



# *Kathryn Geddert*

Owner, Gedderts' Twistars USA

U.S. Olympic Team Coach



# HALL OF FAME

Inducted 2012



For the past 40 plus years Kathryn has been actively involved in the world's most wonderful sport ... the sport of gymnastics. First as an aspiring recreational gymnast who was determined to follow in the footsteps of 1972 Russian Olympian Olga Korbut. Next as an accomplished club and high school gymnast (named MVP for her outstanding performances during her Junior and Senior years at Alpena High School) during which time she participated in and implemented many recreational gymnastics programs for her local community.

Later in 1976, she became a member of the inaugural class of gymnastics scholarship recipients at Central Michigan University. Marriage shortened her collegiate competitive career but only fueled a bigger desire to teach the sport she loved to the younger generation. From 1979 to the present she has done this with class, style, honor, integrity and a mentoring passion that few can match.

Her athletes have ranged from high school stars to state, regional, national, world and Olympic champions. Her coaching resume reads with the best in the nation. She has been named the State of Michigan, Region 5 or USA National coach of the year 14 times. Her accomplishments on the national scene were recognized when USA Gymnastics named her and her husband, John Geddert, the FIRST EVER National Junior Olympic Coaches of the Year in 2007.

Her normal day includes running a complex business serving as business manager, then teaching, motivating and mentoring young athletes to achieve goals and attain their full potential as athletes, students and future community leaders. She is driven, dedicated, and passionate about her role as a coach and mentor. She instills drive, dedication, passion and compassion in her students.

As part of the head coaching and management team she has helped guide Twistars USA Gymnastics Club of Lansing Michigan to national prominence. Twistars was acclaimed national prominence to the tune of being named the NUMBER 1 Ranked GYMNASTICS CLUB in the USA in 2009 (courtesy of meetscoresonline.com). She has been instrumental in the development of more than 45 national champions

including 3 time USA National, 3 time American Cup, 2 time Pacific Rim, 2011 World All Around and 2012 Olympic Champion, Jordyn Wieber. Under her inspiring direction, her teams have compiled more Team State Championship titles than ALL OTHER MICHIGAN GYMNASTICS CLUBS COMBINED. Considering the strength of Michigan Gymnastics, this is a remarkable accomplishment.

As great as her contributions are to the “gymnastics results of her athletes” it is the number of full ride collegiate scholarship recipients that adds depth and true meaning to her story. Gymnastics is a wonderful sport, but having it pave the way for an improved way of life via a FREE EDUCATION at a major university, is truly her main focus when producing athletes. Since 1990, Kathryn has assisted with well over 6 million dollars in athletic scholarships awarded to her athletes by major universities around the USA.

Kathryn also gives back to the sport and the community. She has served as a judge, ranking as one of the highest levels (Brevet) for the past 27 years. She is a requested clinician and master speaker for the purpose of coaching and judging education. She has fostered community support by using her organization to help raise over \$25,000 for the children’s miracle network.

Finally, but certainly at the top of her outstanding resume, is the fact that she has produced 3 upstanding children. Brittnei Amber Rae, Johnathan Dalton Blaize, and McKyleigh Laurissa Joy Geddert are all wonderful examples of Kathryn’s skills as a parent and role model. Balancing the responsibilities of a world class coach and parent is something that Kathryn has mastered with results that speak louder than words.