



New York Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Class of 2025 Sandy Mancuso-Lopez

Sandy is a lifelong resident of Kingston, New York, and Kingston High School class of 1976 graduate. While at Kingston she played Softball, Volleyball and Basketball.

After high school she attended the State University of New York at Cortland majoring in Physical Education where she played Lacrosse. After graduating she returned to Kingston as a physical education teacher and coached track, modified softball, modified girls basketball and varsity volleyball.

Sandy received her Master's from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Sandy started coaching volleyball at Kingston in 1981 and retired in 2000, she came out of retirement to help stabilize the program in 2010-2013. While at Kingston her volleyball teams went 380-104 making her the Winningest Volleyball Coach in KHS history.

In 2024, she was inducted into the Kingston High School Hall of Fame as a player and coach. Coach Mancuso-Lopez won 10 League titles in 3 different leagues while at Kingston; including, six Section 9 Class A Titles (1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999); one NYS Class A Southeast Regional Championship (1995); and one NYS Class A Finalist (1995). She was named NHVAL Coach of the Year (1986), and Middletown Record Coach of the Year (1997, 1999).

In 1998, Coach Mancuso-Lopez led the team to a 21-1 record, including the programs first undefeated regular season 18-0. In 1999, she guided team to second consecutive 21-1 record and another undefeated regular season finishing 18-1.

After retiring once again in 2013 she was lured out of retirement in 2018 by an offer to start a volleyball program at the nearby Mount Academy. The Mount did not have any



sports programs for girls, so it meant building something from the ground up. It was a challenge and an opportunity to build something for the girls. Initially it was uncertain if the program would start at the varsity or JV level, and finally it was decided “to go big or go home.”

The very first Mount Academy volleyball team won the 2018 Section 9 Class D Championship, the NYS Class D Southeastern Regional Championship and made it to the NYS Class D Final Four. Coach Mancuso-Lopez’s coaching career record at Mount Academy was 128-12, including a 55-1 home record. While at Mount Academy, she was named Section 9 Volleyball Coach of the Year (2020) and New York Volleyball Coach’s Association Coach of the Year (2021, 2022), and led the team win numerous other championships (see below).

- 2019 Section 9 Class D Champions
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- 2021 NYS Class D Southeastern Regional Champions
- 2021 NYS Class D State Champions
- 2022 MHAL League Champions
- 2022 Section 9 Class D Champions
- 2022 NYS Class D Southeastern Regional Champions
- 2022 NYS Class D State Champions
- 2023 MHAL League Champions
- 2024 MHAL League Champions
- 2024 Section 9 Class C Champions
- 2024 NYS Class C Southeastern Regional Champions
- 2024 NYS Class C Championship Finalist

Coach Mancuso-Lopez achieved a remarkable 505-116 combined career record in which she accumulated 12 Sectional Championships, five Regional Championships, 13 League Championships, and two NYS State Class D State Championships.

Aside from volleyball, Sandy has completed the NYC Marathon, Iron Man in Lake Placid and the NYC Triathlon, and enjoys playing golf. She also played a role with the GEVA Club New York Elite 17 Navy.