



THE LINDA S. FRENCH TRAILBLAZER'S SCHOLARSHIP

for
Female Athletes
at the
University of Northern Colorado

Linda S. French personifies professional ability, both in the workplace and on the competitive field. Growing up on the plains east of Gill, Colorado, she appreciates the joy of competition. Always ready to participate, Linda was active in playdays and 4-H softball. She enjoyed being a member of the summer league of Razorback Softball as it became one of the best women's teams in Colorado. Playing fast pitch during the summer enriched the competitive spirit Linda enjoyed for herself and others.

While at the University of Northern Colorado, Linda was an athlete who excelled in softball and volleyball. A strong competitor, she has fond memories of playing in the first College Softball World Series in 1969, 1970 and 1971. After graduating from UNC with a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Physical Education and Kinesiology, Linda used her education and athletic talent to coach and teach at Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyoming. Her basketball team won the Regional Junior College Championship and participated in the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament. While Linda served as the associate athletic director at Northern Arizona University and softball coach, Linda's team played in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Division II National in both 1981 and 1982. Honoring her UNC physical educators and coaches, she attributes her success to those mentors who always expected the best. This scholarship is established to give women athletes the opportunity to be well-educated, play competitive sports, and have a UNC experience they can appreciate. By honoring her experience at UNC, Linda encourages athletes to follow her example and support others in the future.

The Linda S. French Trailblazer's Scholarship is awarded to female student athletes.

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