



CONSTANCE MAAS

COMMUNITY INDUCTEE

Connie Maas has been a lifelong resident of the Point Pleasant area. Shortly after her birth, in Lakewood, the family moved to Bay Head where she attended Bay Head Grammar School and Point Pleasant Beach High School (Valedictorian of the Class of 1964). She attended Monmouth University and graduated, with honors, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education in 1969. In 1984, she graduated from Georgian Court University with a Masters in Curriculum and Supervision and a Certificate in Administration.

Connie began her teaching career at Point Pleasant Borough High School in February of 1969. During her forty years with the district, she has taught

English, U.S. History II Honors and AP, Sociology, Economics, and Government. She has also mentored a number of practice teachers, as well as chaperoned and/or worked at various senior class trips, dances, all-night bonfire watches, variety shows, and flower sales. She presently advises the high school branch of STAND, a student sponsored group that raises awareness and funds to help the victims of genocide in Darfur. Twenty years ago she helped to start, and has continued to work on, one of the most successful Project Graduation Programs in the state of New Jersey. During her tenure, three different classes have dedicated their yearbook to her.

Professionally, Connie has served as chief negotiator of the Point Pleasant Education Association and over the years has served as both president and vice-president of that organization. She has also served on several NJEA committees.

Connie was the first Governor's Award Teacher of the Year for the high school in Point Pleasant Borough. She was inducted into the Point Pleasant Beach Hall of Fame in 1998.

Connie lives in Point Pleasant Beach with her husband and former colleague, Robert Kulesa, and dotes on their granddaughter, Haley Ann. She has always said that she has been blessed to teach the best and the brightest that the Borough has to offer and now feels very honored to join many of them as a member of the Point Pleasant Borough Hall of Fame.