

Port Washington Youth Activities
PYA HALL OF FAME

ROB CAPRARIELLO



Rob Caprariello (“Cap”) has been a part of PYA for a long time. He grew up in our programs where he developed his athletic skills, and has given back to PYA as a coach and proud father of athletes in the organization.

While he is often seen around the fields and courts of PYA as a softball, baseball, football, and boys and girls basketball coach, Rob started out in PYA as a lacrosse player in 1973 and 1974. As he moved on to Schreiber High School, he realized his size and ability would also be an asset to the Viking football team where he was a 3 year starter on the varsity. As an offensive guard, defensive tackle, and punter, Rob was an All-League selection as a junior when he led the team in tackles. As captain of the Vikings his senior year, he once again was the team’s top tackler, made the All-County squad, and received the prestigious Letterman’s Club Sportsmanship Award. Cap also managed to keep

busy in the springtime as he spent one season on the J.V. lacrosse team, and 2 years playing varsity lacrosse as well. This involvement and success led to his induction into the Schreiber High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

In college, Rob had an opportunity to stay close to home and play four years of varsity football at St. John’s University under coach Bob Ricca. He was a starting offensive lineman for all four years with the Redmen (as they were then known), and also punted the pigskin as a freshman. The athletic honors kept coming at St. John’s as Cap was a two-time Met Conference All-Star at two different positions, offensive guard and center. In his four years with the Redmen, he helped lead the team to three Met Conference championships. He was team captain during his junior and senior years when the team was ranked as high as 4th in the country for their program level. After receiving his marketing degree from the school, Rob stayed on as a graduate assistant for the football team coaching the defensive line. In 1993, Cap was named to the St. John’s “All-Era” Football Team representing star players in their football program from 1965 – 1992.

Rob’s desire to coach had him return to PYA as his children became involved in the programs over the last decade. He was a head softball coach from 2006 - 2009, and a head girls’ basketball coach in 2008 (as well as an assistant coach in 2007 and 2009). From 2008 to the present time, he has been a head baseball and boys’ basketball coach as well as assistant coach for football. On top of all this, Cap managed the travel softball team in 2009, and coached the same travel team in 2007 and 2008. One of his fondest memories is from 2009 when he managed the girls’ 12-and-Under softball team to PYA’s first ever Williamsport District 28 softball championship.

Rob is a twenty year veteran of the Xerox Corporation. As a person who never was far from his hometown of Port Washington, he and his wife Christine are the parents of three children – Matthew, Alexandra, and Christopher. His volunteer efforts also go beyond PYA as Rob has been very active on Long Island giving