



## **Douglas Brickner**

After graduating from Hopewell-Loudon in 1976, Doug Brickner returned to his alma mater to coach elementary cross country and boys' track in 2000. In 2002 he became the head boys' track coach.

Over the course of 13 years in the boys' track program at Hopewell-Loudon, the many team accomplishments included: 34 Champion and Runner-Up Invitational Titles, 19 State Qualifiers, and 2 MAL Championships. Half of the school track records were broken, with some being bested two, four, and as many as five times.

The main focus of Doug's successful coaching philosophy was for the team members to realize that they were capable of success through hard work, mental focus, and belief in themselves and their teammates. His hope was that their track experience would be a lifelong experience. Doug was named MAL Coach of the Year 4 times during his tenure at Hopewell-Loudon.

An accomplished track athlete himself, Doug competed in the 100 yd. dash at the State Track meet in 1975, placing 8<sup>th</sup>, and in 1976, placing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As a loyal Chieftain fan, Mr. Brickner's continued interest and support of Hopewell-Loudon athletics is indisputable.