

Athletics

Dr. Shelly Kennedy (1978)

Dr. Shelly Kennedy is a 1978 graduate of Beresford High School. She is one of the best female athletes in the history of Beresford HS, participating in basketball and track and field. Shelly is the current school record holder in the 100-meter dash (12.3) and long jump (17' 3 3/4"), dating back to 1976. Dr. Kennedy was a starting guard on the 1977 BHS girls' basketball team that placed third in the 1977 State "B" Tourney in Huron. By 1977, it was only the third year that BHS had a girls' basketball team. Mr. Ed Evenson coached the Lady Watchdogs.

Girls' basketball became an official sport at BHS during her sophomore year (75-76). That year, Shelly helped lead her team to a 9-6 record, winning the District Tourney and placing 4th at Regions. Shelly was the second leading scorer on her team with 135 points. Shelly's efforts earned her a selection to the Big 8 All-Conference Team.



During her junior year (76-77), Shelly helped lead her Watchdog Basketball Team to a 17-6 record. She was the second leading scorer on her team with 353 points. She led her team in steals with 160 and also led her team in assists. The Watchdogs were District Champions for the second straight year and placed third in the Region. Shelly earned a selection to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for a second consecutive year.

During Shelly's senior year (77-78), she helped lead her Watchdog Basketball Team to a 20-5 record. The Watchdogs were District Champions for the third straight year and won the Region for the first time. In the Region, they had an exciting one-point win over Irene, avenging a previous loss during the season, and then had a three-point win over a highly ranked team from Freeman Public. At the State "B" Tourney in Huron, the Watchdogs beat Ipswich in the first round (36-29), then lost to Clear Lake (37- 51), and then beat New Underwood (43-33) to finish third at State. Shelly earned another selection to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for the third straight year.

After High School, Shelly played basketball and softball as a University of South Dakota freshman. She transferred to Mount Marty College on a basketball scholarship in her junior year. She

graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation with a coaching endorsement.

In 1985, Dr. Kennedy enrolled at Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington, Minnesota, receiving her Doctor of Chiropractic in 1989. She did an externship at Venice Chiropractic Center in Venice, Florida, where she continued to practice until 1993. Acacia Chiropractic then employed Dr. Kennedy in Sarasota, FL as a sole practitioner from 1993-1995.

In 1995, Dr. Kennedy opened Kennedy Chiropractic Clinic, Sarasota, where she continued to practice until her retirement in 2016. During her career, she was a member of the American Chiropractic Association, Florida Chiropractic Association, Florida Chiropractic Physicians Association, and the Southwest Chiropractic Society, where she served as President during 2005-2006.

Shelly currently lives in Sarasota, Florida, with her partner, Janet Bassett, and their Goldendoodle, Bentley. They enjoy traveling in their RV around the United States.

Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Fine Arts inductee, Dr. Shelly Kennedy!

