

## Molly Sullivan

Two-time Olympian, twice Pan American Games Gold Medalist, three-time World Team member, twice NCAA Women's Foil individual champion, and Notre Dame's Woman Athlete of the 1980's.

A Massachusetts native, Molly started fencing at age ten as a way to build her self-esteem. Because of her learning disability, dyslexia, she lacked confidence and belief in herself. Encouraged by her father Joseph, and coach Joe Pechinsky, she not only had success on the fencing strip but also in the classroom. Attending the University of Notre Dame on a full scholarship, she received her Bachelor's in Marketing while winning two NCAA titles, a mark recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records. Notre Dame also named her 1980's Female Athlete of the Decade. Though she has a tremendous list of athletic accomplishments, she views her college diploma as one of her greatest achievements.

On retiring from competition after the 1992 Olympics, she became a fencing coach and motivational speaker, emphasizing the way to overcome obstacles. Her message was always: Believe in yourself, set goals, and move towards those goals one step at a time, and your dreams can come true.

### Fencing Resume

- 1992 - United States Olympic Women's Foil Individual and Team Participant, Barcelona, Spain
- 1991 - United States Pan American Women's Foil Team Participant, Havana, Cuba (Gold Medalist)
- 1991 - World Championship Women's Foil Individual and Team Participant, Budapest, Hungary
- 1990 - World Championship Women's Foil Individual and Team Participant, Lyon, France
- 1980's - University of Notre Dame's Female Athlete of the Decade
- 1989 - World Championship Women's Foil Individual and Team Participant, Denver, Colorado
- 1988 - United States Olympic Women's Foil Team Participant, Seoul, Korea
- 1984-88 - NCAA All American
- 1988 - NCAA Women's Foil Individual Champion
- 1987 - United States Pan American Women's Foil Team Member, Indianapolis, Indiana (Gold Medalist)
- 1987 - NCAA Women's Foil Team Champion
- 1987 - World Championship Women's Foil Individual and team Participant, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 1986 - NCAA Women's Foil Individual Champion
- 1985 - United States National Women's Foil Champion
- 1985 - United States Junior National Women's Foil Champion
- 1984 - Junior World Championship Women's Foil Individual Participant, Leningrad, Russia
- 1979 - Junior World Championship Women's Foil Individual Participant, Lausanne, Switzerland