

Kristen Meyer

Before graduating in 2001, Kristen Meyer has earned an outstanding number of personal honors at HHS in cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field. In her four years, she earned twelve varsity letters. Overall, for the 2000-2001 school year, she was Hillsborough High School's Athlete of the Year, the Skyland Conference Scholar-Athlete and the Somerset County Scholar Athlete.

In cross country, she was a County Champion, 1st Team All-Somerset County, 1st team All-Skyland Conference, 1st Team All-Central Jersey, All- State and her team's MVP.

In indoor track and field, her honors include All-Group State Champion in 3200m, Skyland Conference Champion, New Jersey Nets Athlete of the Month, County Athlete of the Year, Area Athlete of the Year, Central Jersey Runner of the Year, State Athlete of the Year, 1st Team All-Conference, All-State, All-American and her team's MVP. The Distance Medley Relay team of 2001, made up of Lauren Kloss, Deanna Willard, Jaci Pfeiffer and Kristen Meyer, is the first team to be inducted into the HHS Athletic Hall of Fame. This team was National Scholastic Indoor Distance Medley Relay National Champions in 2001.

In outdoor track and field, Kristen was Somerset County Champion, Skyland Conference Champion, Central Jersey Group IV Champion, Central Jersey Runner of the Year, 1st Tea All-Somerset County, County Athlete of the Year, 1st Team All-Skyland Conference, All-Area Athlete of the year, All-central Jersey, All-State and her team's MVP.

Kristen graduated with many school records. In cross country, she set school records at the county course at Pleasant Valley Park, the conference course at Deer Path Park, and the state course at Holmdel Park. In indoor track, she set records in the 600m, 800m, 1000m, 1600m, Mile, 3200m, 2-Mile, 4x800m relay, 4x1 mile relay, Sprint Medley relay and the Distance Medley relay. In outdoor track, she set records in the 800m, 1600m, Mile, 3000m, 3200m, 4x400m relay, 4x800m relay, 4x1600m relay, the Sprint medley Relay, and the Distance Medley relay.

Upon graduating, she was awarded a four-year athletic scholarship to the University of Connecticut, the Ricky Proehl Scholar-Athlete Scholarship, the George H. Efinger Foundation Scholarship, and the Lewis J. Gray Memorial Foundation Scholarship.

While at University of Connecticut, Kristen was the captain of her Cross Country Team and Indoor Track and Field team her junior and senior years. She was also the captain of her Outdoor Track and Field team in her senior year. She graduated with the school record in Indoor Track and Field in the 3000m with a time of 9:48.31. In Outdoor Track and Field, she holds the fifth fastest time in the 5K and the third fastest time in the 3000m steeplechase.

She also earned the Cross-Country Student Athlete Awards in 2005, the ESPN Academic All-American Nomination in 2004-2005, was a New England Scholar from 2003-2005, and was a UCONN Director of Athletics Scholar in the fall of 2001-2004 and in the spring of 2002-2005. She was a member of the Big East Cross Country and Track and Field Academic All-Star teams from 2001-2005. She was a member of the All-Region Team for Collegiate Runners from New Jersey in 2003, All-New England Track And Field in 2002 and 2003 and All Big East Track and Field in 2003 and 2005.

Academically, Kristen graduated Cum Laud from University of Connecticut in 2005 with a B.S. in Elementary Education as then went on to earn her Masters of Arts in Elementary Education the following year. She made the Dean's List in the fall semesters of 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 and the spring semester of 2002, 2003, and 2005. Kristen was also one of six students at the university to begin Learning Groups, which is a program designed to mentor and enhance the academic efforts of freshman teammates.

The HHS Hall of Fame Committee is proud to induct Kristen Meyer as a member of the Class of 2010.

