

Murphee Hayes
Inducted June 24, 2011

Athlete – Class of 1992

Murphee Hayes was a three-sport varsity athlete in cross country, basketball, and track and field serving as a team captain in each sport. She was a two-year starter as a basketball play maker and defender,

As a senior cross country runner, Murphee was named an IAC First Team All-Star by a special “Overall Coaches Nomination” even though she was unable to run in the championship meet due to torn ligaments in her ankle. To maintain her team’s eligibility, she ran in the Sectional IV and State Championship meets in a doctor-prescribed running boot. Her gritty participation directly allowed the team to compete and win the Section IV Championship, place second in the NYSPHAA meet, and move on to the NYS Federation meet.

Murphee was a three-time Overall IAC Track and Field First Team All-Star. She won the IAC 800 meter race in three consecutive years and held the IAC record. As a senior she finished in 17th place in the 800 meter run in the State meet. She also ran in the State meet as a junior on the Olympian 12th place 3200 meter relay team and the Section IV distance medley team. She set an MCS record in the 400 meter at 1:03.1 and holds the existing school record for the 800 at 2:20.06. She also contributed to school records in the 6400 meter relay, 1600 meter relay, distance medley relay, and sprint medley relay.

Murphee continued her running career at the University of Delaware where she earned a BS in Health and Physical Education and was named Most Valuable Athlete in Women’s Indoor Track and Field. She also earned an MS and Certificate of Advanced Study in Administration from SUNY Cortland. She has served as a teacher, administrator and coach in the fields of health, physical education, and athletics. She was named the Syracuse Charger Distance Runner of the Year in 2006. She continues to be an avid competitive runner.