



Well before the Lenape Regional High School District began its “Two Graduations” initiative, a young Susan Rudderow attained her “two” graduations....the first from Collingswood High School in Collingswood, NJ, then from Glassboro State College (now known as Rowan University,) where she graduated with a Bachelor of the Arts in Mathematics and her certification to teach Mathematics for grades K-12. While at Glassboro, Susan played both Field Hockey and Lacrosse, earning a total of eight varsity letters while in college. Susan graduated from Glassboro State, and began her teaching and coaching career at Shawnee High School. While at Shawnee, Susan attained another personal goal when she earned her Master of Arts in School Administration from Rider University in 2002. This degree allowed her to transition from teaching and coaching to administration.



Susan Rudderow Murphy began her teaching career as a mathematics teacher at Shawnee High School, where she taught Honors Geometry, College Prep Geometry, Algebra II, Essentials of Math and Math Skills. She began her forty-six year coaching career in the spring of 1979 when she coached girls’ lacrosse. During her coaching career, Susan has been the head coach of girls’ lacrosse and an assistant coach of field hockey and girls’ basketball. During her tenure as head lacrosse coach, Susan led her teams to seven state championships, four sectional championships, and twenty-two league championships. Susan was honored in the inaugural class of the New Jersey Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1997, and honored as Coach of the Decade for 1990-1999. In addition to being honored as the Coach of the Year on many occasions, Susan was awarded the prestigious *Bea Markwick* award in 2002. Susan was known as the “founding mother” of girls’ lacrosse in South Jersey, and was revered as a true “teacher” of the game.

Susan also served the Athletic Department as Assistant Field Hockey Coach under Bobbie Shultz for thirteen years, helping the team win seven state championships and numerous sectional and league titles.

In 2006, Susan was named Assistant Principal and Director of Athletics, a position she held until her retirement in 2015. During her tenure as athletic director, Shawnee athletics continued to be successful both on and off the field. She was also the Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, Nurses, and Mathematics Department. She instituted the Leadership Academy to help develop the Shawnee athletes into role models in both the school and community. She also started and developed Shawnee’s **Blue and White Night** and **Renegames**, both school-spirit events focusing on friendly competition between grade levels.

Throughout her adult life, Susan has been an active member in numerous community organizations such as the Indian Mills Recreational Program, Medford Lakes Field Hockey, Special Olympics, Remote Area Medical, South Jersey Food Bank, Cathedral Kitchen (Camden,) and member/past treasurer of Women’s Lacrosse Club of South Jersey.

Susan retired as Shawnee’s Athletic Director in 2015. She lives in Shamong, New Jersey with her spouse Kevin. Their children include Khristina, Kimberlee, Cynthia, and Kevin. Susan spends her time actively involved in volunteer activities and is enjoying the retired life!

Congratulations, Susan!

“Sue is responsible for putting Shawnee Lacrosse on the map in the United States. When a college coach saw that you played under Sue Rudderow Murphy, they knew you’d have the skills and the game sense to be a valuable member of their college team.”

-Marisa Maddaloni