

## **Ms. Annette Rossiter**

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 2011 as a

“Athlete/Builder”

Annette’s basketball career began as a player at Mercy College in St. John’s and continued when she attended Holy Heart of Mary Regional High School from 1967 to 1970. While at Holy Heart she was captain for the St. John’s and provincial high school championships in 1970. Her basketball ability played a major role in her selection as Holy Heart Athlete of the Year for 1969 – 1970.



Annette’s involvement in basketball spanned a period of 23 years. She is recognized as one of an impressive group of outstanding females who were responsible for gaining respect and recognition for female athletes in the province. Prior to the group’s arrival there was relatively little recognition for female athletes in general.

Following her high school career she moved on to play in the St. John’s senior basketball league where she claimed the scoring title, along with several MVP awards. Rossiter was also selected as the “St. John’s Female Athlete of the Year” in 1971. Throughout the 1970’s she was a perennial all-star in the senior women’s basketball league. She was a member of four St. John’s championship teams, 3 provincial championship teams and played in 6 national championships. She has twice received St. John’s and Provincial MVP awards, won two scoring titles and was named to seven all-star teams. In 1971 and 1975 she represented Newfoundland and Labrador at the Canada Games. In 1972 she played with Memorial University’s Varsity Basketball Team, winning the St. John’s senior title.

In addition to an impressive playing career Annette began coaching in 1972 at Holy Heart of Mary Regional High School. She coached the girl’s team there until 1989 and on two occasions added the school boys’ team to her agenda. The school teams she coached won 10 St. John’s championships, 5 provincial titles and placed second to Quebec for the Atlantic regional final. In 1981, working with Dr. Bill Redden of Memorial University, Annette was a driving force behind the establishment of the annual MUN-Holy Heart basketball tournament that was of great benefit to many female high school basketball players through-out the province.