

- 1) Name: Deirdre Naughton
- 2) New Trier sport(s): Basketball
- 3) Suburb you lived in (when you went to New Trier): Wilmette
- 4) What year did you graduate from New Trier? 2005
- 5) Where do you live now? Highlands Ranch, Colorado
- 6) Who was your coach? Teri Rodgers
- 7) HS sports accomplishments/awards/honors:
 - 2005 Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Year
 - Chicago Tribune All- State
 - IBCA All- State
 - Third team Parade All-American, scoring 2,000 points to break the school scoring record
- 8) Favorite high school *individual sports* memory: Scoring 2,000 points
- 9) Favorite high school *team* memory:
Going down state Junior year and making it to the State Championship game
- 10) Who was your biggest team rival in HS? Evanston or GBS
- 11) Where did you attend college? Wake Forest (Freshman Year) & DePaul
- 12) Compare your HS sports experience to your college experience:

I was lucky enough to have incredible experiences and success in both high school and college. High school was unforgettable because you have all your friends on one team. We worked hard to constantly be in the top 5 in the state, but every day was still full of fun and laughter. The intensity that the college game brought made basketball much more of a job, which I loved because at that time, basketball was my life. It made winning and competing that much more special.
- 13) College sports accomplishments:
 - ACC All Freshman team
 - Second Team All- Big East
 - 2009 Associated Press Honorable Mention All- American
 - 2009 pre-season top 30 Wade Watch
 - 2009 Finalist for State Farm All- American
- 14) Favorite college sports moments:
 - Going to the Sweet 16
 - Playing at the most iconic stadiums in women's basketball at Cameron Indoor Stadium, University of Tennessee, and the University of Connecticut

15) Area of study: Secondary Education- Social Sciences

16) What do you do now?

High School Physical Education teacher. I coach Varsity Basketball, and lower level Volleyball and Lacrosse.

17) If you could go back in time and give yourself advice/wisdom as you are starting Freshman year at New Trier, what would that advice be?

Be more outgoing and care far less what people think.

18) What would you do differently if you could do it again?

I was lucky to be a part of some wonderful teams at New Trier on and off the floor. I was also VERY lucky to have been coached by Teri Rodgers, who to this day has become a good friend and mentor to me. When I look back at my time at New Trier, specifically when it comes to sports, I feel like I gave every ounce to it and I would not change a thing.

The only thing I would do differently is to get involved in more activities that went beyond basketball. When I got a career ending injury my last year in college it felt like my life was over because I had plans to play professionally. I think had I been more involved and interested in other things it wouldn't have felt like such a life changing moment at that time.

Everything happens for a reason and now I have turned coaching basketball into a career.



