

KAREN R. LOUCKS
CLASS OF 1977



Karen Loucks graduated from Mynderse Academy in 1977. While at Mynderse, Karen participated in soccer, basketball, and softball. She was a captain and a four year starter in all three sports.

In 1977 Karen was MVP and All-League in soccer, basketball and softball. In her senior year she led the League in scoring in soccer and is co-holder of the school record, scoring five goals in one game.

Karen was the first windmill pitcher in softball in the League. She also received the Patricia Hurley Award her freshman year and was co-winner of the GAA (Girls Athletic Association) Award her senior year.

Following graduation from Mynderse, Karen attended Cayuga Community College (Auburn) and in 1981 graduated from SUNY Cortland with a degree in Elementary Education and History, N-12.

Karen has taken the knowledge and values that she learned from her family, the Seneca Falls community and Mynderse Academy to share with the Allegany community and Allegany-Limestone School District. Karen has been teaching Global History II for 31 years. She has coached gymnastics for 3 years, Varsity Basketball for 20 years and began the Softball program in Allegany in 1983 and coached it for 12 years. In the spring of 2011 she returned to coaching softball.

While coaching girls' basketball at Allegany-Limestone, Karen's teams won 7 Sectional titles, 2 Far West Regional titles and were two-time State Finalists. In 1991 her state finalist team won the New York State Sportsmanship Award for basketball. She was named Big 30 Coach of the Year in 1990 and 1998. In 2005 Karen was inducted into the Allegany-Limestone Central School Athletic Wall of Fame. In 2008 she was honored to be a 'Teacher of the Week' by WGRZ Channel 2 News in Buffalo and was also Allegany-Limestone Teacher of the Year, an award voted-upon and given by the students of Allegany-Limestone.