

Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Lana (North) Burns Athlete 2018



Lana (North) Burns started playing soccer in Mount Pearl in 1981. Over the next 20 years she would play with seven consecutive Provincial Youth Age Group Championship teams, a Provincial Summer Games Gold Medal team, three consecutive Provincial Jubilee Shield Championship teams, and one Atlantic University Championship team (Acadia University Axettes Soccer).

As well as claiming 10 Provincial Championship and one Atlantic Championship, Lana's play and leadership earned her recognition as Acadia University Female Freshman Athlete of the Year (92-93), and selection as an AUAA First Team All-Star and Team Captain of her 1996 AUAA Championship Team.

When speaking of Lana her coaches and fellow players commonly refer to her "heart, determination and sportsmanship." She was always thought of as a leader, both on and off the field. Lana played with great skill and had an ability to change positions during a game – a

valuable asset for her team, and a challenge to teams she played against. As a player Lana was thought of as one of the best. As further testament to this, in 2015 Acadia University named Lana Honorary Capitan in recognition of her playing days at Acadia and continued supporter of the program.

Lana relocated to Nova Scotia following university and continued to play the game she loved. The Sport Alliance is honored to recognize Lana North Burns for her play and contribution to soccer with her induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.