Clackamas Community College volleyball coach Kathie Woods to retire after 32 years

Clackamas Community College volleyball coach Kathie Woods will retire at the end of the year after 32 seasons at the school.

Woods started coaching at CCC in 1983 and has since amassed an 836-522 record -- a 62 percent winning percentage. Her 836 wins are the most by a volleyball coach in the Northwest Athletic Association and a mark surpassed by only five other two-year volleyball coaches in the history of junior college athletics.

Woods has also been named Northwest Athletic Conference coach of the year three times, won two league championships and was named Fellowship of Christian Athletes coach of the year.

Her 1996 team finished the season 12-0 in the region and 50-9 overall, winning the college's first NWAAC championship. The team was inducted into the Northwest Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2008.

"Coaching volleyball at Clackamas has been the most fun and rewarding profession in the world to me," Woods said. "It has truly been an honor and I have loved every minute. I am excited to see what the next chapter in my life holds."

Woods' teams have been recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association eight out of the last 10 years for the Team Academic Award, given to teams that achieve a combined 3.3 team grade point average.

Woods' players also perform community service, assist at college events and holding an annual fundraiser to benefit care for animals with cancer.

"I want my girls to leave here being responsible young adults who are willing to give and not always receive," Woods said. "I want them to make their own decisions and be responsible for them, even when they make mistakes."

Sarah Hoeke, an alumna of Clackamas Community College and former volleyball player under Woods, will take over as coach on July 1.
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