



# HALL OF FAME NIGHT

Thursday, March 9, 2006



The East Suburban Catholic Conference is celebrating its 32<sup>nd</sup> year as a sports conference. We are proud of our strong tradition, our athletic accomplishments, and our spirit of sportsmanship.

### Original Members of Men's Division

Carmel Catholic High School, Mundelein  
 Holy Cross High School, River Grove  
 Marist High School, Chicago  
 Notre Dame High School, Niles  
 St. Joseph High School, Westchester  
 St. Patrick High School, Chicago  
 St. Viator High School, Arlington Heights

### Entry Into ESCC

1974  
 1974 (withdrew 2003)  
 1974  
 1974  
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### Added Members of Men's Division

Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet  
 Benet Academy, Lisle  
 Marian Catholic High School, Chicago Heights  
 Nazareth Academy, LaGrange Park

### Entry Into ESCC

1982  
 1990  
 1990  
 2001

### Original Members of Women's Division

Benet Academy, Lisle  
 Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet  
 Marian Catholic High School, Chicago Heights  
 St. Viator High School, Arlington Heights

### Entry Into ESCC

1991  
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### Added Members of Women's Division

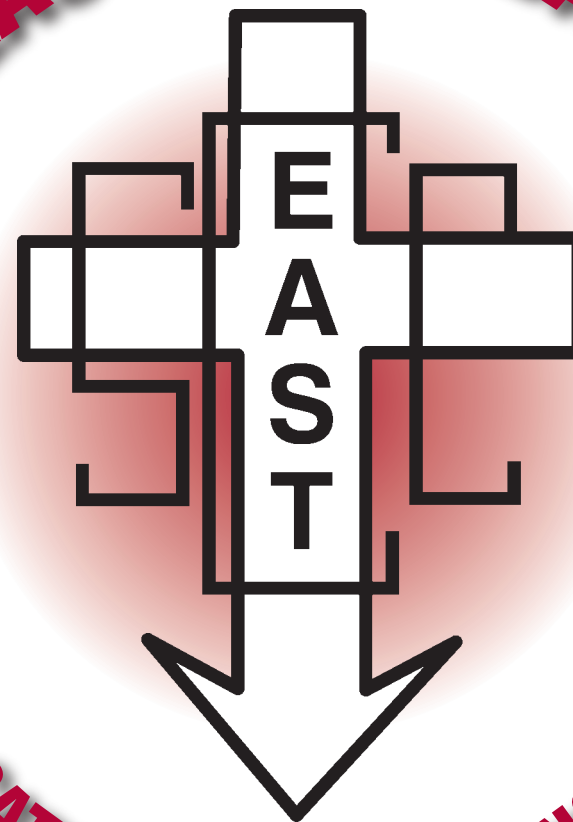
Carmel Catholic High School, Mundelein  
 Fenwick High School, Oak Park  
 Bishop McNamara, Kankakee  
 Providence Catholic, New Lenox  
 Nazareth Academy, LaGrange Park  
 Marist High School, Chicago

### Entry Into ESCC

1994  
 1994  
 2000  
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 2001  
 2003

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>ATHLETIC DIRECTOR</u>
Benet	Rev. Jude Randall, OSB	Stephen Marth	Gary Goforth
Bishop McNamara		Jim Laurenti	Rich Zinanni
Carmel Catholic	Sr. Mary Frances McLaughlin, BVM	Rev. Robert Carroll, O.Carm	Andy Bitto
Fenwick	Rev. Richard LaPata, OP	Dr. James Quaid	Mike Curtin
Joliet Catholic	Sr. Faith Szambelanczyk, OSF	Jeff Budz	Dan Sharp
Marian Catholic	Sr. Mary Paul McCaughey, OP	Sr. Kathleen Tait, OP	Dave Mattio
Marist	Br. Richard Carey, FMS	Larry Tucker	Mark Zavagnin
Nazareth	Dennis Moran	Debbie Vondrasek	Duane Buturusis
Notre Dame	Fr. Michael Delaney, CSC	Steven Zeier	Mike Hennessey
Providence Catholic	Rev. Richard McGrath, OSA	Donald Sebestyen	Matt Senffner
St. Joseph	David McCreery	Donna Kiel	Brandon Aldridge
St. Patrick	Br. Konrad Diebold, FSC	Dr. Joseph Schmidt	Brian Glorioso
St. Viator	Rev. Robert Egan, CSV	Rev. Robert Egan, CSV	Lynn Gaziano

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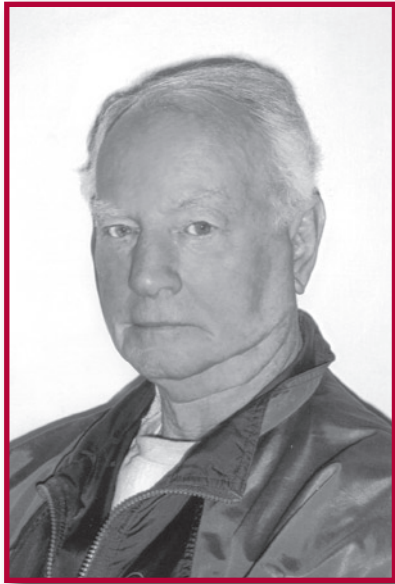
### ***Agenda for the Evening***

- 6:00 PM Registration and Cocktails  
*Schools will have assigned tables marked by their school banner*
- 7:00 PM Welcome/Procedures for the Evening  
*Mike Hennessey, Notre Dame High School*
- Opening Prayer  
*Sr. Mary Paul McCaughey, OP, Marian Catholic High School*
- Dinner
- 8:00 PM History of ESCC and Hall of Fame Night  
*Mike Hennessey, Notre Dame High School*
- Introduction of ESCC Hall of Fame Inductees
- Mark Zavagnin, Marist High School, will introduce the Athletic Directors from Benet Academy, Carmel Catholic, and Fenwick High School*
- Brandon Aldridge, St. Joseph High School, will introduce the Athletic Directors from Joliet Catholic, Marian Catholic, Marist, and Notre Dame.*
- Mike Hennessey, Notre Dame High School, will introduce the Athletic Directors from St. Joseph, St. Patrick, and St. Viator*
- 9:20 PM Closing Prayer  
*Fr. Robert Carroll, O.Carm., Carmel Catholic High School*



**Brother Richard Brady**  
*Conference Secretary/Treasurer*

- Attended high school in St. Louis, Christian Brothers College, St. Mary's University, St. Louis University and Dominican University.
- East Suburban Catholic Conference Statistician, Secretary, Treasurer from 1972 until the present.



**Jim Lyne**

*St. Viator High School*

- Attended Leo High School and Notre Dame University and Penn State.
- Served with the U.S.M.C. from August 1957 on both active and reserve duty, achieving the rank of major.
- Head Football coach at St. Viator High School 1971-1991. 129W-58L-1 Tie.
- Inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame 1988.
- Four children and four grandchildren.
- Received international awards for sculpting and painting military figurines.



**HALL OF FAME NIGHT**

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## **Ronald J. Baumgartner**

*Benet Academy*



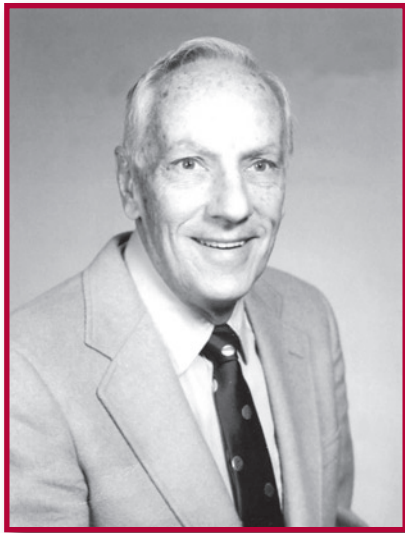
- Athletic Director, 1964-1990.
- Assisted in the development of the current football field and track, named in Ron's memory.
- Largely responsible in planning the transformation from an all boys school to a co-educational high school.
- Played a significant role in the formation of the West Suburban and East Suburban Catholic Conferences.
- Retired from Benet Academy in 1990, but continued an active role as a member of the Board of Directors.
- In 1963, Ron with the help of Jim Davis, Lou Jerman and Jim Cooney, started a youth football program for the members of St. Raphael Parish in Naperville. The program started with 150 children, three divisions, and a code of conduct that stated, "who you are determines what you will become." Today, the youth football program has grown to 1,700 participants, 82 teams, 500 coaches and is open to all Naperville area children.
- Attended Northwestern University on a football scholarship, 1948-1952.
- Graduated from Northwestern with a B.S. in Math and Physical Education.
- Accepted first coaching position at St. Procopius Academy, 1952.
- CEO, Baumgartner Construction Company.
- Ron, and his wife Toni, raised 10 children. All attended Benet Academy.
- Ron would have been humbled by his induction into the ESCC Hall of Fame. He believed, that doing the best at what you do, was simply the way it should work.
- Ronald Baumgartner passed away February 5, 2000.



## **Robert Artman**

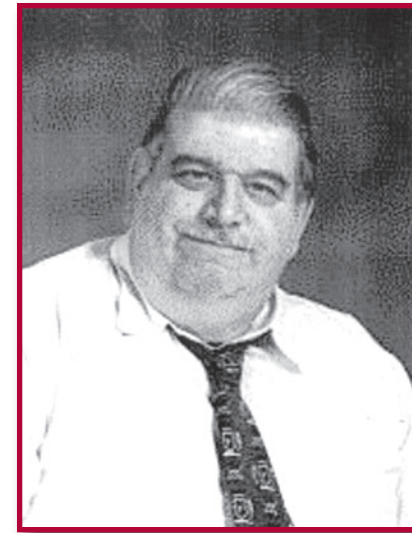
*St. Viator High School*

- Attended St. Patrick High School. Attended DePaul University while working full time as a physical education instructor in the Chicago Park District at Sayre, Blackhawk, Avondale and Riis Parks. He received a BS in 1966 and an MS in 1968. He took additional course work at Loyola University and Columbia College.
- In 1979, became the Athletic Director at St. Viator High School where he started the girls' soccer program and the boys' volleyball program. He expanded the summer camps and taught swimming and weightlifting. He also coached cross-country and track.
- Became the Athletic Administrator in 1998 and was in charge of all the athletic facilities and events at St. Viator.
- Active in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and on the board of the Illinois Weightlifting Foundation. Ran many weightlifting contests in the 60s and 70s. He was inducted into the Illinois Weightlifting Hall of Fame in 2004.
- In 2005, he received the "Robert C. Artman Sportsman of the Year" award, which was renamed in his honor.
- Bob is survived by his wife, Georganne; son, Robert; daughter, Margaret; and two grandchildren.



**Max Kurland**  
*St. Patrick High School*

- Attended Quigley High School and Loyola University.
- Ranks in the top ten coaches in Illinois history with 658 wins.
- East Suburban Catholic Conference Coach of the Year three times while winning ten conference championships, eleven State Regional titles and one Sectional championship.
- Teams won fourteen Thanksgiving Tourneys, two Chicagoland Prep Tourneys and six Christmas tournament titles.
- Inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1980 and the Chicago Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994.
- Received the coveted Achievement Award from the Ed Kelly Giant Awards Sports Program in 1994.
- Recognized by the Christian Brothers receiving the LaSallian Award in 1982 and Signum Fidei Award in 1994.
- St. Patrick Alumni Man of the Year in 1979 and recognized by the Archdiocese of Chicago as the Mission Moderator of St. Patrick where the Shamrocks are the number one school in their generosity to the poor and less fortunate.



**Joseph P. Scordino**  
*Carmel Catholic High School*

- Head Wrestling Coach, 1974 to present.
- Wrestling teams have won 381 dual meets.
- Produced 47 individual East Suburban Catholic Conference Champions.
- Coached 52 individual Illinois State Regional Champions, 32 State qualifiers, and 7 Place winners.
- Coached 5 wrestlers who achieved College All-American status.
- Inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Officials and Coaches Hall of Fame, 2001.
- Coached football during his career at Carmel.
- Joe began his teaching and coaching career at St. Francis High School, Wheaton, IL, 1968.
- Introduced the sports of Wrestling and Tennis to the Suburban Catholic Conference, 1970-71.
- Served as Athletic Director at St. Francis, 1974.
- Currently serves as Chairman of the Business-Computer Department for Carmel Catholic High School.



## **Jeff Zgonina**

*Carmel Catholic High School*

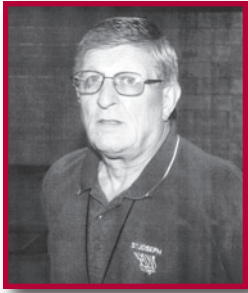
- Football, 1984-1988.
- Voted to East Suburban Catholic All-Conference football team, 1986 & 1987.
- Selected to the All Lake County football team, 1986 & 1987.

- Chicago Sun-Times All Area Team, 1987.
- Illinois High School All-State Team, 1987.
- ESCC Shot put Champion, 1987 & 1988.
- Sectional Shot put Champion and State qualifier, 1988.
- Four year starting defensive lineman at Purdue University, 1989-1992.
- Set Purdue Football record for career tackles for loss with 75.
- Named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, 1992.
- Served as Team Captain and was a finalist for the Lombardi Award, 1992.
- All-Big Ten Selection, 1991 & 1992.
- Drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers, 1993.
- Completed 13<sup>th</sup> NFL season.
- Played for seven NFL teams in 13 year career: Miami, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Oakland, Atlanta, Carolina, and Pittsburgh.

## **Isiah Thomas** *St. Joseph High School*



- Attended St. Joseph High School and Indiana University.
- Led Indiana Hoosiers to the 1981 NCAA Championship.
- Second overall pick of the 1981 NBA Draft by the Detroit Pistons and spent next 13 years re-writing the Pistons record book.
- Finished his career as Detroit's all-time leader in points, assists, steals and games played.
- 12-time NBA All-Star.
- Served as president of the NBA Players' Association from 1994-98.
- Named NBA All-Star Game Most Valuable Player in 1984 and 1986.
- NBA Finals MVP in 1990.
- Selected as one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History prior to the 1996-97 season.
- Inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in July of 2004 and into the Five Star Basketball Camp Hall of Fame in June, 2004.
- Retired from playing in the NBA in 1994 and then moved into the front office becoming part owner and executive vice president of basketball operations for the NBA expansion Toronto Raptors.
- He left the organization in 1999 to join the basketball ranks as a studio analyst for the NBA on NBC.
- Took over the reins as head coach of the Indiana Pacers in 2000.
- Three seasons as Pacers head coach and led the team to a 131-115 record, improving the team's won-loss percentage and qualifying for the playoffs each year.
- Active in numerous charitable endeavors.



## Gene Pingatore

*St. Joseph High School*

- 1954 Graduate of St. Mel High School.
- 1959 Graduate of Loyola University of Los Angeles.
- Boys Varsity Basketball Coach since 1970.
- Currently Director of Building and Grounds, Special Events Coordinator and Alumni Director.
- Chargers have captured 23 East Suburban Catholic Conference Championships, 8 Proviso West Holiday Tournament Championships, 23 state regional titles and 10 state sectional titles.
- His 1978, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987 and 1999 teams qualified for the Elite Eight Tournament in Champaign.
- The 1978 team was the state runner-up; the 1984 team placed 4<sup>th</sup>; the 1987 team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place; and the 1999 team captured the Class AA State Championship. St. Joseph had the most wins in the State of Illinois in the 80s.
- Current record 760-257.
- Coached Isiah Thomas, Daryl Thomas, Deryl Cunningham. Also, Kenny Williams, Robert Morris, Tony Reeder, Tony Freeman, Brian Molis, Carl Hayes, Marty Clark, William Gates, Gerald Eaker, Rodney Horton, Marlon London, Brandon Watkins, Jabari Mattox, Tony Freeman and currently Jonathan Peoples.
- Received District Coach of the Year honors from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association in 1978, 1979, 1988, 1990, 1999, 2004 and 2005.
- Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year for the state of Illinois in 1999.
- East Suburban Catholic Conference Coach of the Year in 1978, 1979, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1999, 2004 and 2005.
- Inducted in the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1987, the St. Joseph High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1991, the Catholic League Hall of Fame in 1993 and the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.
- Recipient of the Coach of the Year through the Pioneer Press and Suburban Life papers in 1978, 1979 and 1999, and again in the Suburban Life in 1981, 1987, 1988, 1992, 1995 and 2004.
- In 1999 he was Student Sports Magazine National Coach of the Year and the Village of Westchester Man of the Year.
- Named the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Boys Basketball Coach of the Year for Region 4 in 1999.

## Dave Power

*Fenwick High School*



- Girls Basketball Coach, 1992 to present.
- Five State Tournament Appearances at Fenwick:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in 2000
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 2001
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 2003
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in 2004
  - Elite 8 in 2005
- 12 East Suburban Catholic Conference Championships.
- 11 Regional Championships.
- Coached 22 NCAA Division I athletes.
- Member of Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
- Career Record of 653-186 (as of 1/17/06) spanning 30 years of high school coaching.
- Softball Coach, 1993-2000.
- 6 East Suburban Catholic Conference Softball Championships.
- Bachelor of Arts Degree, Missouri Valley College, 1974.
- Member of Illinois Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.
- Son, Dave, graduated from Fenwick in 2004 and currently attends Westwood College specializing in Computer Network Engineering; Daughter, Erin, is a Junior at Fenwick where she competes in four varsity sports: Cross Country, Basketball, Track, and Soccer.
- Dave said, “Being inducted into the ESCC’s inaugural Hall of Fame Class is one of the biggest moments of my coaching career. I am in awe when I look at the list of names of my fellow inductees.”



## Mike Alstott

### *Joliet Catholic Academy*

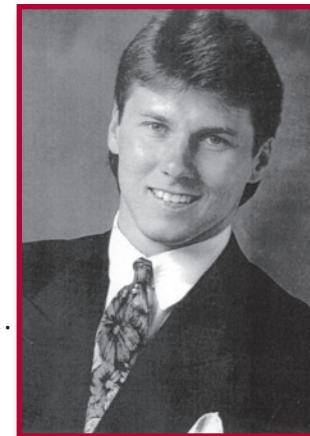
- Attended Joliet Catholic lettering in football and baseball. Was Parade All-America and Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Year.
- High school team won state title in junior year with 14-0 record.

- Was Purdue's Most Valuable Player in each of last three seasons, the only player ever to accomplish that feat for Boilermakers.
- Finished as Purdue's all-time leading rusher, surpassing Otis Armstrong. Also is schools all-time leader in rushing TDs, total TDs and points. Only Purdue player ever to accumulate over 2,500 rushing and 1,000 receiving yards.
- Starting FB for the Super Bowl XXXVII champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
- Named to the Pro Bowl for the sixth consecutive year in 2002, including the third straight year as a starter, marking the most appearances for an offensive player in club history.
- Buccaneers' all-time leader in total touchdowns (61) and rushing touchdowns (49). Ranks second all-time on the club's rushing list with 4,837 yards. Stands fourth on the Buccaneers' career scoring list with 370 points. Owns seven career 100-yard rushing games.
- Career totals include 1,265 rushing attempts for 4,837 yards (3.8 average) and 49 touchdowns, and 259 receptions for 1,977 yards (7.6 average) and 12 touchdowns. Has played in 126 career games with 115 starts.
- Has seen action in nine postseason contests with seven starts. His nine consecutive seasons are the most for any current offensive player and second-most on the team behind LB Derrick Brooks' 10 seasons.
- Entered the league as a second-round pick (35<sup>th</sup> overall) in the 1996 NFL Draft.
- Married to Nicole; couple resides in St. Petersburg with son Griffin and daughters Hannah and Lexie.

## Jim Les

### *Notre Dame High School*

- Captained the Notre Dame Basketball Team in the 1980-81 Season.
- Honored as Most Valuable Team Player and Best Free-Throw Shooter.
- All Conference Basketball Selection, 1981.
- Played at Bradley University under Coach Dick Versace.
- Earned Missouri Valley All Conference Honors as Junior and Senior in 1985 & 1986.
- Led Bradley University to a 30-3 Record and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of NCAA Tournament, 1986.
- Voted Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year, 1986.
- Selected as the 1986 Pomeroy Naismith Award Winner as Nation's Best Player under Six Feet.
- Drafted by the NBA Atlanta Hawks (#70 overall) in 1986.
- Played for the Atlanta Hawks, Los Angeles Clippers, Utah Jazz, and Sacramento Kings of the NBA.
- Set Sacramento Kings Franchise Marks 2<sup>nd</sup> in Three-Point Shooting Percentage.
- Led the NBA in 1990-91 in Three Point Shooting Percentage (.461).
- Runner-up in 1992 NBA All-Star Weekend AT&T Long Distance Shoot Out.
- Worked as Vice President of Sutro & Co. Finances.
- 3 Year Assistant Coach with the Sacramento Monarchs of the WNBA.
- Returned to Bradley University in 2003 to become Head Basketball Coach.
- Resides in Peoria Area with his Wife, Jodi, and 3 Children, Tyler, Amber, and Hannah.







**Bill Casey**  
*Notre Dame High School*

- 36 Year Career Entirely at Notre Dame High School.
- 1958 Started as Biology Teacher.
- Assistant Swimming Coach, 1961-65.
- Notre Dame H.S. Head Swimming Coach, 1966-81.
- Football Coach for 20 Years; Head Football Coach, 1976-1983.
- Coaching Innovator and Educator.
- Established Northwest Coaches Clinic Association, 1978.
- ESCC Varsity Football Champions & State Playoff Qualifier, 1981.
- Notre Dame H.S. Athletic Director, 1982-1994.
- Expanded School's Athletic Programs to 13 Varsity Sports.
- Mentor in the American Coaching Effectiveness Program.
- Instrumental Member in the Illinois Athletic Director's Association and National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.
- Respected Leader in the Interscholastic Council of Private School.
- Chairmen of the IHSA Committee on Host School Finances.
- Diligently Represented Notre Dame H.S. and the ESCC until Hodgkins Disease caused his death in 1994.

**Gordon Gillespie**  
*Joliet Catholic Academy*



- Graduate of Kelvyn Park H.S. and DePaul University in Chicago.
- 54 Years of Coaching and Teaching Young Athletes.
- Compiled a 670 Winning Percentage with 2,185 Victories in 4 Different Sports.
- 27 Years as Head Football Coach at Joliet Catholic Academy, 1959-1986.
- 5 State Football Championships and a 222-54-6 record at Joliet Catholic.
- College Baseball All-Time Winningest Coach with Over 800 Victories.
- 24 Years as Head Baseball Coach at Lewis University with a 634-241 Record.
- Won 3 Straight NAIA Baseball World Series Titles from 1974-1976.
- Lewis University Head Basketball Coach from 1950-1965.
- 19 Years as Head Baseball Coach at St. Francis University from 1977-1995.
- Earned 8 More Bids to NAIA Baseball World Series and a National Championship in 1993.
- Started Football Program at St. Francis University in 1986.
- 10 Years as Head Coach of Ripon College Baseball Team from 1996-2005.
- Brought Ripon College to 6 NCAA Div. III Playoffs and 5 League Titles.
- Inducted into 15 Halls of Fame and Named NAIA Baseball Coach of the Year 4 times.
- Returned to St. Francis University in 2006 to Take Charge of the Baseball Program.
- Resides in the Joliet Area With His Wife, Joan, Enjoying their 35 grandchildren.



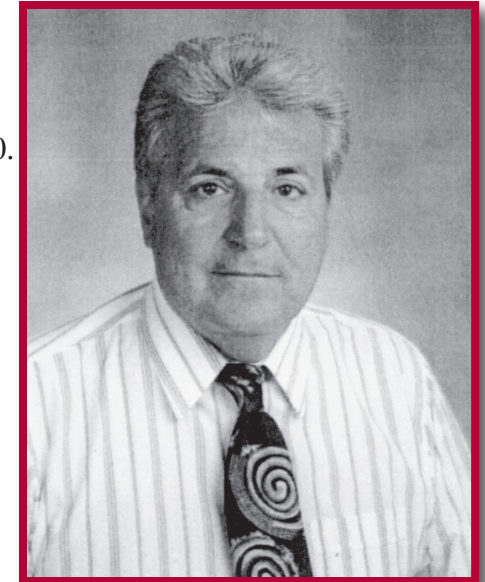
## **Dave Mattio**

*Marian Catholic High School*

- 1966 Graduate of Marian Catholic High School.
- Started Teaching and Coaching at Marian Catholic H.S. in 1971.
- Named Marian Catholic H.S. Athletic Director in 1975.
- Appointed Head Football Coach at Marian in 1976.
- 30 year overall record of 219-104.
- Won 4A IHSA State Football Championship in 1993.
- Awarded Frank Leahy Prep Coach of the Year in 1994.
- Inducted into Marian Catholic Hall of Fame in 1994.
- Coached Marian Catholic Football to 16 State Playoff Appearances.
- Earned 4 State Semifinal Football Berths and was 1999 5A State Football Runner-Up.
- Coached Marian Catholic Football to 6 Chicago Prep Bowl Appearances.
- Won the 2000 Prep Bowl Championship and was 1997 Prep Bowl Runner-Up.
- Inducted into the Illinois High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1997.
- Consistent Record of .500 or better in 26 of the last 30 years of coaching.
- Resides in Grant Park, IL with his Wife, Jody; Proud Father of 5 Children and Grandfather to 11.

## **Ray Balcarcel**

*Marist High School*



- Head Track Coach, 1967-1990.
- Career Dual/Triangular Meet record of 169 wins, 14 losses.
- 17 ESCC Varsity Track Championships.
- 16 ESCC Frosh-Soph Track Championships.
- Coached numerous Illinois State Track Medal Winners:
  - five 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers
  - two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers
  - one 3<sup>rd</sup> place and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers
  - three 6<sup>th</sup> place finishers
  - one 7<sup>th</sup> place finisher
- Boxing Coach, 1974-2000.
- Assistant football coach, 1967-2000.
- Attended St. Mary's College, Winona, MN 1952-1956.
- Competed in football and boxing at St. Mary's.
- Golden Gloves Heavyweight Runner-up, District Championships, Rochester, MN.
- Ray and his wife of 49 years, Mary Ann, reside in Orland Park and have raised 4 children: Patricia, Ray Jr., Michael and Anthony.
- Ray coached Ray Jr. in football and Michael in Track while they attended Marist H.S.
- Ray wishes to thank the ESCC Hall of Fame committee for this great honor. "This honor could not have been achieved without the support of my wife and children, the many great student-athletes, and the many dedicated assistant coaches."