2020 Candidate for the Office of Member-at-Large

Name: Jacqueline Malaska

School/Org: New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (Retired)

Bio (300 Words or Less):
Jacqueline (Jackie) Malaska retired in July 2018, as the first full time Executive Director of the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAHPERD). Jackie’s passion for the profession is a continuance of her 32 years as a health and physical educator at the Wayside Elementary School in Ocean Township, and head coach for the girls’ varsity tennis team. In her role as Executive Director, she fulfilled the Executive Board’s vision to expand partnerships, increase professional development opportunities and establish NJAHPERD as the “go to” experts for health education, physical education and physical activity.

She has been a member of SHAPE America since 1975 and has participated in SPEAK Out! Day on Capitol Hill for many years promoting the importance of physical education and physical activity to legislators. She has served the Eastern District as Convention Exhibits Manager.

Jackie earned her undergraduate degree from Trenton State College and Master of Arts degree from Marygrove College. She was recently inducted into The College of New Jersey “Alumni Wall of Fame” for her contributions to the profession.

NJAHPERD has honored her with the Outstanding Teaching Award, Honor Award and numerous Presidential Citations. She is also the recipient of the SHAPE America Eastern District Tilia J. Fantasia Service Award, NJ State YMCA Culture of Health Champion Award and the NJ Teen Driving Coalition Champion Award.

Jackie resides in Ocean Township, NJ with her husband John. She is a competitive tennis player, enjoys her family vacations on St. John USVI, walking on the Belmar boardwalk and her newly found retirement activities of kayaking and pickle ball. She is totally enamored with her grandbabies Isla Bleu, Jackson and Amelie Rose.

Jackie has devoted herself to the promotion of a healthy, active lifestyle and the profession, as a teacher, coach, mentor and leader.