

## MARIE LUCIER-WOODRUFF CLASS OF 1973

Marie Lucier-Woodruff has lived in Point Pleasant since she was three. She attended Ocean Road and Memorial Schools and graduated PPBHS in 1973. While in high school, she was involved with the school plays, the Chorus (including the Madrigals), the Yearbook, Keyettes, and the National Honor Society. Marie went on to attend Cabrini College and Glassboro State (Rowan) where she graduated with bachelors in Sociology and a minor in Women's Studies in 1977. In 1991, Marie earned a Masters in Educational Administration from Rutgers University.

After college, Marie worked for the Ocean County Women's Commission, where she helped establish their office and their Information and Referral Service. She then worked briefly for the American Red Cross, and then moved on to the United Way of Monmouth County where she ran their Information and Referral Service for 3 years.

In 1983, Marie was hired by Brookdale Community College, working in their non-credit division developing community education programs in PC training and children's summer camps. Over the years, Marie has held several different positions at the college, including Director of Business Services, Executive Director of the division, and her current position as Dean of Outreach, Business and Community Development.

Currently, Marie leads a division of 40+ staff members, with programs including the *Center for Career Development, Lifelong Learning*, the *Small Business Development Center*, *Displaced Homemakers Services*, *CHHANGE* – the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Education, and the *GED/ABE Program*. As the community and economic development arm of the college, this unit provides a wide variety of programs and services to over 15,000 individuals and 300 businesses in Monmouth County and the Central Jersey region annually. In addition, as Dean of the division, Marie sits on the President's Cabinet and Senior Executive Leadership Team, helping set the strategic direction for the institution.

Marie has served on the Boards of the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, and Monmouth Ocean Development Council where she was President from 2006-2008, and the NJ Community College Workforce Consortium, where she serves as Treasurer. She is a Leadership New Jersey Fellow; a graduate of AACC - Women in Higher Education Leaders Program, and the 2003 recipient of the MODC Silver Gull Award for Service.

Marie's community activity has included the Point Pleasant Lions Club and her church, St. Mary's-By-the-Sea. She is also a child sponsor with Half-the-Sky Foundation.

Marie's greatest achievement, however, is her daughter, Emma Lucier, who is a member of the 2015 graduating class of PPBHS, where she is involved in Student Council, the Yearbook, Relay for Life, the bowling team, and the National Honor Society.

Marie and her husband, Tom Woodruff, live in Point with their daughter, Emma.