



DEBBIE MARKS LAKE

The list of inductees from Ewing High School grows tonight with the inclusion of Debbie Marks Lake. A multi-sport standout for the Blue Devils, Debbie was also a leader in the classroom during her high school and college years, earning several scholar-athlete awards. We honor the career and legacy of Debbie Marks Lake upon her induction into the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.

In her four years at Ewing, Debbie set a standard of excellence yet to be equaled. A three sport athlete, she won 10 varsity letters and was the captain of five Ewing varsity teams. It was in soccer that she made Mercer County take notice. She was the sweeper for Hall of Fame coach Shelly Dearden for four years, garnering All-CVC honors as a sophomore and junior. Her senior year in 1989-90 saw Debbie anchor a Ewing side that produced ten shutouts, while she outdid her previous accomplishments by again being named All-CVC as well as first team All-State. She was honored as the Trentonian Girls Soccer Player of the Year and won the Karas/McGurk award as the school's top scholar athlete. A well-rounded student, Debbie was on the National Honor Society, was Class Treasurer, and was voted Homecoming Queen in her senior year.

Not limited to excellence on the soccer field, Debbie was a top player for the basketball program, earning All-CVC honors for two years while she was a .400 hitting catcher & shortstop on the softball diamond, again garnering All-CVC recognition while being awarded the Trenton Softball Hall of Fame scholarship.

A soccer scholarship to LaSalle saw her head to Philadelphia where, after a redshirt freshman year due to a broken ankle, Debbie was the starting sweeper for four years for the Explorers, earning All-Conference honors on three occasions. Echoing her accomplishment in Ewing, she was named LaSalle Women's Soccer Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 1994. After receiving both her undergraduate and master's degrees from LaSalle, she returned to the area, coaching youth soccer for both boys and girls in Ewing and Robbinsville, including her own son and daughter, Matthew and Ava.

Sadly, in 2015, Debbie lost a valiant 3 ½ year fight against cancer at age 43. In her honor, Ewing High School, through the Debbie Marks Lake Foundation, awards a memorial scholarship for scholastics and athletics in her name. Additionally, LaSalle University also awards the Debbie Marks Lake Senior Award to a deserving senior Women's Soccer player in her memory. Her memory continues to live on through her husband Michael, her children, and many family and friends. A champion of the underdog and one of Mercer's finest players, we honor Debbie Marks Lake upon her induction in to the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame.