

Kara Wolters

2022 Spotlight Recipient

Kara Wolters is a graduate from UCONN, where she excelled in basketball while playing for Coach Geno Auriemma. Wolters was in the spotlight while playing at UCONN and became the nation's top female collegiate player as the starting center for the Huskies national championship team in 1995 with a 35-0 record. A former All-American, she was player of the year and went on to accumulate many accolades, including Big East Conference Player of the year and Big East Tournament Most Outstanding Player along with Big East All-Tournament all four years. During the 1995 NCAA tournament, she was named to the All-Final Four team averaging 20.5 ppg. Wolters graduated from UCONN as the leading rebounder and shot blocker in 1997.

Wolters was then drafted by the New England Blizzard of the ABL in 1997 and played for the team in the final two of the league's existence. She then played four years in the WNBA being drafted first by the Houston Comets and winning the WNBA Championship with the team. She then played for the Indiana Fever and finished her WNBA career with the Sacramento Monarchs before heading overseas playing in Italy, Korea, and China.

Kara is part of an exclusive group of women athletes to have the elusive "set" an NCAA National Championship (UCONN 1995), WNBA Championship (Houston Comets 1999), and an Olympic Gold Medal (Sydney 2000).

After her playing days, Kara began her broadcasting career with the YES Network color commentating college basketball games. She then worked in radio for six years as a color analyst for WTIC 1080 "Home of the Huskies" before transitioning to TV where she has been for the past 10 years as the in-studio analyst for Sports New York (SNY) covering UCONN Women's Basketball. Kara owns and operates Dream Big Basketball which offers camps, clinics and lessons to young athletes using her skill and knowledge of the game. She also coaches her daughter's AAU teams. Wolters currently lives in Somers, CT with her husband Sean Drinan and two daughters Sydney and Delaney.