

# Briana Scurry

## Biography

Briana Scurry is widely thought of as one of the world's-best female soccer goalkeepers. After being named starting goalkeeper for the United States women's national soccer team in 1994, she helped lead the team in two Olympic gold medals (1996 and 2004) and had 173 international appearances – a record amongst female soccer players. With over 90,000 screaming fans watching, Briana made history in 1999 after an astounding shoot-out save against China, which resulted in a championship win. Her talent protecting the goal –she had 71 shut-outs -- and her team's unprecedented success lead to a huge increase of women's soccer fans, and inspired millions.



Briana was also one of the first women in the world to participate in a woman's paid professional league in 2001. With the Atlanta Beat, she won two WUSA Championship Games and in 2003 she was named Goalkeeper of the Year. She continued playing until 2010, until a debilitating head-injury lead to her retirement.



With dedication, determination and passion, she continues spreading her love of the game through motivational speaking and coaching. She was recently selected for Julie Foudy's All-Time best XI US Women's National Team lineup. Briana's ability to inspire, both on and off the field, has helped pave the way for women's soccer everywhere.