

**Ms. Tara Maney**

**Class of 1983**

**Columbia High School**

Ms. Tara Maney is currently employed by the East Greenbush Central School District as a Special Education teacher at Columbia High School. She has occupied this position for over fifteen years in an exemplary manner.

Ms. Maney graduated from Columbia High School in 1983. She then proceeded to earn an Associates Degree at the Junior College of Albany, which was followed by her attainment of a B.A. in Communication at Fordham University. She completed her formal education by earning a Masters Degree in Elementary and Special Education while enrolled at the Sage Graduate College.

During her tenure at Columbia High School, Ms. Maney has employed her skills with students in a variety of projects and activities. An almost inexhaustible list of activities vividly displays her leadership qualities and commitment to both our young men and women as well as community. Her school-wide projects include: food drives, Awareness Days, Days of Caring, various orientations, Homecoming, Award Ceremonies, Giving Tree, Adopt-A-Family; Project Playground, Music and Arts Festival, Kids Helping Kids Projects, and Blood Drives.

On a community-wide basis, Ms. Maney has motivated students to participate in an extensive variety of community projects. Among these communal activities were: Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Care Packages for the Ronald McDonald House, JDRF Race for a Cure, Breast Cancer Research, St. Jude's Rally Against Childhood Cancer, and Make-A-Wish Angel sales.

Ms. Maney's indefatigable vigor and outstanding leadership qualities have been duly recognized in the local Business Review Magazine and by the YMCA, which in 2007 selected her as its "Educator of the Year" in the Capital District.

Ms. Maney's husband Anthony and children Paris, Austin, and "AJ" can justly be proud of her accomplishments and recognition of her dedication to her profession.

It is therefore, with honor and pride, that the East Greenbush Education foundation, in recognition of Tara Maney's achievements, inducts her this evening into the Columbia High School Hall of Fame.