

Margaret Eckerstrom-MacDonald

Margaret graduated from HHS in 1983. She participated in field hockey, basketball and track. She is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her achievements in field hockey.

Margaret played three years on the varsity field hockey team and was captain in 1982. She was a member of the Star-Ledger All-State Group III team in 1982. She won the Coach's Choice Honorable Mention award for All-State Group III, was selected to the All-county and All-conference 1st teams in 1981 and 1982, and was a member of the Central Jersey Group III title teams in 1981 and 1982.

In college, Margaret had a full scholarship to Colgate University, a Division I school, where she started in every game, in her four-year career, except for her first game freshman year. She was nominated in 1983 to All-American Division I.

Also, in college, Margaret started a women's track club. She was president and founder of the Colgate Women's Intercollegiate Varsity Cross-Country team. She gathered research and consulted athletic directors and presented a case for the addition of a varsity women's cross-country program which eventually led to a full-fledged track and field program for women. By 1990 Colgate University had a women's varsity track and field program.

After college, Margaret continued playing field hockey and was a member of the United States Field Hockey Association. She participated in international tournaments in Washington, D.C. and in California.

The Hall of Fame Committee would like to extend its congratulations to Margaret for becoming a member of the 2009 class of the HHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

