

BETH ANNE BRADSHAW

CLASS OF 1993



Beth Anne graduated from Mynderse Academy in 1993 and went on to attend Villanova University. While at Villanova, Beth Anne majored in English Literature with a minor in philosophy and received her Bachelor's of Arts in 1997. After working in the field of Strength and Conditioning for two years at Villanova University and University of Cincinnati, Beth Anne began a career in education. She obtained her Master's degree in Education from Hofstra University in 2002

and obtained her NYS Teaching Certification that same year.

Beth Anne was a member of the varsity basketball, soccer and track teams throughout her 4 years at Mynderse Academy. While she enjoyed the other sports, Beth Anne's real passion was basketball. Beth Anne attributes many of her accolades and skill development to her coach of five years, Mike Ferrara. She credits her fundamental skills, ability to play defense, and her knowledge of the nuances of the game to the hours spent on the court with Coach Ferrara. She also attributes her mental toughness, personal discipline, and the development of the strength of character that has guided her throughout her life to lessons learned as a member of Coach Ferrara's team.

Beth Anne began her playing career in 1989 and many of her most unforgettable memories are the ones that the team won over her years at Mynderse. Some of these impressive memories include being 3 time Section V Class CC winners (1991-1993), Western Regional Champions (1992 and 1993), and playing in the state tournament in 1993 losing to Greenwich in the semi-finals. As a result of these wins, Beth Anne also became an accomplished basketball player in her own right. Her career at Mynderse really took off after she became a member of the Western New York Scholastic Basketball gold medal winning team in 1991. After that summer, Beth Anne went on to become team MVP in 1991 and 1993, an All-league

member 1991-1993, All- Greater Rochester team (1992 and 1993), and Section V All- Tournament Team (1992 &1993), as well as scoring over 1000 points in her career at Mynderse.

In 1993 after a solid final season at Mynderse Academy, Beth Anne took her skills to Villanova University, becoming the first female athlete at Mynderse to receive a Division I scholarship. While at Villanova Beth Anne played in the Big East and Big Five Conferences and was team captain and Academic All-Big Five member her senior year. After graduating in 1997 Beth Anne became a Strength and Conditioning Coach working with Division I athletes at Villanova as well as becoming an assistant basketball coach at Rosemont College where she worked with the team's post players. After a year at Villanova she bettered her career by moving to University of Cincinnati where she worked with future pro athletes in both football and basketball as well as the women's basketball, soccer, track, and volleyball teams.

After leaving the field of Strength and Conditioning, Beth Anne stumbled onto what would become her true passion and career, teaching. She began her teaching career in the NYC School District at M.S. 210 Elizabeth Blackwell in Ozone Park Queens. There, as an English teacher, Beth Anne learned how to teach and frequently relied on the skills forged on the basketball courts as she taught in an urban environment. After working in Queens for three years, Beth Anne took her teaching skills to the North Shore of Long Island to the Miller Place School District. There, as an 8th grade English teacher, Beth Anne continued her passion for teaching and continues to do so as she enters her 8th year at North Country Road Middle School.

Finally, while teaching is still her passion, Beth Anne is always moving forward to achieve her next goal. She is currently attending classes at St. John's University to obtain her Administrative Degree with hopes of earning her doctorate in education.