

HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Journal

JIM KONEN

Class of 1984

Jim was a member of the Panel of Americans and was voted captain of both the Varsity Football and Lacrosse teams, coached by Walter Reese. He was voted All-County for Lacrosse and was the goalie for the 1984 team that advanced to the quarterfinals in the Suffolk County Playoffs. He was also the starting quarterback for the Eagles his senior season. Jim credits Coach Reese for pushing him to be his best on and off the field.

Jim enrolled at Cobleskill and played lacrosse. He was named Team Captain, All-Region twice and was voted Team MVP. Jim then transferred to Cortland and was a member of the nationally ranked Red Dragons lacrosse team that advanced to the National Quarterfinals. He received his BA in Physical Education at LIU, Post while working as a Coach and Teaching Assistant. He received his Master's Degree from Stony Brook while coaching football, wrestling and lacrosse at Copiague Middle School until he was hired as a full-time Physical Education teacher at Copiague High School.

In 1992, Jim began coaching Varsity Soccer, Varsity Wrestling and started to coach JV Lacrosse. He earned Coach of the Year honors for Soccer by the Suffolk County Coaches Association after his first season as a Varsity Head Coach and his first time ever coaching the sport. The soccer team battled for their first playoff appearance ever in Copiague's history and reached a "Top Ten" NYS ranking. Jim was also the Varsity Wrestling Coach and had the honor of coaching wrestler, Liston Brown, to the first and only NYS wrestling championship in Copiague history.

Jim has surpassed 100 varsity wins on both the lacrosse and soccer fields and has received Coach of the Year honors for both sports. He has been voted Suffolk County Lacrosse Coaches Association's Man of the Year by his fellow coaches. He coached Team Long Island to victory at both the Brine National Lacrosse Championship and the Brogden Cup Championship.

Jim's favorite experiences in athletics have come from coaching his sons, Griffin and Bailey. Jim married the love of his life, Shannon in 1993 and they reside in Massapequa with their two sons.

"Don't Settle for Mediocracy, Chase Greatness."