Jean K. Freeman Keynote

Jean K. Freeman swam for the Gophers and was the Women's Swimming Head Coach at the University of Minnesota for 31 years, from 1973-2004. Freeman's teams had 29 winning seasons, two national individual champions and seven top-20 team national finishes. Her teams won 76 Big Ten individual and relay titles, and Freeman was honored four times as Big Ten Coach of the Year. In 1999, she was the first woman to win the Outstanding Service Award, the highest honor bestowed by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. To honor Jean's legacy as a pioneer in women's sport and her commitment to giving back, hard work, honesty, team, caring for the whole person and excellence in every way, we have named this keynote in her honor. Jean passed away in 2010 after a battle with colon cancer. Watch a video tribute to Jean K. Freeman “More Than a Swim Coach” here.

2019 Jean K. Freeman Keynote:
Cheryl Reeve, Minnesota Lynx Head Coach and General Manager

Cheryl Reeve is head coach and general manager for the Minnesota Lynx of the WNBA. She has coached the Lynx to four league championships in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017, has the highest winning percentage in the WNBA, won the most games of any WNBA female coach, and has won the most WNBA postseason
games of any coach. Reeve was named the WNBA Coach of the Year in 2011 and 2016. She returns to USA Basketball as a 2018 USA National Team assistant coach and previously served as an assistant coach for the 2014-16 USA National Team that claimed gold medals at the 2014 FIBA World Cup Team and 2016 Olympic Games.

Past Jean K. Freeman Keynote Speakers

- 2019 Jean K. Freeman Keynote Speaker: Cheryl Reeve
- 2018 Jean K. Freeman Keynote Speaker: Susan Teeter
- 2017 Jean K. Freeman Keynote Speaker: Jill Ellis
- 2016 Jean K. Freeman Keynote Speaker: Lin Dunn
- 2015 Jean K. Freeman Keynote Speaker: Sue Enquist

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