

Sheila McInerney has been at the helm of Sun Devil Women's Tennis program for 28 years. She has led the Sun Devils to 18 NCAA Sweet 16 appearances, and eight quarterfinal appearances. The Sun Devils have made the NCAA tournament in 25 of her 27 seasons.

In 1997, Sheila was honored as the Wilson /ITA National Coach of the Year. She also garnered 1997 Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year honors. Four times in 1988, 1990, 2001 and 2008, McInerney was selected as the West Region Wilson/ITA Coach of the Year and was a finalist for National Coach of the Year honors. In addition to producing some of the top student-athletes in the Pac-10, McInerney continues to lead her Sun Devil teams into the NCAA Tournament year after year.

She was selected as head coach of the 2001-2002 USTA Tennis Collegiate team, an elite training program for the top American collegiate players administered by USTA and ITA.

McInerney's teams are also known for their work off the court as well. Evidence of the program's academic status can be found in the Pac-10 All-Academic teams the past 14 seasons. ASU has had at least one member honored in each of those past years and averages nearly three honorees per season, including tying the school record with four selections in 2003, 2006 and 2007.

McInerney, who owns a career record of 361-229, posted three 20-win seasons to her credit and has guided the Sun Devils to the NCAA tournament in every year she has been at ASU with the exception of one. Her teams have finished in the top 11 nationally an astounding 15 times during the record-setting 20 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. McInerney has tutored 16 Sun Devils to earn All-American honors 29 times and 15 different All-Conference players.

Her presence is felt off the court as well, earning the 2004 USTA/ITA Community Service Award for the Southwest section. The award honors McInerney for her significant contributions in developing community-based tennis programs through community centers, schools, parks, community tennis associations, the inner city, suburban and rural programs.

McInerney is currently a member of the ITA Board of Directors and sits on several coaches committees. She is currently the chairperson of the ITA Women's Operating Committee, co-chair of the Rules Committee and also co-chair of the Ethics and Infractions Committee. Additionally, she also boasts a six-year tenure (1987-92) on the NCAA tournament selection committee.

In addition to being inducted into the Central Arizona Hall of Fame, Sheila was inducted into the Southwest Section Hall of Fame in 2007.