

HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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James V. Marino

Class of 1966

Jim spent his entire public school career as a student in the Copiague School District. He is very grateful to his teachers regarding how much they gave to him and the profound influence they had upon his life. Jim was involved in student government being elected President of his Junior and Senior classes. Jim looks upon his days in Copiague as a member of a school family. After graduation, he majored in German at SUNY at Plattsburgh, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts. Before coming back to Copiague he taught for ten years in a small town in the Catskills named RedHook where he initiated their German program. Mr. Marino spent every summer during the early seventies in Germany and Austria studying and traveling. Jim feels that experiencing the German culture and language has had an enormous influence on his life, and vows to give his students this opportunity while they are still in high school. Jim has kept this promise, leading student trips to Europe and Germany on an annual basis. After working briefly as a travel agent, Jim returned to Copiague High School in 1982 as a Foreign Language teacher, his life coming full circle. Jim is a proud husband and father of two children.

“The best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”