

Diana Demianenko

Excellence in Athletics Award

Presented to a multi-sport female athlete who excelled in athletics throughout her four years at WDHS. This athlete exemplifies the highest qualities of good character, sportsmanship, leadership, loyalty, integrity, and school spirit.

Name: _____ email _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Sports Played at WDHS

*Indicate positions of leadership

Varsity	JV	Frosh

School Clubs & Activities

*Indicate positions of leadership

Awards & Honors

*Sports, Academics, Other

Community/Other Organizations

Future Plans
(i.e. college, military, work, other)

Supporting Athletic Statistics

Academic Standing

Please submit a 500 word essay describing “Why I feel I am deserving of this award”.

We ask that you also supply a written letter of recommendation from a WDHS coach along with the essay.

Diana Demianenko, born in Coaldale, Pennsylvania in 1932, was a true pioneer in women's athletics. Although her opportunities to play organized sports at Coaldale High School were limited, she was an outstanding student, gymnast and basketball player. After high school, she attended East Stroudsburg University where she excelled in basketball, field hockey and track and field and graduated with honors in the field of Health and Physical Education.

Upon graduation, she joined the faculty of Clifton Heights High School, teaching health and physical education as well as coaching women's basketball. During this time, Miss Dee competed at the state and national level in track and field, specializing in the discus, shot putt, and javelin throw. She was selected as an alternate for the United States Women's Track Team for the Helsinki, Finland Olympics in 1958.

In addition to her teaching and coaching duties, Miss Dee qualified for the Officers Candidate School of the United States Marine Corps where she was promoted to First Lieutenant and served from 1957 to 1960.

It is in the '60s that Miss Dee found her way to South Jersey and received a Master's degree in Guidance from Glassboro State College. She spent a year on the staff at Deptford High School, and then as fate would have it, found her way into eagle country.



Miss Dee then went on to dedicate forty years to West Deptford High School teaching Health and PE and coaching. She was a three-sport coach serving at the helm of both the Lady Eagle basketball and softball teams as well as double-teaming with Mrs. Sally Jordan as her assistant in field hockey. The dynamic team of Jordan and Dee captured six championships, making WD a force to contend with in the Olympic and Colonial conferences.



Her achievements and honors speak for themselves. In basketball, she had a record of 237 wins and 94 losses, garnering eight conference championships and being honored as "Coach of the Year" by the NJ Coaches Association. She has been inducted into the WDHS Athletic Hall of Fame as well as the Carbon County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. Miss Dee was also a founding member of the South Jersey Coaches of Women's Sports, an organization dedicated to recognizing the accomplishments of all women's sports coaches. She was a respected member of the coaching community whose integrity and principles of sportsmanship and fair play were a tribute to her.

Throughout her tenure, Miss Dee wore the "Green & White" well. Her loyalty and school spirit exemplified the highest degree of "Eagle Pride". Her passion and commitment to WD and her students have inspired many and lives on in this award.

