

**Shannon Dykstra
2018 Coach of the Year
Sportsmanship Awards in
Spring & Fall Soccer and Basketball**

I am honored to receive the 2018 Coach of the Year Award and am thankful for the opportunity to be able to coach youth in our community. I have enjoyed getting to know players and parents. I coach because my life has been so positively affected by a number of coaches, and I feel a responsibility and privilege to pass down their service to another generation of kids in our community. Even as a classroom teacher I recognize that there are some lessons and habits best developed on the field of play, in a spirit of teamwork, in the pursuit of competitive success. As a parent, I also recognize coaching to be an avenue for me to better get to know my children's peers and help them build relationships with each other. I am thankful for the service of so many in the Park and Recreation Department and the volunteer coaches for their commitment to providing positive athletic experiences for the children of Mason City and North Iowa.

