fundamentals of the game to the grassroots community. She continues to excel in collegiate coaching while never forgetting her roots. She is an exceptional softball coach and serves as a champion for the sport beyond the field of play. Through mentorship, community engagement, youth development initiatives, and advocacy for increased participation opportunities, she inspires the next generation of athletes while strengthening the softball community as a whole. Her commitment to growing the game has created a lasting impact that extends far beyond wins and losses. Her only goal is ensuring that softball continues to thrive for future generations.

Leadership positions

Betsy has sat on the Board of Directors for Homer Girls Softball Association for the past 10 years. Part of that responsibility includes organizing winter clinics every Saturday in February to get the players ready for the season. Other responsibilities include running the evaluation program to ensure all teams are balanced with similar talent and working with the Washington Nationals TeamUp program securing all the uniforms for the 4 different divisions of the league. Additionally, Betsy helps train local teenagers and adults with disabilities to umpire the league games.

CHARACTER AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Betsy has done amazing work creating inclusive environments that welcome participants of all skill levels and backgrounds. Realizing everyone learns differently, Betsy creates her college practice plans at HRU in written, audio, and visual format to provide her student-athletes the best opportunity to learn the skill so they can improve for themselves and the team. Betsy has always done it the "right way". There are no corners cut. When she wins, and she wins often, everyone knows and believes it was done with integrity and honesty. Betsy is one of the most respected head coaches in the softball profession. Opposing coaches know they need to be on top of their game when she brings her HRU team to play. Win or lose, promoting sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, and character development through softball is her #1 priority.

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION



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When one thinks of Coach Betsy Basestealer, Division I, & the NFCA, the word "Transformer" comes to mind. Through her service to the NFCA, Division I has been forever changed. Coach Basestealer has been a member of the NFCA since 1996. Throughout her years of membership she has served many roles that have advanced Division I and the NFCA. Betsy was one of the coaches that spearheaded the "change the ball" movement which resulted in our optic yellow ball. Coach Basestealer has served on All-American committees where her attention to detail, careful thought process, and ability to work with coaches across the country have helped many deserving student-athletes receive the recognition they have earned. The DI Head Coach Committee (HCC) has seen tremendous growth with many years of Coach Basestealer's participation. With new and innovated ideas she was able to work with other coaches and lead the successful charge in extending the DI NCAA Championships by adding a Super Regionals in 2005. As the DI NFCA Board Rep, Coach Basestealer completely reinvented our yearly caucus, making it engaging, transformative and productive. Coach Basestealer navigated her program and helped the softball community through the covid pandemic, participated in many NFCA Coaching Clinics & seminars, engaged coaches across the nation, challenged coaches in our division to drive membership and greatly impacted college and youth softball. She is quick to say yes when the NFCA calls. In fact it's quite possible service completed was omitted as she participates when any opportunity is presented. At the 2022 convention, she gladly stepped in to run the DI Caucus when the current board rep was unfortunately unable to attend. While serving any role she can with great joy and passion, she provides a great example to all coaches on how to be an active member of the NFCA while leading a nationally competitive program with a rich history of success and at the same time leading the charge developing the youth game in her community. It is hard to find a program across the region, or even nation, with the history of Home Run University. With an NFCA Hall of Fame Coach as one of her predecessors, Coach Basestealer often tells recruits she is simply the caretaker of the program. However, it is clear she has built a powerhouse in Division I that produces high-character, powerful student-athletes ready to change the world. Coach Betsy Basestealer embodies what it means to be successful in all areas of her career and for that is an exceptional candidate for the NFCA Hall of Fame.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

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