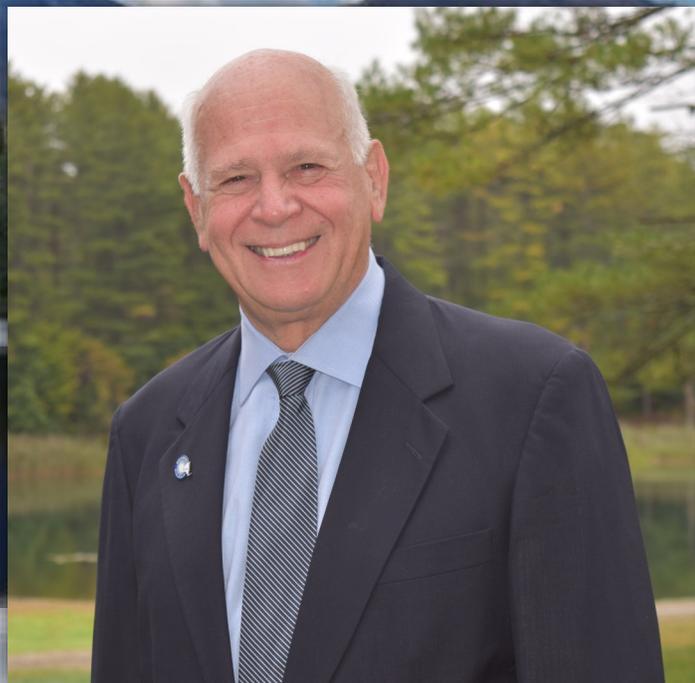


In memory of...

Ken R. Demas
1944 ~ 2017



Ken was longtime member of NYS AHPERD serving in many different capacities; most recently as the NYS AHPERD Foundation Treasurer and past Board of Directors Chair. His involvement through the years touched the lives of many NYS AHPERD members. He will be greatly missed by our NYS AHPERD family...

The biography below was written by his lifelong friend, and fellow Past President, Jason Quitoni to celebrate NYS AHPERD's most prestigious honor which was bestowed upon Ken at our recent state conference.

The 2016 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Lifetime Service Award is Ken Demas. As of this month, I have known Ken for 62 years, which gives me a unique insight to him both personally and professionally. I have witnessed time and time again, the inspiration and guide he has been to countless people in our profession. His contributions, accomplishments and the impact he has had on our profession and NYS AHPERD have been extraordinary. In 1967 he began teaching elementary school in the Mamaroneck Central School District. Ken excelled as a creative and innovative teacher and his leadership abilities qualified him to serve as department chair at Hommocks Middle School for 14 years. This led to him becoming a legendary cornerstone in the success of the Mamaroneck Districts physical education program. In service to the profession, Ken served for seven years as Southeastern Zone president. Under his direction the Zone became a strong and viable influence within NYS AHPERD. He has served on the Board of Directors for 9 years, always during times when the Association was making significant decisions that ultimately impacted the Association related to financial growth and stability. He has been Chair of the Board of Directors for the past 4 years and presided over his final meeting this past Wednesday. He was elected to the presidency of NYS AHPERD in 1993. His Conference theme was "Common Goals – Different Roles". Ken has served on numerous committees at the national, district, state and Zone levels, including but not limited to: NASPE's National Standards for Physical Education committee; National Board for Professional Teaching Standards committee, Eastern District Association, Honor Awards Committee NYS AHPERD Teacher of the Year; Professional of the Year, and Distinguished Service Award committees, Chair of the Constitution and Operating Codes committee, Goals 2000 Statewide Initiative committee member and workshop facilitator, Statewide Assessment Taskforce committee and the Southeastern Zone Mini Grant committee. In 2007 he served as the Retirees Section President. He is currently the Treasurer of the NYS AHPERD Foundation. Ken has a very impressive list of publications. Whether it be a chapter review or an article for a professional journal, he has shared great insight to the teaching profession. He has presented many times over at district, Zone and state conferences including, at 20 National Conventions. Ken has been honored with numerous awards including, South Eastern Zone, Distinguished Physical Educator; NYS AHPERD Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year, The Eastern District Middle School Teacher of the Year; In 1996 he received the NYS AHPERD Distinguished Service Award, at that time the highest award bestowed on a NYS AHPERD member; for meritorious service. He received an Amazing Person Award from the Retirees and the Future Professional Sections. For all that Ken has contributed throughout his professional life to the success of NYS AHPERD he has our appreciation, our respect and our gratitude. Mr. President let us together celebrate Ken and his lifetime service to NYS AHPERD as we honor him with our 2016 Lifetime Service Award.

Rest in peace Ken... a life well lived.