



Debbie Kennedy

Year of Induction: **2018**

Year of Graduation: **N/A**

It is with great pride that we induct Debbie Kennedy as a contributor to the class of 2018 Johnson City Wildcat Athletic Hall of Fame. Deb has devoted her time, passion, and work ethic to Wildcat Athletics for over 40 years. It is without question that Deb's involvement as an athlete, coach and supporter, specifically in the girls basketball program, is leaving a positive impact on everyone who is fortunate enough to spend time with her.

Deb was born in 1959, in Johnson City New York and began to develop her excitement and dedication for Wildcat Athletics at a young age. In high school, she was a three sport athlete who competed at the varsity level for a total of eleven seasons. As a tennis player, she was on the varsity team for four years and played as her team's number one and number two singles player. She also played for three years on the softball team. In basketball Debbie was a member of basketball teams that were dominant year in and out, winning sectionals during her senior season. One of her fondest memories was that during her freshman and sophomores years, she was a part of a team that went on a twenty-six game winning streak. When the streak was broken at Susquehanna Valley, her team came back later that year and defeated them at Johnson City in front of a packed gymnasium.

After high school Deb started her coaching career in the Johnson City muni-league. She coached 5th and 6th grade girls for two years before coaching the junior varsity girls basketball team. For six consecutive seasons, her basketball teams claimed their division title. She also coached girls junior varsity softball for three years, and in her last few years of coaching went back to coach a boys team in the muni-league.

After coaching, Deb's commitment to basketball and Johnson City continued through becoming the scorekeeper for the girls program. Since 1986, Deb has kept the scorebook and been a constant supporter of the girls program (32 years). While she is well known for creating a masterpiece (scorebook) during each game, her contributions extend far beyond. She constantly supports and encourages athletes and coaches through her interactions. She is a great ambassador for the girls program and Johnson City Athletics. Through the relationships she develops with Johnson City stakeholders and visiting guests, Deb has a significant impact on others.

It is an honor to welcome Debbie into the Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame.