

# Maureen Graham Raquet '76

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Maureen Raquet serves as the Executive Director of the Montgomery County Youth Center in suburban Philadelphia. MCYC is a 36 bed Secure Detention Program and 12 bed Shelter Program. These programs serve approximately 1,000 dependent and delinquent children per year. In her capacity as director, Maureen has been appointed to the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency by former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell. Maureen is also an adjunct professor of criminal justice at West Chester University. Prior to her current position, she served Montgomery County as an Intensive Juvenile Probation Officer for 12 years and was the only woman on the Lower Merion Police Force in Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

Maureen is the immediate past president of the Juvenile Detention Centers Association of Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Pennsylvania State Balanced & Restorative Justice Committee and the Female Services Subcommittee of PCCD. In 2010, during "Women's History Month", she was presented the Senior Leadership Award, by the County of Montgomery for her "Outstanding Leadership, Inspiration and Commitment to Others".

Maureen received her master's degree in Juvenile Justice/ Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University in 1989, where she received the "Outstanding Scholarship in Juvenile Justice Award" from the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. She received her bachelor of art degree in psychology from Lafayette in 1976. While at Lafayette, she was a cheerleader, a captain on the Powder Puff Football Team, a manager for the men's Wrestling Team as well as a softball player. Maureen also gave tours for the Admissions Office and was a "Dana Scholar". Both her father, Bob Graham, and uncle, Tom Graham, graduated from Lafayette in 1949. Her uncle was the recipient of the Pepper Prize that year.

Maureen lives in Chester County, Pennsylvania with her husband Bill and their Labrador retrievers, Maeve and Darby. Maureen's son, Patrick, lives and works in West Chester, Pennsylvania. In her free time, Maureen enjoys fishing, especially in the Florida Keys and Alaska.