

## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

### **Mark Pennypacker, Sr. '82**

Mark received his degree in Philosophy and Sociology is currently a teacher of Earth Science, Biology and Honors Biology at the James Woods High School in Winchester, VA. His achievements over the past 30 years has won him wide acclaim and many awards. As a volunteer he has received the National, Advanced National and Premier certificates in coaching soccer. He received the 2001 Eastern Regional Girls Youth Coach of the Year. (This was for the East Coast of the United States.) He was selected to coach U.S. All Star teams in the Netherlands, Austria and Brazil. His Austrian team earned a Bronze medal in international competition.

As a teacher leader of People to People International, Mark has traveled to 17 countries on four continents. He was selected to the ISAAC Advisory Council of People to People and received the Distinguished Leader Award for his efforts with People to People. As a member of the American Red Cross, he received local and state recognition as a Life Guard and C.P.R. Instructor Trainer.

As a member and Chairperson of the Winchester Parks and Recreation Board, Mark was instrumental in creating a Master Soccer and Parks Plan for the City of Winchester. This comprehensive plan helped create and guide programs and facilities for the next twenty years.

As a Boy Scout leader, he received the prestigious Statuette and Shenandoah District Cub Scout Leader of the Year for the programs he instituted while a Pack Committee Chairperson and Cub Master.

Mark's mission of peace and friendship has broken barriers of prejudice and misunderstanding. He has promoted ideas of teamwork, loyalty, sportsmanship and self-respect.