



Melissa Manzer

Year of Induction: **2012**

Year of Graduation: **2004**

To say someone was the best in history in any given category is to usually incite an argument amongst those with an opinion on the topic; however, in the case of Melissa Manzer, it is difficult to argue that any female (or possibly male for that matter) has ever dominated on the basketball court for the Wildcats in the way she did.

Ms. Manzer earned nine varsity letters at JCHS—four in soccer and five in basketball. She was a powerful offensive striker forward for the lady Wildcats soccer team for all four of her years on the team, but Melissa's true love was basketball, and she stood above her peers on the court in every way. A listing of her scholastic career accolades include:

- 1,986 career points scored
- 704 points scored in '03-'04—Broome County record for Boys' or Girls' Varsity Basketball
- 32 points per game average in '02-'03—All-Time STAC record for Boys' or Girls' Varsity Basketball
- Most points scored in one game—47 points vs. Oneonta in 2002-2003 season
- All-Metro Player of the Year in '02-'03 and '03-'04
- Central Division All-Star and All-STAC in '02-'03 and '03-'04

Melissa continued her basketball career at Division I Siena College in Albany. She was a 4-year starter at Siena and was the team's captain in 2007-2008. She finished her collegiate career with another long list of noteworthy accomplishments:

- Single season school record for free throw percentage at 89.5% in '07-'08
- Siena College all-time career free throw percentage leader at 90.6%
- 5th all-time in Siena College Women's Basketball history with 162 career three pointers
- Ranked 6th nationally in three point percentage per game in '07-'08
- 2007 MAAC All-Tournament Team
- Two-time MAAC All-Academic Team

Melissa's college career earned her the opportunity to play professional basketball in Europe. She played in the Dameligaen League in Denmark for two seasons and she ranked in the league's top ten in assists, points and steals per game in 2008-2009.

The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to welcome the Wildcats' most dominant female basketball player in school history, and its first female athlete to play professional basketball, Melissa Manzer, JCHS Class of 2004.