



## KAREN MULHALL

### CLASS OF 1976

Karen graduated from Point Pleasant Borough High School in 1976. During her years in high school, Karen was a cheerleader for 3 years and an accompanist for and a member of the high school Mixed Chorus all 4 years.

Karen attended Georgian Court University (GCU) and received a B.A. in Music Education as a Piano Major. During her time in college, she accompanied and sang in the college choir, winning many competitions, and was student director of the college choir. She also accompanied and directed the select choir, and accompanied in voice lessons, recitals and senior recitals.

After graduating from GCU, Karen established a private studio in Point Pleasant. Through her teaching, 3 of her students have been winners in the Young Artist's Competition and performed at Carnegie Halls' Weill Recital Hall - one student winning twice. Many of her

students have won multiple Gold Medals in the Shore Music Educator's Association Evaluation. Two students have received trophy's for 5 year and 7 year consecutive Gold Medals. Her students perform in an annual Halloween Dress-Up Recital, Formal Spring Recital, and Monster Concerts held at the Count Basie Theater in Red Bank, NJ. Karen has received the Laura R. Conover Pedagogy Award three times for Outstanding Teaching.

In 1996, Karen became a professor at GCU, teaching piano and directing the "Chorale at Georgian Court University". The group performs a medley each spring arranged by Karen. In addition, Karen sings with the Ct. Notes at the Annual Georgian Court Reunion in June. The group is comprised of 9 members and sings light top hits from the 1960's-present. She has continued her education through summer sessions at Westminster Choir College in Piano Pedagogy and conducting lessons with Dr. Jeffrey B. Unger.

Karen is the accompanist for the choral concerts at Jackson, Toms River East, and Toms River South High Schools; and Toms River Intermediate East schools. She has also accompanied for Howell and Wall High School musicals; the Wall Intermediate School's choral concerts; and the Academy of Dance Arts Ballet School. In addition, she has been the musical director and accompanist for the Finley-Grigg Theater Co.

Through the years, Karen has brought her choirs and students to the local Leisure Villages, senior homes, and nursing homes to perform for the residents. She resides in Brick, NJ.