

## MOLLY HANLIN MURPHY

Class of 1977



Molly Hanlin Murphy graduated from Mynderse Academy in 1977. During her time at Mynderse Academy, she was a member of the Girl's Athletic Association and most notably lettered in five different Varsity sports her junior year. She also was an avid golfer and tennis player in her youth. Three of the awards she received her senior year at Mynderse were the Holly Wood Memorial Award, the Babe Ruth Award and the S.M.S. Auxiliary Award. She was a Field Hockey MVP, Most Improved Volleyball Player and a NYS competitor in Discus throwing. Molly was a Varsity starter in

Field Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball and Track & Field.

While attending Mynderse Academy, Molly held leadership positions in the school, as well as in athletics. She was a member of National Honor Society, an Honor Graduate, Junior Class President, a member of Girl's State and Student Council Vice President her senior year.

Upon graduating Mynderse Academy, Molly attended the State University College at Potsdam where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a dual degree in Computer Information Systems and Mathematics. At Potsdam, she was inducted into Epsilon Delta Pi (Computer Science Society) & Pi Mu Epsilon (National Honorary Mathematics Fraternity). Molly also received her Master of Science in Education Graduate Degree from Alfred University and her Educational Leadership Graduate Certifications from State University at Stony Brook.

Molly's time at Mynderse Academy laid the foundation for a lifetime dedicated to sports and embracing an active lifestyle. She continued her athletic journey at State University College at Potsdam playing Field Hockey and Basketball, as well as being involved in numerous intramural teams. This led to years of personal involvement on many team sports. After retiring from competitive athletics, she channeled her passion into coaching and teaching at all levels. As a coach and

teacher, Molly guided countless young athletes and students, helping them reach their potential and achieve their dreams. Her approach was rooted in the principles she learned at Mynderse Academy: dedication, discipline and perseverance. She put in extra hours to help create an athletic experience for all players. She coached school teams, travel teams, recreation teams, camp teams and ended her career assisting her husband with a college team. She took on leadership roles in fundraising, organizing local sporting events, supporting various charitable organizations and collaborating/communicating with many families in the community. The teams she coached were very successful and the memories that she helped to create still resonate with players today. "Sports ideally teach discipline and commitment. They challenge you and build character for everything you do in life." Coach Murphy knows how to create a culture that teaches, motivates and provides support with compassion at the forefront. Her proudest accomplishment is that she is still present in many of her past player's and student's lives.

After working for 15 years in the IT world, Molly found her niche as a 24-year GST BOCES Cisco Networking Academy Instructor and a 15-year Regional Summer School Principal. She retired in 2023 and moved to Medina, Ohio with her husband Jay. Molly and Jay enjoy spending time with family, supporting various sports teams and are the parents of Lyndsay (Justin) and Kyle (Annie), and grandparents of Max, Kelsey and Ada.