

Stephanie Hopkins

Lacrosse, Basketball

Class of 2006

Stephanie Hopkins was one of the greatest Lacrosse players to ever put on a Nyack uniform. A prolific goal scorer, Hoppie had many of her finest performances in Nyack's most important games. She was clutch. Her dedication to the team was unquestioned, including the recruitment of other athletes to play Lacrosse. Stephanie's leadership helped the team improve, and set the stage for future success. She was also a key member of the NHS Basketball team. Beyond playing, Hopkins has contributed to the development of local Lacrosse players, as a counselor at Lacrosse clinics, and as Head Coach of the St. Thomas Aquinas College Women's Lacrosse team.

Hoppie got the ball rolling impressively as a Freshman in Girls Lacrosse. She scored 50 goals, including 5 goals in a section quarter final loss to Edgemont, earning First Team All-Section and First Team All-League honors. As a Sophomore in 2004, Hopkins had 52 goals and was named First Team All-County, All-Section, and All League. Stephanie had 6 goals, including the 100th of her career, in a 20-5 revenge win over Edgemont in the section quarters that was also the 300th career win for Coach Al Pesner (NHS AHOF 2018). The team struggled in the regular season her Junior year, but Hoppie helped lead them to the semifinals, highlighted by a 3-goal performance in a road quarterfinal win over Brewster. Stephanie repeated her postseason honors and had her most prolific goal scoring season, finishing second in Section 1 with 81 goals. As a Senior, Hopkins led Section 1 Class B with 68 goals, earning All-American Honorable Mention honors along with First Team All-County, All-Section, and All-League. She helped the team grow to be a title-contender, showcased in a 7-goal, 1-assist performance in a 9-8 loss to eventual section champs TZ. Hoppie helped the younger players develop, paving the way for title-winning teams a few years later. Stephanie finished with 251 goals, a school record, and 31 assists, and the respect she earned led to her being named team MVP twice during her 4 years on the team.

In addition to her Lacrosse career, Hopkins was also an important member of the Basketball team. After making the team as a Freshman, she helped them become Co Champions of the League as a Sophomore. Her Junior year, Stephanie led Nyack on a 11-1 run after a 1-6 start. A highlight of that run was when she hit a go-ahead baseline jumper with 14 seconds left to help NHS upset top-ranked Pearl River.

Beyond her Nyack career, Hoppie was a member of the New York State Lacrosse team, and was named to the NY State Empire team 3 times. Stephanie has earned the respect of many

over the years for her leadership and commitment, and she continues to give back to the local Lacrosse community as the head coach at STAC.