

JAMES NAISMITH
BUILDER



Olga Hrycak – Builder Induction Class of 2017

- Born in 1947 in Montreal, Quebec
- Played basketball for the Université de Montréal in the 1960's while studying to become a physical education teacher
- Began coaching girls in 1967 at Holy Names High School and started coaching boys when the school opened to both genders in 1977
- Successively led the Champlain Cavaliers (1979-1988) and the Dawson Blues (1988-2003). As the head coach of the Dawson Blues, set a new record in the Cégep circuit winning nine provincial championships
- Head coach of the UQAM men's basketball team (2003-2015), led the university team to many successful seasons – winning two provincial championships (2006 & 2010)
- One of the first females to be part of a men's Olympic coaching staff in 1984. First female to be an assistant coach with the Canadian Men's National Team (1985-1987)
- Sat on the board of directors for Basketball Québec (1984-2014), taking on the role as president from 2010-2014
- As a Master Learning Facilitator (NCCP) trained numerous coaches and is a coveted guest speaker
- Throughout 48 year career, has been recognized for her female influence in sport, exceptional coaching record and community involvement including helping young athletes pursue their passion for sport while achieving academic success

