## **COACH AL LOUCKS**



During two separate stints as head coach of the Mynderse Academy Boys' Soccer Program, Coach Al Loucks amassed 155 wins and won 5 league championships with one sectional title in his 11 seasons. Al's goal was to create a program focused on community involvement, leadership, and development, as well as putting winning teams on the pitch. Another of Al's goals was to prepare student-athletes to continue their education at the next level and keep soccer in their lives. His student-athletes were encouraged to be involved in

the community and build relationships that would lead them into greater opportunities of life with and without soccer. His leadership created the Seneca Falls United Soccer Club which produced year-round opportunities for studentathletes in the Mynderse Academy soccer program. This ongoing preparation helped the Blue Devils to reach three sectional finals and win the 2003 Section V Class B championship (That team is being inducted into the 2021 class of the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.). Al, along with other members of the Seneca Falls community, took several Blue Devil teams to England to participate in tournaments, friendly matches, and enhance student-athletes' overall educational experience.

Al coached the Mynderse program from 1997-'98 after six years with the Keuka College women's team from '91-'96. He left to oversee the Keuka College men's team before returning to lead the Blue Devils again from 2001-'09. During this second tour of duty, Al truly put Mynderse soccer on the map of Section Five athletics. His teams were in contention for sectional honors year in and year out earning the number one sectional tournament seed on multiple occasions. In 2010, Al left the Blue Devils and became the head coach at West Genesee High School in Section Three where he led that program to its first winning season in 11 years. From 2015 to the present, Al has been an assistant coach at William Smith College.