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Far Hills Country Day School
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Far Hills Country Day School Teacher Awarded as 2017 PCA Double-Goal Coach National Finalist

Far Hills, NJ – Linda Houghland, physical education teacher at Far Hills Country Day School (Far Hills) has been selected from a pool of 2,000 nominees as a 2017 Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) Double-Goal Coach Award National Finalist. A panel of judges will select fifty national winners, including up to four coaches who will be welcomed on-stage for a panel discussion, at the PCA National Youth Sports Awards Dinner and Auction sponsored by Deloitte on April 22, 2017 in Palo Alto, CA.

Linda began her career at Far Hills in 1981. She has coached a variety of sports including Cross Country, Dance, Field Hockey, Gymnastics, Softball, Strength Training, Tennis, Track and Field and Volleyball. She resides in Califon, NJ with her husband Gary.

“Linda Houghland embodies the true spirit of the Far Hills mission. She teaches sportsmanship, integrity, perseverance and compassion to her young athletes, while also giving them the tools to perform at their highest level. She truly focuses on the whole development of her students, not just the will to win. We are lucky that she has served Far Hills for 35 years,” said Director of the Upper School, Georgia Zaiser.

PCA's Double-Goal Coach Award is awarded to youth and high school sports coaches from the U.S. who embody the ideals of the Double-Goal Coach, striving to win, while also pursuing the more important goal of teaching life lessons through sports. PCA will announce the winners of the Double-Goal Coach in March or April 2017.

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Far Hills is a PreK-grade eight private school in New Jersey that teaches students *how* to learn, not what to learn, through an innovative curriculum emphasizing personalization, differentiation, and individualization in instruction. Through solid academics plus life skills, Far Hills graduates lifelong learners who possess a can-do attitude that they carry into secondary school and life.

For additional information about the school, please visit our website at www.fhcds.org or contact Megan Collyer, Director of Strategic Marketing & Communications at mcollyer@fhcds.org or 908.766.0622 x1427.

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Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) develops BETTER ATHLETES, BETTER PEOPLE through resources for youth and high school sports coaches, parents, administrators and student-athletes. In addition to 1,000+ free audio-video and printable tips and tools at www.PCDevZone.org, PCA has partnered with roughly 3,500 schools and youth sports organizations nationwide to deliver live group workshops, online courses and books by PCA Founder Jim Thompson that help those involved in youth and high school sports create a positive, character-building youth sports culture.

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[PHOTO ATTACHED: Linda Houghland]