

Kristine Botto Drust

Head Softball Coach - Cheshire High School (CT)
& Cheshire Youth Softball President

Kristine Botto-Drust is a two-time All-American catcher/student-athlete at University of Massachusetts-Lowell, a 2009 UMass Lowell Hall of Fame inductee (where she has held many offensive records), a 2007 Lowell High School Hall of Fame Inductee, and a 2018 USA Softball of Connecticut Hall of Fame inductee.

Kristine was a member of the 2004 Stratford Brakette Major National Championship team and spent 2 years (2005 & 2006) with the National Pro Fastpitch League, winning a National Championship with the New England Riptide in 2006. Prior to the Brakettes, Kristine spent 3 years with the Connecticut Classics, where she led the team in hitting every year. The Classics took home the 23U National Championship in 2001.

Kristine was a 2x Captain, 3x All Conference and All Region catcher for the University of Massachusetts-Lowell Riverhawks.

A native of Lowell, Ma, Kristine is currently beginning her 11th year as the Head Softball Coach at Cheshire High School. Kristine was selected as the Maxx Preps National Coach of the Year in 2016. She has earned many Coach of the Year honors in Connecticut. Kristine and her Coaching Staff were also selected as the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Regional Coaching staff of the year in 2018.

Botto-Drust has led the Rams to an overall career record of 191-36, including a State Championship in 2016 with a record of 27-0. Botto-Drust and the Rams have won 8 Division Championships, 5 regular season championships, and 4 Southern Connecticut Conference Tournament Championships.

The Cheshire Rams also received the overall best Female Athlete team in the state of Connecticut in 2016. Since becoming Head Coach, the Rams have had 5 SCC Players of the Year and 3 Connecticut Players of the year. Kristine spent 8 years as the Associate Head Coach at UMass Lowell and 3 years as the Assistant Coach at Central Connecticut State University.

Kristine also is the acting President of Cheshire Youth Softball, where she started the first teeball division and more than tripled its enrollment in just 3 years. From coaching clinics, to consulting, player/team clinics and coaching, Kristine helps the game grown at all levels.

Kristine is also the Head Coach for her daughter's softball team, the 9u Connecticut Charge.

Kristine resides in Cheshire, CT with her husband Don, her son Brewer and daughter Oakley Drust. Her family owns and operates the Wallingford and Southington ShopRites.