

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Glen Oaks loses Phyllis Cupp to retirement

**CENTREVILLE---**Phyllis Cupp, Professor of Physical Education and Director of the Fitness/Wellness Center at Glen Oaks Community College, has announced her retirement. Professor Cupp has been teaching since 1976 when she was a physical education instructor and women's sports coach at Dowagiac Union High School. She joined Hillsdale College in 1980 as an Assistant Professor of Health and Physical Education and Head Women's Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball Coach. Professor Cupp joined Glen Oaks Community College in 1992 as an Instructor of Physical Education and Women's Basketball Coach. Her credentials include a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Physical Education from Western Michigan University.

Professor Cupp taught NSH 100, 104, 105, 106 and 107 physical education courses over the years and



developed the Fitness/Wellness Center into a strong physical conditioning center for the college and surrounding community. Numerous events for students, faculty, staff and community have evolved under her leadership, including the annual Halloween Hustle, Turkey Trot, Santa Shuffle, and involvement in community activities like the Corporate Cup.

Voted an Outstanding College Athlete of America in 1975, Cupp was a 4-year member of the Western Michigan University Intercollegiate Women's Basketball Team and served as Captain for two years. She was a member of the United States Women's Basketball Team 1972-1973 and a Silver Medalist at the World University Games, Moscow, in 1973. In 1973, Cupp was on the U.S. Women's Volleyball Training Squad and she made it to the final selection in 1975 for the Pan American and Olympic Team on the U.S. Women's Basketball Team. Cupp was also a member of the WMU Field Hockey, Volleyball and Softball Intercollegiate Teams and was inducted into the Western Michigan University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988. Professor Cupp as named "Coach of the Year" for

Basketball in 1986-1987, named "Coach of the Year" by the NAIA District 23 for Volleyball in 1981 and 1982.

Over the years, Cupp not only coordinated and directed athletics and sports programs, but she has assumed leadership roles in many college athletic associations, women's basketball and volleyball associations, and health and physical fitness organizations.

When Phyllis Cupp first came to Glen Oaks Community College she said, "I feel I can make an excellent contribution to the College." And, without a doubt, she HAS many times over.