

## COACH DAN CARAHER

### Class of 1967



Dan grew up in Seneca Falls and started his Mynderse career in September 1963. As a freshman and sophomore, he played JV football and baseball. He went on to play Varsity football and lacrosse in his junior and senior years. Dan was selected 2<sup>nd</sup> team Wayne-Finger Lakes All Star as offensive guard his senior year under Athletic Hall of Fame Coach George Davis. He was also captain of the lacrosse team his senior year under Coach Jack McDonald. Dan was a member of the Block M Club and was also a finalist for the Aldo “Ollie” Beatini Award his senior year.

Because of the influence of Coach George Davis, Dan went on to SUNY Brockport and graduated with a Physical Education degree in 1972. After graduation from college, Dan began teaching at Auburn High School. In the fall of 1973, Dan returned to Mynderse Academy to continue his teaching and coaching career. While at Mynderse he coached Cross Country, JH Basketball, JV Baseball, JV Football, JV Lacrosse and Varsity Wrestling.

While coaching at Mynderse, his accomplishments included several Sectional Champions in Wrestling, including Steve Siegfried, an Athletic Hall of Fame Member who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the NYS Wrestling Championships and Athletic Hall of Fame member and Sectional Champion, Gary Bullis. In Football he coached under Jack Daniels and Dave Geitner who both influenced his desire to become a Head Football coach.

Dan left Mynderse in 1983 to become an Athletic Director and Physical Education teacher at York Central School. Dan coached a number of sports at York, but his passion was always football. He became Head Football coach in 1985. He was the Head Football coach for 23 years, compiling over 100 victories during his career.

Dan was named Livingston County Coach of the year five times and All Greater Rochester Section V Coach of the year in 1990. His 1990 team won the Section V Class D Championship. He was elected to the York Football Hall of Fame in 2008 and the Section V Football Hall of Fame in 2012.

While serving as Athletic Director, Dan was Livingston County Athletic Association President and Vice President for a number of years. He also served on the Section V Athletic Council.

Dan and his wife Joanne (Mynderse Class of 1968) have been married for 47 years and are the parents of three sons, Ryan (Amy), Stephen (Kelly) and Jeff (Leah). They have 9 grandchildren. They enjoy spending time with the family and traveling.