

## Lyndsey (Marquit) Lutz Class of 2003



Lyndsey Marie Lutz (formerly Lyndsey Marquit) is a member of the Class of 2003. She was the Vice-President of S.A.D.D. and a member of the Interact Club and National Honor Society. At Columbia, Lyndsey played soccer, basketball, and softball, lettering perennially in the latter two sports multiple times. After a memorable collegiate basketball career, Lyndsey graduated from Oswego in 2007 with a B.S. in Adolescent Education 7-12 with minors in Coaching and History; she later earned a Master's in Literacy 5-12 with *magna cum laude* honors from SUNY Albany.

A multi-talented athlete, Lyndsey played soccer for three years, which included a season on the varsity team as a junior. Lyndsey also played freshman basketball for Coach Siver as an 8th grader, and then went on to play varsity for Coach Richard Jones and Coach Michael Bennett. Known for her quickness and defense on the court, and versatility (she played guard, but also could fill in at the point and the post) and resilience, too, Lyndsey served as team captain for two years; she earned Section 2 recognition and played in the Exceptional Seniors Game. A Suburban Council All Star in 2003, she closed out her high school career ranking among the best in the program's history in several categories. To date, Lyndsey ranks as Columbia's 7th all-time scorer (752 points); she had 38 games with 10 or more points; her top game was 25 against Mohonasen. She also ranks 7th in free throws (139). Lyndsey compiled 90 assists, 41 three-pointers, and 205 steals. A testament to her durability, Lyndsey is tied with Hall of Famer Sarah Hayes for most games played (82) for the girls varsity team.

In her early years, Lyndsey played for the East Greenbush Softball League. Her transition to the varsity ranks was quick and had an immediate impact on the Columbia program. Lyndsey played shortstop for Coach Gary Holtz from 1999-2003; the team's record during that span was **90-29**. In 2001, the Lady Blue Devils attained a **22-4** record, winning their second Section 2 title in three years, and closing out as the runner-up in the state championship. In that year, she was named Second Team All-State.

Lyndsey played basketball for four years at Oswego State College; served as a captain during her senior year. Just like at Columbia, her impact was immediate and indelible. In 2005, the Oswego women's basketball team won over 20 games; the following year, the program won the 2006 SUNYAC Championship for the first time in college history. During Lyndsey's tenure, Oswego made two trips to the NCAA tournament and compiled an impressive record of **86-26**. Coach Michelle Collins, in assessing the legacy of the 5'8" guard from Castleton, said: "Lyndsey is the most athletic player I have ever coached." Lyndsey played in 113 games, the second-most in team history; to date, she ranks tenth in steals (166) and is remembered for often guarding the opposing team's leading scorer. Lyndsey was also a star off the court, making the Dean's List (2003-2005) and President's List (2005-2007), serving as a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, and being recognized by *Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities*.

After her graduation from Oswego, Lyndsey worked as a substitute teacher in high schools throughout Rensselaer County, including her Columbia. She later worked full-time at Brighter Choice Charter School and the Ark Charter School in Troy.

Today, Lyndsey teaches 3rd grade students in the Troy School District, where she has also been an assistant coach for the girls basketball team. Married in 2014, Lyndsey and her husband, Matthew reside in Wynantskill with their one-year old son, Bryson.