

## Carol Puza Gallagher

Carol Puza Gallagher is a 1979 graduate of Hillsborough High School. She was an outstanding athlete in two sports. Carol earned four varsity letters in both basketball and track. Although achieving much success in both sports, Carol's achievements in basketball have earned her a place in the Hillsborough High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

### Carol's honors in track include:

5<sup>th</sup> Place Central Jersey Group 3: Shot Put – 1977, HHS  
Shot Put Record – 1976-1979

### Carol's honors in basketball include:

1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference – 1978, 1979, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-County – 1978, 1979, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-Area – 1979, Started on the Girls' County and Conference championship Team – 1978, 1979

After graduation from Hillsborough High School, Carol continued her academic and athletic career at Princeton University. While at Princeton, Carol was a four-year varsity performer on the women's basketball team.

### Carol's honors at Princeton University include:

2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Ivy League, MVP in the Poinsettia Classic Tournament, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Ivy League Tournament, Selected by the Philadelphia Journal to their All-Star Classic

Carol graduated from Princeton University in 1983. She continued her education at Michigan State University, graduating in 1986 with an MA in Exercise Physiology.

Currently Carol has put aside her professional career to pursue perhaps the most fulfilling career she could have: a stay-at-home mom. She has been married for eleven years to James Gallagher. They have four children: Joey, 9; Jack, 8; Kylie, 6; and Camille, 3.

Thinking back on her high school career, Carol states that she cannot recall any one incident, moment, or accomplishment that comes to the forefront of her memory. However she writes, "I recall most vividly an overriding feeling of belonging and succeeding....I began my basketball career as an inexperienced, uncoordinated, and easily intimidated novice player. Over time, as I gained skill and confidence through hard work and excellent coaching, I remember the great feeling of being able to contribute to the team...The important life-long lessons I learned from being part of a team still resonate in the value system that I try to teach my children."

The Hillsborough High School Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to induct Carol Puza Gallagher.

