



## **WENDI PEARCE YOCUM** **CLASS of 1991**

A lifetime of goodwill and a dedication to excellence is clearly evident when reviewing the wide-ranging achievements of Wendi Yocum. A 1991 graduate of Point Pleasant High School, Wendi lead an extraordinarily active role in the athletic community during her four years. Wendi was a three sport athlete, playing varsity level field hockey, basketball, and soccer. During her junior year, the field hockey team won the Shore Conference Tournament. Wendi was selected to the All-Ocean County first team during her junior and senior years, as well as the All-Shore Conference first team her senior year. In addition, Wendi played varsity basketball for three years. During her senior year, the team won the State Sectional Group II Championship. At the end of her senior season, she was named to the All-County and All-Shore 2<sup>nd</sup> teams.

Wendi contributed greatly during her time playing varsity soccer. She was part of an exceptionally talented group of players that held the Division Championship for all four years. Playing soccer in the spring didn't allow for playing in the state tournament, but the team won the Shore Conference Tournament in 1990. Wendi had the honor of being selected to the All-County first team for three years and to the All-Shore first team her senior year. In 1991, Wendi was named the Ocean County Athlete of the Year. Although Wendi enjoyed success in three sports, she decided to focus on soccer after high school. She accepted a

soccer scholarship to Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ. The team won the ECAC Championship in 1994, and also held the longest winning streak in the nation with 17 wins. While passionate about soccer, Wendi was also focused on her academics, and graduated with her degree in Elementary and Special Education.

After graduation, Wendi followed her desire to become a mathematics teacher, and secured a position at Manchester Township Middle School, where she has taught for the past 20 years. In the early years as a teacher, Wendi found time to play semi-professional soccer for the Central Jersey Splash and the New Jersey Stallions for several years. Continuing with a legacy of achievement and excellence, Wendi was awarded the title of “2010 Teacher of the Year”. She remains fully involved in two charitable organizations sponsored by the district. They are “Helping Hands for Hunger” and “Kevin’s Kids”. These two activities provide help for Manchester Township families in need.

In 2008, Wendi, along with Alex House, formed and began coaching a youth soccer team called the Barracudas. Thanks to Ms. Yocum’s follow-through and perseverance, and the dedication of the players, the Barracudas are still going strong after seven years. Under her guidance, the girls understand the meaning of TEAM and know to leave “it” all out on the field. This team spirit and dedication has been rewarded by the team winning back to back State Cup Championships. Wendi is so proud of the girls for their hard work and for their exemplary conduct, on and off the field.

Wendi resides in Point Pleasant with her husband of 16 years, Drew. Here, the Yocums enjoy their greatest achievements - their two daughters, Paige, age 14, and Shae, age 12. Both of the girls are students in the Point Pleasant School District. Wendi loves watching her daughters’ grow up into amazing young women and is delighted that the girls are flourishing in her own beloved hometown.