



REBECCA HOFFMASTER MURAGLIA
CLASS OF 1990

Rebecca Muraglia is the middle sibling of the Hoffmaster clan (Mike, Kerry, Katie and Molly) and graduated from the Borough top of her class in 1990. As a Panther, Rebecca was a four-year varsity letter winner in Cross Country and Track. She served as cross country Captain and earned 6th place in South Jersey sectionals and was the MVP. In track, she held the school record in the 400M Hurdles and the 1600M Relay. Rebecca also made her mark in several school leadership roles, both on stage and off. As a performer, she was awarded Most Outstanding Senior Performer and National Choral Award. She played Marion in *Music Man*, Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, and Maria in *the Sound of Music*. She also served as student Conductor while participating in Mixed Chorus, Madrigals, and Show Choir, where she choreographed the Nickelodeon and Disney Review. She held offices as Secretary and President of the 1990 Class; President of the Student Council; President, Student Conductor, and Choreographer of Choir; and member of the National Honor Society and Key Club. She was selected delegate from Point Pleasant Borough to the *NJ Girls State* and the Ocean County Superintendent Round Table, and was awarded by the NJ Commissioner of Education, Saul Cooperman, as one of two NJ high school students to attend the *U.S. Senate Youth Conference* in Washington, DC, where she received an internship and scholarship.

Rebecca continued her many interests at Michigan State University (MSU), where she sang the National Anthem for the Big Ten Basketball and Hockey games. She held principal roles in over 12 MSU plays and musicals and was awarded Brightest Newcomer and received The William Hacker Baldwin Scholarship and Outstanding Senior Performer Award for theater performance. Rebecca was one of two undergraduates to be awarded a full scholarship of 6 weeks intensive study with

renowned Russian Director Arcady Katz from Moscow's Vakhtangov Theater Company 1994. During her senior year at MSU, she served as intern to Michigan Governor John Engler in the state's Department of Communication, while completing a Bachelor's of Arts in Musical Theater and Humanities with a concentration in History. Following college, Rebecca backpacked throughout Europe before moving to NYC. She became a member of the Actors' Equity Association and her professional credits include Pinocchio (National Tour); Romeo and Juliet (Simply Shakespeare Tour); Altered Reality (NYC); The Crucible (BoarsHead Theater); Magic Flute (Michigan Opera Company); and A Mid Summer Nights Dream (Purple Rose Theater).

Rebecca returned to the Borough High School in 1996 to teach and direct Theater Arts as well as to coach soccer, track, and cross country and to serve as advisor to the National Honor Society. She has directed over 30 of the school's past theatrical plays and musicals, earning a nomination from the Paper Mill Playhouse in 2001 for *Best Director* for her work in the musical *TITANTIC*. Rebecca is the proud founder of the Loren Donley Scholarship for the Performing Arts and The Paige Elizabeth Muraglia Memorial Scholarship, which offers a recognition award and financial assistance to Borough graduates. In addition, Rebecca is the creator and leader of the Point Pleasant Borough Recreation Department Performing Arts program, where she continues to supervise drama, Show Choir, and piano camp since 1987. She is the creator of the *Annual Point Pleasant Read Across America Festival* that celebrates reading to the elementary children throughout our school and community. She is a volunteer advisor of the high school's new Student Ambassador program, which promotes character education throughout our community, and is a member of the BE ON POINT (Positive Behavior in School Program) at the high school.

Rebecca is an active member of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, where she serves as the director of the DOVE children's choir. In addition, she is a volunteer coach for Point Pleasant Soccer Association as well as Point Pleasant Little League.

She is very proud to join her amazing father, Jim Hoffmaster (making them the first father/daughter inductees), and her mentor, Loren Donley, in the Hall of Fame. Rebecca resides in Point Pleasant with her husband of 17 years Christopher, Chief of Police for Easthampton Twp. She is the proud mother to Jack (age 11), Sam (age 8), and Jordan (age 6), who all attend Nellie Bennett Elementary School.