

New York Volleyball Coaches Association

# Hall of Fame

Class of 2025



**SANDY MANCUSO LOPEZ**

Kingston High School  
Mount Academy



**ANGELA ROBBINS**

Carthage High School



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**JANUARY 24, 2025 (New York) - The New York Volleyball Coaches Association (NYVCA) is pleased to announce its Class of 2025 Hall of Fame inductees: Sandy Mancuso-Lopez and Angela Robbins.** These highly regarded volleyball coaches have made significant contributions to advancement of high school volleyball in New York.

The Class of 2025 induction ceremony will be held during the NYVCA Coaches Clinic on May 17, in Lake George, New York.

Please read below for the NYVCA Class of 2025 inductee's bios. Learn more at [nyvbcoaches.com/Hall\\_of\\_Fame](http://nyvbcoaches.com/Hall_of_Fame).

Click below to download infographics for the NYVCA Hall of Fame Class of 2025 inductees to share on social media, and please tag @nyvca.

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- [Angela Robbins infographic for social media \(PNG\)](#)

### Sandy Mancuso-Lopez



Sandy is a lifelong resident of Kingston, New York, and Kingston High School class of 1976 graduate. While at Kingston she played Softball, Volleyball and Basketball.

After high school she attended the State University of New York at Cortland majoring in Physical Education where she played Lacrosse. After graduating she returned to Kingston as a physical education teacher and coached track, modified softball, modified girls basketball and varsity volleyball.

Sandy received her Master's from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Sandy started coaching volleyball at Kingston in 1981 and retired in 2000, she came out of retirement to help stabilize the program in 2010-2013. While at Kingston her volleyball teams went 380-104 making her the Winningest Volleyball Coach in KHS history.

In 2024, she was inducted into the Kingston High School Hall of Fame as a player and coach.

Coach Mancuso-Lopez won 10 League titles in 3 different leagues while at Kingston; including, six Section 9 Class A Titles (1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999); one NYS Class A Southeast Regional Championship (1995); and one NYS Class A Finalist (1995). She was named NHVAL Coach of the Year (1986), and Middletown Record Coach of the Year (1997, 1999).

In 1998, Coach Mancuso-Lopez led the team to a 21-1 record, including the programs first undefeated regular season 18-0. In 1999, she guided team to second consecutive 21-1 record and another undefeated regular season finishing 18-1.

After retiring once again in 2013 she was lured out of retirement in 2018 by an offer to start a volleyball program at the nearby Mount Academy. The Mount did not have any sports programs for girls, so it meant building something from the ground up. It was a challenge and an opportunity to build something for the girls. Initially it was uncertain if the program would start at the varsity or JV level, and finally it was decided "to go big or go home."

The very first Mount Academy volleyball team won the 2018 Section 9 Class D Championship, the NYS Class D Southeastern Regional Championship and made it to the NYS Class D Final Four. Coach Mancuso-Lopez's coaching career record at Mount Academy was 128-12, including a 55-1 home record. While at Mount Academy, she was named Section 9 Volleyball Coach of the Year (2020) and New York Volleyball Coach's Association Coach of the Year (2021, 2022), and led the team win numerous other championships (see below).

- 2019 Section 9 Class D Champions
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- 2021 NYS Class D Southeastern Regional Champions
- 2021 NYS Class D State Champions
- 2022 MHAL League Champions
- 2022 Section 9 Class D Champions
- 2022 NYS Class D Southeastern Regional Champions
- 2022 NYS Class D State Champions
- 2023 MHAL League Champions
- 2024 MHAL League Champions
- 2024 Section 9 Class C Champions
- 2024 NYS Class C Southeastern Regional Champions
- 2024 NYS Class C Championship Finalist

Coach Mancuso-Lopez achieved a remarkable 505-116 combined career record in which she accumulated 12 Sectional Championships, five Regional Championships, 13 League Championships, and two NYS State Class D State Championships.

Aside from volleyball, Sandy has completed the NYC Marathon, Iron Man in Lake Placid and the NYC Triathlon, and enjoys playing golf. She also played a role with the GEVA Club New York Elite 17 Navy.

## Angela Robbins



Angie Robbins is a volleyball coaching legend in the Frontier League. She began her career coaching at South Lewis High School during the 1989-1990 season. She followed that with her first season at Carthage in 1990-91 where she led them to a Frontier League Championship and Section III, Class "B" finals. She would go on to coach over 170 players in her long, storied career, spanning generations in many families over her 32 year career there.

Coach Robbins finished her career with a record of 435-190, including three consecutive undefeated seasons and Section III Championships. She also had 13 Frontier League Championships, 10 consecutive. She was named the 2014-15 Section III Class "A" Coach of the Year and was a 2018 New York State Women of Distinction Honoree. She was also the 2024 Hall of Achievement Honoree at Carthage Central.

In addition to coaching, Robbins also taught Health at Carthage for 32 years. She finished out her career as the high school health teacher as well as the coordinator for the Health Department. She was highly regarded in both her coordinator role and that of the Vice-President of the Teacher's Union, a position she held for 17 years.

Diagnosed with ALS shortly after her retirement in 2022, Coach Robbins gained her wings in 2024. Beyond the success of her teams on the court, Coach Robbins taught the importance of family and community. She truly listened when her players needed to talk. Coach Robbins was a force. Former players, or their children, coach all over the country and have taken the things they learned from her into what they do.

It's powerful to see a person's impact resonate so profoundly through the lives they touched. Coach Robbins clearly left a legacy not only in the sport of volleyball but in the hearts and minds of her players. Whether it's a cherished quote or a long-standing tradition, those are the things that keep her spirit alive and serve as a testament to who she was as a coach and as a person.

### ABOUT THE NEW YORK VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

The New York Volleyball Coaches Association (NYVCA) is made up of dedicated coaches from across New York State, with the single hope of building the sport of volleyball through knowledge sharing, player and coach recognition, and clinic and training sessions.

The AHSVCA is a proud member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association's (AVCA's) Signature Affiliate Program, designed to incentivize AVCA membership, advance the high school volleyball community, and establish the AVCA as the official coaching education partner with participating states.

