

Crownpoint High's Moore calling it quits

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Former AD, teacher, coach retires to Albuquerque

CROWNPOINT – Her passion for teaching is surpassed only by her love of the kids she coached, and that's one of the reasons Crownpoint High School's Sheri Moore will be missed. Moore, who worked at Crownpoint High for 30 years in various capacities, recently announced her retirement at the end of the 2016 school year.

"Everyday, I felt like I had the best job in the world working with some great kids," Moore said. "I will miss the interaction with the students and most of my athletes. I don't know if the realization of retirement will set in until August."

A Clinton, Iowa, native and graduate of the University of New Mexico, Moore taught physical education, health, and driving at the high school, which is located in the eastern section of the Navajo Nation. She was head volleyball coach for 21 years, head basketball coach for 28 years, track and field coach for one year, and athletic director for the Division 1-3A Eagles for the past 10 years.

A few student athletes who went on to play at the next level were Alfreda Bates and Kelsey Benally in basketball, and Terah Morgan, Rainy Arviso, and Deborah Butler in volleyball.

Moore said one of her most memorable moments was when the Lady Eagles volleyball team went 22-2 in 1989 and took runner-up at state. She said she will never forget when the girls volleyball team beat Hope Christian School in a regional away-game several years ago.

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Gary Morrow, who worked at Crownpoint High School as the boys basketball coach last year, said Moore will be missed. Morrow called Moore "one of a kind."

"She was very supportive of all of her coaches. She knew her job very well and knew what he was doing," Morrow said.

Originally from Massachusetts, Morrow also retired this year and has since moved on to Mesquite, Nev.

"In all of my years of coaching, she was the best athletic director I ever worked for. She cared about her kids," Morrow said.

Moore, who worked under six principals in four years at Crownpoint High, said she bought a home in Albuquerque in January of this year. She said she'll probably do volunteer work and may coach part-time at a middle school or junior high school. She didn't rule out a part-time job at the New Mexico Activities Association, either. The NMAA is the governing body of state sports.

"I will take the summer off and go from there," Moore said. "I will work at least part-time."

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