



## **1996 Girls Cross Country Team**

The 1996 girls cross country team won the third state championship in Averill Park history. Marion Collamer '97, Mollie DeFrancesco '98 (co-captain), Stephanie DeFrancesco Vioria '00, Jamie Dutcher Cahill '99, Jen Fazioli '98 (co-captain), Loren Fickies '97, Kristen Geiser Collin '00, Diane Leith '00, Libby Phelps Reilly '00, Amanda Pollock Bayliss '97 (co-captain), Kelly Sheehan '99 and Suzie Snyder '00 comprised the team coached by Mark Mindel and assisted by Joanne Richardson.

The team finished unbeaten in the Colonial Council with a 7-0 record, winning the Colonial Council championship for the 5th time and capturing an 11th league title overall. In addition, the team won the Grout Meet and the Manhattan Invitational. The team won the Section 2 Class B championship for the 4th consecutive season and captured a 7th sectional title overall. The team went on to win a 2nd straight NYSPHSAA Class B championship and a 3rd overall. The team finished ranked 1st in the state in Class B.

Individually, Fazioli was the NYSPHSAA Class B champion, the New York State Junior of the Year and was named a Foot Locker All-American.

