

HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Class of 1982

A life-long Copiague resident, Steve credits his family with providing strong values and a solid work ethic, and his years in the Copiague Schools with cultivating his love of education, music, and athletics. He remembers the dedication of his teachers, especially Coach Mahoney for the support he provided. Steve began his career in the Copiague Public Schools in 10th grade as a student worker in the high school print shop.

Steve attended SUNY Farmingdale where he met his wife, Jodi, a school cheerleader. He transferred to Hofstra University on a full basketball scholarship and majored in Liberal Arts and Business Marketing. Upon graduation, he was drafted into the minor league basketball association and played in Wisconsin. His father encouraged him to return to school, and the following year he graduated from Adelphi University with a Masters degree in Physical Education.

Steve, who by that time had worked in Copiague as a custodian, painter, mail clerk, teaching assistant, and substitute teacher, now returned as a physical education teacher and coach. He began teaching at Copiague High School but was transferred to the Susan E. Wiley Elementary School where each year he organizes the intramural program, Jump Rope for Heart, Run Against Drugs, Student/Faculty Volleyball Game, Field Day, and Spotlight on Fitness. He mentors students and develops curriculum projects. For the past eight years, he has been the head coach for Varsity Boys Basketball, leading the Copiague Eagles to numerous titles including the Long Island Championship. Steve has been named Coach of the Year several times for the league as well as Suffolk County Coach of the Year. In 2004 he received his Professional Diploma in Educational Administration from Dowling College.

Steve considers it his privilege to be able to teach, coach, and live in the Copiague community – now and forever his home.

"For good or for bad, what we did yesterday is now history. We are now given today to prepare for a successful tomorrow."