

Carol Lloyd
Adult Team Manager/Cheer

There are many accomplishments that can be achieved in team sports. However, the goal is winning titles, with the pinnacle being national championships. Carol Lloyd knows a little — no, make that a lot — about winning national crowns. Carol has coached dance and cheer squads to more than 30 national titles in her career. And, if the number of championships was only 30, that would be more than Nick Saban (7 championships), Geno Auriemma (11) and John Wooden (10) combined.

But Carol's impact on the dance arena is more than titles. Her fingerprints on the local dance community are evident everywhere. A native Memphian, Carol began her coaching career at 18 while still a member of the competitive pom team at the University of Memphis. From 1989-93, Carol performed with the Tigers and learned from UofM's legendary coach, Cheri Ganong Robinson, who also is a Memphis Amateur Hall of Fame member.

After graduation from Memphis, Carol stayed around the pom program, traveling to competitions, and eventually transitioning into a coaching role. She took over as the UofM's pom and cheer head coach in 2004 and has been leading the Tigers ever since. Carol has guided her UofM teams to nine national crowns. In 2024, Carol was recognized for her outstanding work as she was named the National Dance Coaches Association College Coach of the Year.

Carol's success and influence in dance doesn't end there. From 1997-2013, she was the director of dance and head coach for the Memphis Elite All-Stars, a program Carol led to more than 25 national titles. At the same time that she began her career at the UofM in 2004, Carol took over the reins of the Collierville Middle School dance team, and nine years later, she added duties as the Collierville High School head coach. Carol has guided her Collierville squads to 31 national titles.

And if that isn't enough, Carol added another position to her résumé when the UFL's Memphis Showboats came to the Bluff City in 2022. She has been the organization's head coach and spirit coordinator ever since.

Carol, though, is not just about championship. Throughout her career, she has helped the dance community around Memphis grow stronger. Carol has organized dance workshops and seminars and invited experts from across the country to share their knowledge with local dancers. In turn, her work has strengthened the not only the individuals' skills but also the dance culture throughout Memphis. And all this being a testament to Carol's commitment to the overall dance community around the area.

Please welcome to the Hall of Fame, for adult team coach for cheer and dance — Carol Lloyd.