

..... OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

WI ODP FEATURED ALUMNI



SHANNON SMYTH | 1987

WI ODP | 1999-2005



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Where did you ODP take you? What was your favorite trip/memory?

Regional camp was always in Illinois while I was taking part in the program. Over the years with the Regional team, we travelled to Texas, Florida, Maryland, California. Our Regional trip to Germany was cancelled due to SARS, which is crazy to think here we are in current times going through this type of consideration for travel and sport travel.



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How do you think ODP prepared you for college & soccer at the next level?

I loved to be on the field anywhere, anytime! The opportunity for more touches, playing with different teammates and outlets for competition was always on my radar and all three are part of continuing to play beyond high school years.



Soccer resume:

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- University of Louisville
- Republic of Ireland National Team
- The Toppserien (Norway Women's Professional League)
- Coach & Technical Director at North Shore United
- U.S. Soccer Coach Education Instructor
- Founding board member of Wisconsin Women's Soccer Advisory Council (WWSAC)

Smyth (left) vs. Carli Lloyd (right)
Craig Clark SportsPageMagazine.com



What non-soccer lessons did you learn through ODP?

Experiences to communicate and build relationships are invaluable. Looking a coach in the eye, working at giving and receiving feedback between peers or not making a team and working to bounce back are all transferable skills off the field.

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