

Women's History Month



Jackie Trakimas

New Jersey lost a trailblazing coaching figure when Jackie Trakimas passed away on March 12 at age 63 after a battle against cancer.

A 2004 inductee into the South Jersey Basketball of Fame, she compiled 260-57 record as the girls coach at Bishop Eustace, Gloucester High School (where she graduated in 1979) and West Deptford High School.

She also became the first woman to coach a boys basketball team in South Jersey, when she led Lindenwold beginning in 2004.

She was also a championship-winning coach, having led Bishop Eustace to the Parochial B state championship in 1998 and '99. She became a coach at Bishop Eustace in 1984, soon after her graduation from Glassboro State.

In addition to coaching basketball and teaching math at Gloucester and other schools, she also coached field hockey, track and lacrosse.

Her basketball coaching extended to college as well.

She founded the women's program at Salem County Community College during the early 1990s.

Then, after her back-to-back titles at Bishop Eustace, she became coach at Rutgers-Camden, beginning later in 1999. She coached there five years, highlighted by a New Jersey Athletic Conference championship and accompanying NCAA tournament berth in 2003.



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