

SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Wall of Fame

COLEEN "MAZIE" DAMCOTT, PHD

Inducted 2011



Dr. Damcott graduated from Sherman Central School in 1993 as the class Valedictorian. She went on to earn her Associates in Applied Science degree in Cellular Biotechnology at Alfred State College in 1995 where she played on the basketball, volleyball and softball teams. She completed her Bachelors of Science degree in Biology at Cornell University in 1997. Dr. Damcott received her Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Department of Human Genetics at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health in 2002. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 2005 and was promoted to Assistant Professor in the Division in 2006.

Dr. Damcott continues her work at the University of Maryland where her research laboratory studies the genetics and biological basis of complex diseases including obesity, type 2 diabetes and heart disease, and of healthy aging and longevity. She and her colleagues work with Amish families in Lancaster County, PA on studies designed to understand how risk for and protection from diseases are inherited through families. The ultimate goal of her research is to contribute to improved diagnostic techniques and better treatment options through greater understanding of genetic factors influencing diseases.

Dr. Damcott is the daughter of Gary and Terry (Dewey) DeLellis of Sherman and Kenneth Damcott, Sr. of Clymer. During her time at Sherman Central School, she was active in sports, earning the Bob George Award for her participation on the basketball, volleyball and softball teams; the Future Farmers of America, serving as a NY State officer for two years; band; and choir.