



Coach Dedication Award - Female

Brenda Bennett, Saskatoon

Nominated by Saskatchewan Baton Twirling Association

Bennett has been a dedicated baton twirling coach for the past 27 years in Saskatoon. She helped establish the city's Optimist Twirling Connection in 1983, and more than 20 of her students have gone on to become beginner and competitive baton coaches. Brenda's athletes have earned numerous national and world championship medals and titles, including a team bronze medal at the 2005 World Championships. Bennett is recognized for her skills and achievements across Canada and around the world. She has been a guest coach at various Canadian clinics and at the World Baton Twirling Championships in Japan, as well as a judge for several international competitions. Brenda is the Coaches' Representative on the Canadian Baton Twirling Federation (CBTF), is an active coaching course conductor and actively pursues training opportunities for herself, her athletes and fellow coaches. In 2005, the Canadian Baton Twirling Federation presented Bennett with a "Lifetime Achievement Award," and she was also a nominee for the 2006 YWCA Women of Distinction Awards in the Athletics category. Brenda believes that coaches are one of the most influential people in the lives of athletes and takes pride in being a positive role model.