

Biography of Dr. Julia Staver, winner of LDAA Golden Jubilee Distinguished Alumna Award for scholarship

Julia Staver, better known as Julie, excelled as a scholar in her Class of 1970, as salutatorian, but truly is Lower Dauphin's first widely recognized female scholar athlete (in sports of field hockey and basketball), her record long preceding this well used phrase today. Julie's entire family is well steeped in Lower Dauphin and scholarship, her father being LD's first guidance counselor, both of her parents being school board directors, and her two brothers , also LD graduates, both earning doctorate degrees. Following high school, Julie's years at the University of Pennsylvania earned her recognition in the classroom and on the field hockey and lacrosse fields. She continued her education at the very demanding Penn Veterinarian School, played for the US lacrosse team in the 1970's, was captain of the 1980 US Olympic women's field hockey team and co-captain of the 1984 bronze medal -winning US Olympic team. Julie graduated in the top 10 of her veterinarian class and today works in a thriving veterinary practice in the Reading PA area, in which she specializes in small animals. She uses her many skills and caring talents in applying her knowledge every day as a well respected member of her profession. Upon Julie's return to Lower Dauphin as an alumna speaker at Commencement, her well received speech exhorted the new graduates to appreciate their teachers for their wise teachings and scholarship as she did hers.