

## HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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### Deborah Tibaldi

Class of 1966

Deborah was an avid athlete who competed on many Copiague High School teams. Encouraged by the physical education faculty, she graduated Adelphi University as a physical education major where she excelled in basketball and tennis. She distinguished herself throughout her 28-year teaching career in the West Islip School District for her passionate commitment to the students she taught and coached. Her bonds with her students lasted into their adult lives. A traveler, linguist, and patron on the arts, Deborah was a renaissance person. A tragic accident in May 1998 took her life, but left a legacy of love and joy which will live forever in the hearts of those she touched.

***“The great man is he who does not lose his child’s heart.”***