



## **KELLY YATES – OWNER / DIRECTOR**

### **GATEWAY FIELD HOCKEY**

**FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS FROM OTHERS ON KELLY AND/OR GATEWAY FIELD HOCKEY. TO FIND OUT MORE ON KELLY AND HER FIELD HOCKEY BACKGROUND GO TO HER BIO PAGE (About Gateway link) ON THE GATEWAY WEBSITE**

#### **Kayla Bashore – USA National Team / Indiana All-American / Big-10 Player of the Year**

“I love how passionate you are about the sport and the way in which you show others through the events you run. Thank you for everything you do and all the hard work you do to help the sport and the girls in your area and everywhere.”

“Thank you for finding ways to help us out (USA Team). Supporters like you / Gateway are what make me work hard everyday for our USA National Team.”

#### **Amy Robertson – Head Coach / Indiana University**

“She is like “Miss Field Hockey” in the Midwest. She knows field hockey, appreciates it, and is a great supporter and teacher of the sport. “

“Someone dropped off an article about Kara Gonnerman receiving the honor for Player of the Year in St. Louis and I see she gave a ‘shout out’ to Kelly Yates for encouraging her to get involved and letting her play on Gateway’s elite teams. Pretty cool.....way to go Coach – keep up the great work and all that you do to help the development of the hockey players in St. Louis and the Midwest.”

**Susan Stahle – parent of Taran:** “You and Meg (and Kate) are just such exceptional coaches and good mentors for the girls. I truly feel blessed to have your family guiding my daughter through field hockey at such an important stage in her life. She loves playing for you and being anywhere near you and your girls. Your dedication to the development of the young players is evident in every way.”

**Kara Gonnerman in STL Today Prep Sports:** Gonnerman started playing in the fourth grade and fell in love with field hockey through current Lafayette coach Kelly Yates. “She encouraged me to get involved and she let me play on some of Gateway’s elite teams all through my career.” [[Gonnerman is currently a student – athlete at Holy Cross University](#)]

**Mike McCoy – parent ... daughter, Leigh, is a student-athlete at Harvard:** “Thanks so much for everything you’ve done for Leigh. Because of you, it looks like she is going to have an opportunity at Harvard. It is probably going to be life-changing for her.”

“I’ve always thought it was wonderful for you to provide an opportunity for girls to participate in the Festival. The girls play a great sport, meet other girls in a great setting, develop friendships that may last a lifetime, and they may have life-changing opportunities to play at the next level. None of this would happen without you and Gateway.”

**Leslie Moran – parent of Kelly:** “I have been involved in many athletic tournaments across the country with our children over the last number of years, and I wanted to let you know how impressed I have been with you and the Gateway organization. You, personally, represent Gateway with class, enthusiasm, and unending dedication. Your positive support of each team and player is unusual in today’s world of athletics, and the impact you are having on your athletes will benefit them far beyond their days on the hockey field.”

**Peggy Shamleffer – parent of Megan and Bridgette :** “Kelly has a great passion for field hockey and has gone the extra mile to help my daughters reach their goals. This contagious passion translates to fun at her camps, leagues, and with the Gateway Club.”