



STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

BARBARA A. HALL

Barbara A. Hall is the ultimate professional. That's been her style, both in the classroom and in competitive athletics. She has been a teacher throughout a very successful career, which covers over 35 years in the field of health education, sports, wellness and coaching. The location of the venue doesn't matter. Wherever it may be, you will always find Barbara Hall teaching her students or athletes.

Her holistic approach to student well being and success has not gone unnoticed. Last month, the American School Health Association selected Barbara as its recipient of the "Outstanding School Health Educator Award" in the United States. She received her well-earned award November 8 in Albuquerque, NM.

Just as her lessons are well planned and meaningful, utilizing learning strategies in the area of project-based curriculum, her practices were equally purposeful and interesting. While most of her coaching at SHS was devoted to girl's basketball, Barbara also started the swim program in 1973-74 and she recently concluded a four-year stint as the girl's tennis coach in 2000. During her first tour in basketball (1973-81), she led Stratford High to a 105-27 record, the MBIAC championship in its first year and six CIAC tournament berths. She returned to the court in 1987-88 and produced four more state tournament teams.

The catalyst for girl's athletics at Stratford High School, and a champion of equality for women in sports, Ms. Hall was highly respected throughout state basketball circles during her illustrious coaching career. She annually produced competitive teams at SHS, including several which challenged for state laurels. More important than all the victories are the qualities of hard work, commitment, fair play and sportsmanship she instilled in her players. She has been a positive influence in the lives of thousands of students and athletes.

While many outstanding young ladies have had the pleasure of playing for Ms. Hall's teams, three of her most talented have preceded her into the Hall of Fame, Patty Fernandes (1998), Melodie Adams (1999) and Bonnie Foley (2000) and, in coming years, many others will follow them.

Barbara is a graduate of St. Nicholas & Tolentine High School in Bronx, NY and the State University of New York at Brockport. She played basketball in high school and college. A resident of Stratford, CT, Ms. Hall received her master's degree at the University of Maryland and her sixth year at Southern Connecticut State University.

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