

Erin (Monette) Byrnes
Class of 1995 – Female Athlete Inductee
Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2016

Erin (Monette) Byrnes lettered in volleyball and basketball, and was a standout athlete in both sports. Monette also played softball during her junior varsity years. Monette was named to the all-tournament teams for several invitational tournaments in volleyball throughout her career, and she earned all-conference honors in her junior and senior year, and all-area and all-state honorable mention honors during her senior year in volleyball. Monette also earned post season honors in women's basketball that included being the top vote getter for all – conference honors, all – area, all – region, 3rd team all – state, and academic all – state honors as a senior. Monette has held various high school records in both volleyball and basketball, with her biggest accomplishment noted as being a part of the 1994 Lower Peninsula Class C State Championship volleyball team. Monette would go on to describe the honor of being a state champion as being the single most important honor that she has ever received, because no single accomplishment was ever greater than the total team contribution that it took to win a state championship.

After graduation, Monette signed a letter of intent to play both collegiate volleyball and basketball for the Jayhawks of Muskegon Community College (MCC). While at MCC, Monette earned all – conference, all – region, and all – state honors during the 1996 season. Monette currently ranks 5th all – time in career blocks per game (1.1), 4th in career block assists (186), 10th in most marks (aces, kills, blocks – 876), and she holds the record for most kills in a two game match with 15. During the 1996 basketball season at MCC, Monette earned honors as the team's Most Valuable Player (MVP), she earned all – conference honors, and she was named the MVP of the Basketball Holiday Classic Tournament. As a result of her outstanding career at Muskegon Community College, Monette was nominated for award as the 1996 / 1997 Student – Athlete of the Year.

After her sophomore year at Muskegon Community College, Monette transferred to Ferris State University where she continued her successful volleyball career for the Bulldogs. During the 1997 season, Monette ranked 2nd on the team in hitting percentage (0.185). During her senior season in 1998, Monette led the Bulldogs in matches played (35), and was 3rd on the team in hitting percentage (0.250). Monette finished the season 2nd on the team in assists (71) and was 3rd on the team in blocks (72). Monette set a match high record on October 30, 1998 against Michigan Technological University for hitting percentage (0.909), and she currently ranks 25th all – time in Bulldog Volleyball history in hitting percentage (0.231) with 279 kills, 737 total attacks, against 109 errors. Monette also ranks 29th all – time in Bulldog Volleyball history in assists per set (0.39) and 13th all – time in assist percentage (5.923).

After graduation from Ferris State University, Monette returned to Holton High School, where she served as a high school English teacher, class advisor, and coach, before becoming the principal at Holton Elementary School. Monette continues to serve as the varsity volleyball coach at Holton High School.

