

Laurie Pells

Laurie Pells has had an outstanding soccer career that began with her achievements at Hillsborough High School. She was a four-year varsity letter winner, performing as the starting goalie for three of those years. Her enthusiasm and leadership abilities led to her selection as the team captain in 1993 and the distinction of being the MVP that same year. Laurie continued her soccer career as a starter all four years at Georgian Court, where she still holds the NSCAA record for the most career shutouts: an incredible 57! In 1998 she continued to play soccer with the Semi-Pro Delaware Genies. Laurie was drafted by the Philadelphia Charge in the first ever women's professional soccer team and played in the inaugural summer season of 2001. Laurie was a graduate assistant and coach at The College of New Jersey when the women's soccer team won the 2003 Division 3 National Championship. She currently is teaching and coaching soccer at Clemson University.

When describing Laurie, many attributes come to mind: hard-working, dedicated, unstoppable, respected, vivacious, competitive—the complete athlete. Yet it is her sense of pride that makes her a Lady Raider who has made an impact on every team she has played on. She is certainly the kind of role model a school is proud to have! Hillsborough High School is fortunate to have had Laurie Pells participate in its athletic program. Thus it is with pride that Hillsborough High School inducts Laurie Pells in the first ever class of the Hall of Fame.

Athletic Achievements and Honor

High School

Member of the 1992 County and State Championship Soccer Team
First Team All-County/All-Area and All-Conference Soccer 1991, 1992, 1993

Soccer Captain and MVP 1993

Holds school record with 37 shutouts in 3 seasons starting
1993 All-State Soccer Team

Four-year varsity letter winner in Soccer

Three-year letter winner in Basketball

Captain of the Basketball Team 1992-93, 1993-94

Four-year letter winner in Softball

Softball All-Area Team 1994

Awarded 11 Varsity Letters

College

Four-year starter at Georgian Court

NSCAA record for most career shutouts: 57

Three-time NSCAA and NAIA All-American

1995 New Jersey Women of the Year list

1997 Conference Player of the Year

Three-time NAIA National Championship appearances

Senior All-Star Umbro Select Elite 16 in the Nation Team

Invited to the USA National Team Soccer tryouts in 1998

Professional

Semi-Pro Delaware Genies 1998, 1999

Philadelphia Charge 2001

“Up Close and Personal”

Attended Georgian Court on a full scholarship

Earned her MA in counseling at The College of New Jersey as a graduate assistant

Currently an Assistant Professor and Assistant Women's Soccer Coach at Clemson University

