

2019 NDCA Hall of Fame Inductee – Cindy Clough

Cindy has been the coach of the award-winning Brainerd Kixters, in Brainerd, Minnesota for 43 years. She was named Minnesota Dance Coach of the Year in 1987, 1999 and 2012, voted as one of the top 5 directors in the Midwest in 2000, and inducted into the Brainerd, MN High School Athletic Hall Of Fame in 1995. She is also a member of the North Dakota Drill Team Association Hall Of Fame, *Let's Cheer* Magazine's Hall Of Fame, Minnesota Dance Team Coaches Hall Of Fame, and Wisconsin Cheer and Dance Hall of Fame. Cindy was also the recipient of the Breaking Barriers Award, presented at the Minnesota State Capital in 2004 for contributing significantly to Women's Sports in MN.

Cindy is the founder and Co-Owner of Just For Kix, a dance camps, costume, and catalog company that employs 850 people and serves 26,000 dancers annually. Cindy was the recipient of the State of Minnesota's SBA Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2006.

Cindy is the co-founder and past president of the Minnesota Association of Dance Teams, where she served on the Board of Directors for 12 years. She was also a member of the steering committee which was successful in getting Dance Team to be a part of the Minnesota State High School League in 1995. Cindy served on the Minnesota State High School League Advisory Board and Dance Spirit Magazine Advisory Board. Cindy was instrumental in helping ND, WI and MN form state associations. Cindy is the author of countless articles on coaching dance team, and has also written a dance and drill-coaching manual. She has served as a keynote speaker at numerous state and national conventions.

Cindy started Youth Dance Programs in Brainerd, MN that have grown to 185 locations in 10 states engaging over 21,000 dancers and employing over 215 dance teachers. She has choreographed over 20 major Collegiate Bowl Game Half-Time Shows, including the Holiday Bowl/San Diego, the Freedom Bowl/Anaheim, the Orange Bowl/Miami, the Citrus Bowl/Orlando, and numerous Outback Bowls in Tampa. Her most memorable experience was representing the United States with the US Military Band from Washington D.C. for the opening of the Tokyo Dome in Japan.

It has been said that Cindy Clough "is one of the most knowledgeable in dance team – its history, its thriving present, and its exciting future."

NDCA is proud to honor Cindy for all of her accomplishments and contributions as a 2019 NDCA Hall of Fame Inductee.