

HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Journal

PHYLLIS G. BRYANT

Class of 1979

Phyllis Bryant credits her success in life with her beginning days at Scudder Avenue Elementary School. While in Elementary and Middle School, Phyllis formulated friendships that have lasted a lifetime. Phyllis attributes her ability to persevere through adversity and her willingness to help others as a direct result of her faith, parents and excellent guidance she received while attending the Copiague Schools. As a spirited and committed member of the Copiague basketball and volleyball teams, Phyllis went on to receive numerous sports accolades in college and later coached the Bloomfield College Women's Volleyball team to a winning season. Upon graduating from Copiague High School in 1979, Phyllis briefly attended Wagner College. She later transferred and graduated from Bloomfield College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Medical Social Work.

Valuable life lessons learned at Copiague were beneficial as Phyllis became a Residential Advisor during her tenure in college. As a result of her excellent academic and extracurricular activities, Phyllis was featured in the *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Her love and compassion for people were recognized while employed at East Orange General Hospital where she received the President's Award for exemplary social work practice. Phyllis continued her education and earned her Certified Social Worker license and is recognized by the American College of Certified Forensic Counselors as a Certified Forensic Addictions Examiner. Phyllis' contributions as a social worker have been invaluable to all those she has helped. As Project Coordinator for the Health & Welfare Council, she was part of a team that initiated the Child Health Plus Insurance Program working directly with Governor Pataki and other state leaders. Phyllis later worked for the Salvation Army providing services to the homeless and veterans.

Phyllis has always believed that Copiague is a, "Community Of People Involvement, Active, Giving, Understanding and Empathetic."

Phyllis has one son, Philip and they reside in Copiague.

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LEAVES AN IMPRESSION THAT LASTS A LIFETIME"**