

DAVID FARNEY

Class of 1972



Dave Farney grew up in Seneca Falls and graduated from Mynderse Academy in 1972 where he was a four year letter winner in football, basketball and baseball. He was a member of the 1970 undefeated football team coached by George Davis who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2018. Dave also received All-League honors in his senior year in all three sports. Dave and Bruce Knapp were the first recipients of the Athletic Director's Award in 1972. While at Mynderse, he also was an active member of the Block M Club.

Through the guidance and positive influence of various coaches including John Nicholson, George Davis, Robert Schiller, and Dom Paradise, Dave went on to Herkimer Community College, where he played baseball and basketball, and Murray State University (KY), where he played basketball. Dave served as a team captain with both Herkimer basketball and Murray State basketball. Upon graduation from college with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education/Health in 1976, Dave returned to Seneca Falls to teach physical education and health and also coached football, basketball and baseball. He coached varsity boys' basketball for 7 years and varsity boys' baseball for 8 years. In 1985, Dave coached the Mynderse Academy baseball team to a Class A Section V Championship and was selected as Finger Lakes East Coach of the Year.

Dave also began officiating high school football in 1980 and will be completing his 39th year of officiating this fall. He has officiated numerous NY State final and semi-final games representing the Finger Lakes and Syracuse football chapters. Dave was selected Finger Lakes Chapter Official of the Year in 2002.

Dave also was involved in the Seneca Falls community assisting Tony Petroccia in promoting and initiating the Biddy Basketball youth programs and serving as the boys' coordinator for the Friendship Games.

While teaching and coaching at Mynderse ('76-'87), he continued his education at Cortland State pursuing a Masters in Education and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Administration. Upon completion of his degree, he left the Seneca Falls School District after 12 years of service to pursue a career in educational administration. Dave first served as assistant principal and athletic director in the Union Springs Central School District ('88-'89), and then moved on to be director of athletics for the Phoenix Central Schools ('88-'92). He eventually settled at Cicero-North Syracuse as director of athletics ('92-'94) and high school principal ('94-'10) where he retired. In retirement, Dave is still actively assisting the North Syracuse schools as a part time assistant director of physical education and as an interim principal.

Dave and his wife, Lynda (Hoover, Mynderse Class of '72), have been married for 40 years and are the proud parents of three daughters, Lyndsey (Joe) Farney-Maloney, Tara Lee (Harlan) Farney, and Ashley (Sean) Frisa. The couple have two beautiful granddaughters and have another grandchild on the way. They reside in Brewerton, NY and enjoy spending time with family as well as traveling.