

**NORA LYNN FINCH**  
**Vita Summary**

**EDUCATION**                    B.S. in Education (Magna Cum Laude) - Western Carolina University, 1970  
M.A. in Education - Western Carolina University, 1971

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**    1971-73    **Wake Forest University**  
Head Coach - Field Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis  
1973-77    **Peace College** Athletics Director, Head Coach - Basketball  
1977-2008 **North Carolina State University** – Head Coach Volleyball and  
Softball 1977-78, Associate Head Coach W Basketball 1977-1984;  
Assistant AD 1981-86; Associate AD 1986-97; Senior Associate  
AD 1997-2008  
2008-2012 Associate Commissioner/SWA, **Atlantic Coast Conference**  
2012-2019 Senior Associate Commissioner, **Atlantic Coast Conference**

**CURRENT POSITION:** Senior Associate Commissioner, Atlantic Coast Conference, Women’s Basketball

**PROFESSIONAL HONORS:**

- Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame, 2019
- USBWA Mary Jo Haverback Award, 2019
- WBCA Lifetime Achievement Award, 2017
- *Sports Business Journal* Game Changer, 2015
- Selected to 125 Transformational Women of NC State, February, 2013
- Wolfpack Club Shavlik Award (Lifetime Service Award), January, 2012
- Inaugural recipient ACC President’s Award for Exemplary Service, 2007-08
- 2007 Women’s Sports Foundation Billie Jean King Lifetime Achievement
- 2005 Women of Achievement Award, General Federation of Women’s Clubs
- Western Carolina University Athletic Hall of Fame, 1991 & 2003
- Women in Business Award, *Triangle Business Journal*, 2002
- Tar Heel of the Week, *Raleigh News and Observer*, March 24, 2002
- Peace College Sports Hall of Fame, 2002
- 2000 Western Carolina University Peak Performer Award for Outstanding Graduate in the College of Education
- *Orlando Sentinel* 12th Most Influential Person in Women's Athletics in the 20th Century, December 17, 1999
- Distinguished Women of North Carolina Award, 1998
- Order of the Long Leaf Pine, Ambassador Extraordinaire, 1988
- Western Carolina University Professional Achievement Award, 1997 (Alumnus of the Year)
- Triangle's Most Powerful Women Award, *Triangle Business Journal*, 1996
- President, United States Collegiate Sports Council, 1992-96
- Western Carolina University Alumni Leadership Lecturer, 1994
- District 3 Administrator of the Year, NACWAA, 1993
- NCAA 10th Anniversary of Women's Sports Honoree, 1991
- National Women's Sports Hall of Fame, 1989
- Inaugural Atlantic Coast Conference Distinguished Service Award, 1989
- Distinguished Catamount of the Year Award, WCU 1988

- YWCA Wake County Academy of Women, 1985

**PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS:**

- NCAA Women's Basketball Oversight Committee (2015-2017)
- NCAA/CCA Women's Basketball Officials LLC Board of Directors, 2010-2016
- Chair, WCBO Competition Committee 2010-2016
- Collegiate Women's Sports Awards Board of Directors, 2009-2017 (Inspiration Award Chair)
- NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee 2005-09 (Chair, 2008-09)
- NCAA Division I Management Council, 2005-08
- NCAA Division I Championships Cabinet, 1998-04 (Chair, 2003-04)
- Chair, NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee, 1981-88
- NAGWS Women's Basketball Rules Committee 1984-86
- 1987 Olympic Sports Festival Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- 1978 AIAW National Championship Tournament Manager
- AIAW Board of Directors, 1975-77

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- President, North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors, 2017-20
- President, Kay Yow Cancer Foundation Board of Directors, 2012-2014
- 2012, 2014, and 2019 NCAA Women's Basketball Regional Tournament Manager
- Co-Chair, NC State Golf Course Fund Raising Committee (2004-2008)
- 2007, 2001 and 1996 Women's US Open Championship Executive Committees (Pine Needles)
- Triangle Education Foundation Board of Directors. 1998-2007
- Pretty in Pink Foundation Board of Directors, 2005-2010
- President, Raleigh Professional Women's Forum 2002-03
- Co-Chair, ACC Women's Basketball 25th Anniversary, 2002
- Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health, 1998-2001
- Color Analyst for ESPN, ACC & NC State Women's Basketball telecasts, 1986-1996
- Chief of Mission for the United States World University Games Delegations: 1991 Sheffield, England; 1993 Buffalo, NY; and 1995 Fukuoka, Japan
- United States International University Sports Federation Board, 1988-present

