



Jennifer Armbruster

Paralympic Games Gold Medalist
Inducted October 25, 2011

Armbruster was a standout U.S. athlete on the international sports scene and is the first Paralympic athlete to gain induction into the Hall of Fame. The 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing were her fifth for the United States. In Beijing, she was named as the Opening Ceremony flag bearer and as team captain helped lead the USA to the gold medal in goalball. In 1989, the Colorado Springs athlete was destined to attend college on a basketball scholarship but started losing her vision in the latter part of the year. It was then that she was introduced to the team



sport of goalball. Armbruster graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 1997 with degrees in sociology and criminal justice and received her master's degree from Sam Houston State in 2000. She was inducted into the Sportswomen of Colorado Hall of Fame and was named the state's Amateur Athlete of the Year in 1996. In addition to her 2008 gold medal, she has also won two other Paralympic medals, three World Championships medals and three Pan Am Gold medals.