

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Brendan Malone Faculty/Coach



Coach Brendan Malone grew up in Astoria, Long Island and was a parishioner at St. Joseph's Church. He attended Rice High School in Manhattan and is a 1952 graduate. He then attended Iona College. Coach Malone served in the US Army after which he attended NYU and received a Master's degree in Physical Education. He then started teaching physical education and coaching the basketball and baseball teams at Power.

Coach Malone is married to his wife Maureen for 55 plus years. They live in Armonk, NY. The Malone's have 6 children and 13 grandchildren.

Brendan Malone won multiple CHSAA City Championships while coaching the Power Varsity Basketball team in the 1970s. But what people don't know is that he was also a successful baseball coach. Coach Malone won multiple Bronx-Manhattan Baseball Championships while he was coaching the varsity team in the 1970s.

Once in the NBA, after a number of college coaching positions (at Fordham, Yale, Syracuse and as head coach at Rhode Island), Coach Malone was an assistant to Chuck Daly when the Detroit Pistons won back-to-back NBA Championships in 1989 and 1990. Indeed, Coach Malone is credited with being the major architect in devising a defense to stop Michael Jordan, which was a key to the Pistons winning back-to-back NBA titles.

During his 30-year NBA coaching career, Coach Malone was also the first head coach of the then-expansion Toronto Raptors. During that first season (1995-96), he orchestrated a regular season defeat of the Jordan-led Chicago Bulls, one of the greatest regular season upsets in NBA history, as that Bulls team would finish the year at 72-10 (at the time, the all-time wins record for a team in the regular season). Coach Malone also was an assistant coach for the New York Knicks on three separate occasions (1986-88, 1996-2000 and 2003-04).

In recent years, Coach Malone was Stan Van Gundy's top assistant for the Detroit Pistons. To this day, he is still working with draft picks and scouting for the Detroit Pistons.

He is a member of the CHSAA Hall of Fame and the Brooklyn Old Timers Hall of Fame for his contributions to NYC Basketball.

Two interesting things the Coach mentioned is that he started his coaching career as a CYO coach at Precious Blood Parish in Astoria and that he earned his wings from the 101st Airborne Jump School.