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Brother Rice
De La Salle Institute
DePaul Prep
Fenwick
Hales Franciscan
Leo
Loyola Academy
Marmion Academy
Montini Catholic
Mount Carmel
Providence Catholic
Providence St. Mel
Saint Ignatius
Seton Academy
St. Francis
St. Francis de Sales
St. Joseph
St. Laurence
St. Rita

Former Members

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DePaul Academy
Gordon Tech
Holy Cross
Holy Trinity
Joliet Catholic
Mendel Catholic
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St. Elizabeth
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55th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet



Thursday, May 5, 2016

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History of the Chicago Catholic League

By: Rev. James Arimond, S.J.

Though not the oldest high school athletic conference in the state of Illinois (the former Suburban League holds that distinction), the Chicago Catholic League has been in operation longer than any other. It all began on October 3, 1912 when representatives of eight parochial schools met in Chicago's Great Northern Hotel (demolished in 1992) to found the Catholic League. Those charter members were Loyola Academy, St. Cyril (Mt Carmel), DePaul Academy, St. Philip, St. Ignatius, De La Salle, Cathedral and St. Stanislaus. In that very first year of its existence, the League sponsored only basketball and indoor baseball. Football competition was to follow in the 1913-14 school year, track in 1916-17 swimming, golf, and tennis in 1923-24, cross country in 1946-47, wrestling in 1964-65, water polo in 1965-66, soccer in 1967 and volleyball in 1993. Baseball was dropped after the 1930 season but was reinstated in the 1957-58 season.

For the first 71 years of its existence, the Chicago Catholic League operated independently of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). The League's renown, especially in football and basketball, was recognized nationwide. But, during the late 1960's and early 1970's, as the need developed for a wider base of competition especially in such sports as swimming, track, wrestling, golf, tennis and baseball, the principals of the League's schools began to consider the possibility of joining the IHSA. After much discussion, many arguments over pros and cons, and several meetings with the IHSA staff, the Catholic League's Principals voted 11-1 in favor of joining the State Association. Thought the momentous vote was taken on January 30, 1973, the actual entrance into the IHSA did not take place until June 10, 1974. The reason for the 18 month wait was to give the League a full year of athletic competition during which it could make the transition to those rules and practices of the IHSA which differed from those current at the time in the Catholic League. Though there was a multitude of objections from many in the Catholic League to the decision to join IHSA, the benefits that have accrued to the Catholic League schools and students since 1974 have far outweighed the original objections

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Dan	Palombizio	Charlie	Schwarz	Mitchell	Ware
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Peter	Patton	Jim	Shea	Tim	Wengierski
Sam	Pecoraro*	Mike	Sheahan	Todd	Wernet
Brian	Pendergast	Archbishop		Dennis	Wills
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Jack	Pettinger	Bob	Smith	Ken	Wilgen*
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John	Polka	Bob	Spo	Fred	Wright*
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John	Powers	Jay	Standring	Bill	Wynn
Bro. Adrian	Powers, F.S.C.	Eric	Steinbach	Ernie	Young
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Jim	Prunty	Phil	Stelnicki*	Richard	Zaleski
Sam	Puckett	Jack	Stephens	Mark	Zavagnin
Steve	Puidokas*	Warren	Stevens*	Ed	Zemba
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Frank	Quilici	Don	Strasser	Mark	Zubor
John	Quinn	Jack	Strobel	Mike	Zunica
Steve	Quinn	Frank	Strocchia*		
Tom	Quinn	Dan	Sullivan*		
Mike	Rabold*	Gene	Sullivan*		
Vito	Racanelli	Thomas	Sullivan		
Nick	Rassas	Phil	Svetich		
Ken	Redfield	Steve	Szabo		
Ben	Reilly	Clarence "Bronco"	Telkes		
Pat	Richardson	Willie	Thomas		
Jim	Righeimer*	Richard	Thompson		
John	Rigney*	"Red"	Thuerk		
Edward	Riska*	Jack	Thurnbald		
Joseph	Robichaux*	Jack	Tierney*		
Al	Robinson	Mickey	Tierney*		
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Eric	Rouse	Motts	Tonelli*		
Jerry	Ruffino	Ray	Topolski		
Bill	Russo*	Tony	Tortorello*		
		Jim	Tracy		

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2016 Hall of Fame Program

Master of Ceremonies

Mike Curtin

Invocation

Rev. Richard Peddicord, O.P.

Acknowledgement of Hall of Famers

Dan O'Keefe

Induction Ceremony

Dan O'Keefe

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees

Mark Antonietti – Mount Carmel

Rich Borsch – Fenwick

Jim Caliendo – St. Laurence/Fenwick

Rodney Chambers – Mendel/Fenwick

Dave Diehl – Brother Rice

Jim Grannon – St. Laurence

Jack Johnson – St. Rita

Michael Kimberlin – Bishop McNamara

LaRue Martin – De La Salle

Joe Martinez – St. Laurence

Robert Meschbach – Gordon Tech

Man of the Year

Jim Prunty

Thanksgiving

Rev. Richard Peddicord, O.P.



Mark Antonietti



Mark Antonietti is a 1984 graduate of Mount Carmel High School where he excelled in football and wrestling.

Mark was a two-year starter for the Caravan football program and during his senior season he was recognized as an All-State player on both offense and defense. He was recognized as an All-American football player while selected as the football scholar athlete of the year by the USA Today; in addition, he earned the very prestigious Tony Lawless Award as the most outstanding football player in the Chicago Catholic League.

As a wrestler, Mark, was a three year starter and compiled an overall record of 74-15. He was a three-time CCL Wrestling Champion and a two-time IHSA Regional Champion and as a senior finished 2nd down state. His senior year he was also the recipient of the Tony Lawless Award in wrestling—putting him in a very select group of athletes who earned the Tony Lawless Award in two different sports.

Upon graduating from Mount Carmel in 1984 he took his talents to South Bend to play for the University of Notre Dame before transferring and graduating from the University of Nebraska where he was a two-time letterman for legendary coach Tom Osborne.

Currently, Mark is a faculty member at Mount Carmel where he teaches Mandarin and is an assistant varsity football and wrestling coach. While a coach at Mount Carmel he has been part of staffs which have won 3 state wrestling titles and 9 state championships in football.

He is married to Erin, his wife of 19 years, and is the proud parent to four great kids! His oldest son, Dominic, is a junior at Mount Carmel. Gino is a freshmen at Mount Carmel. A set of twins, Cece and Ben, are 6th graders who attend Christ the King!

Rev. Jack	Gavin, O.S.A.	Bob	Kelly	Bill	Marek
Jerry	Gee	Brian	Kelly	Jerry	Markbreit*
Ken	Geiger	Ed	Kelly	Randy	Marks
Jim	Gemskie	George	Kelly*	Nick	Markulin
George	Gilmartin*	Johnny	Kempfer*	Clarence Rube	Marquardt*
Joseph	Giunta*	Jack	Kernan*	Tim	Marshall
Bill	Gleason*	Jack	Kerris*	Joe	Marsico
Bill	Gleason	Jack	Kiley*	Dick	Martin
Bill	Gleason	Judge Roger	Kilfoy	LaRue	Martin
Joe	Gleason	Leo	Kimberlin	Joe	Martinez
John	Gliwa	Michael	King*	Richard	Martwick
John	Gorman	Joe	King	Erik	Maurer
Jim	Grannan	Clanton	King	Ron	Mayor
Dan	Griffin	Kevin	King	Don	McAuliffe
Bob	Groseth	Ralph	Klaerich	Pat	McAvoy
Tim	Grunhard	Tom	Kleinschmidt	Jim	McCabe
Lou	Guida*	Ray	Konrath	John	McCallum*
Bill	Haig*	Ortho	Kortz	Dennis	McCann
Don	Hakes	Tommy	Kouzmanoff*	Melvin	McCants
Bob	Hallberg	Joe	Kozak*	Donovan	McNabb
		Steve	Krafcsin	Walter	McGovern*
Robert	Hamilton M.D.*	Edward "Moose"	Krause*	Frank	McGrath*
Bob	Hanlon*	Don	Kruger	Bernie	McGinn
Bill	Hare	Joe	Krupa	Albert	McGuff*
Ellie	Hasan*	Mike	Krzyzewski	Jack	McHugh
Richard "Chico"	Hawkins	Max	Kurland*	Tom	McHugh
General Mike	Healy	Chico	Kurzawski	Chuck	McNellis
Keith	Healy	Todd	Kuska	Ed	McQuillan
Don	Heldmann	Richard	Kuzma*	Robert	Meschbach
Bill	Hellmer	Daniel	Lamont*	Bert	Metzger*
Mike	Herbert*	Stan	Lapsys	Joey	Meyer
Pete	Hester*	John	Lattner	John	Meyer
Art	Hicks*	Bob	Lauter	Ray	Meyer*
Phil	Hicks	Anthony "Tony"	Lawless*	Art	Michalik
Ralph	Hinger*	Frank	Leahy*	Robert "Red"	Miller
Ed	Hoerster	Dave	Lenti	Jim	Misiora*
John	Hoerster*	Frank	Lenti	Peter	Mitchell
Jim	Hoffman	Ralph	Leo*	Tom	Mitchell*
Dave	Hogan	Cal	Lepore*	Tom	Monforti
Don	Hogan	Chuck	Lewandowski*	Br. J.B.	Moore, C.F.C.
Mike	Hogan*	Rev. Don	Lew, O.S.A.		Morgenthaler,
Mike	Holmes	Norb "Gooch"	Lewinski	Rev. N.J.	O.P.
Jerry	Holtzman*	Jack	Lewis	Joe	Mota
Mike	Howlett*	Jack	Lewis	Jim "Moose"	Mulcrone
Henry	Hyde*	Dennis	Lick	James	Mullen
George	Ireland*	Charlie	Liebrandt	Emmett	Murphy*
Len	Janik	Al	Lodl	Jerry	Murphy
George	Janky	Bob	Luksta	Jim	Muting
Sam	Jantelezo*	Jim	Luzzi	Bob	Nanna
James	Jardine*	Bernie	Lynch*	Lou	Narish
John	Jardine*	Jerry	Lyn	Bob	Naughton
Len	Jardine*	Pete	Mackanin	Clem	Naughton*
Bill	Jauss*	Pat	Mahoney	Pat	Naughton*
Jack	Jennings	Dr. Ralph	Mailliard	Robert	Nevers*
Joe	Johnson	Steve	Mally*	John	Niemiera*
John	Johnston*	Bill	Maloney*	Tom	Noble*
John	Jordan*	Frank	Maloney	Edward	Norris*
Steve	Juzwik*	Mike	Manderino	Dr. Ed	Norton*
Pete	Kammholz	Fred "Mann"	Mangialardi	Thomas	O'Brien*
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Tom	Kavanagh*	Dave	Manthey	John	O'Connor*
Joe	Keane*	Ed	Manskie	Tom "Buzzy"	O'Connor*
Tom	Keating	Ed	Maracich	Frank	O'Donnell
Rich	Kehoe	Gerry	Marciniak	Jim	O'Grady*
				Tom	O'Halloran
					O'Hare
Will	Kellogg*				

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Hall of Fame Inductees

Ed	Adams	Max	Burnell*	Fred	Dillon*
Marve	Adams*	Charlie	Butler	Mark	Donahue
Ray	Adams*	Mark	Bybee	Kevin	Donlan*
Alex	Agase*	John	Byrne	Don	Doodly*
Frank	Amato	Ted	Cachey	Ray	Doran
Dom	Amidei	Dick	Caldarazzo	William	Downs*
Eric	Andersoin	Jim	Caliendo	Paddy	Driscoll*
Elmer	Angsman*	Bill	Calkins	Richard "Chico"	Driscoll
Jim	Angsten	Bob	Calihan*	Bod	Duax*
Mark	Antonietti	John	Calkins*	Rev. Edward	Dubel, C.R.*
Rev. James	Arimond S.J.	Rev. Lawrence	Calkins O.S.M.*	Bill	Duchon
James	Arneberg*	Tracy	Campbell	Fred	Duda
Brother	Austin F.S.C.*	Norm	Canty	Don	Dufek*
Barney	Badke*	Tom	Carey	Brian	Duniec
Fred	Baer*	Greg	Carney	Patrick	Dunn*
Jamie	Baisley	Jeff	Carpenter	Bill	Durkin
Bob	Baggot*	Dan	Carroll	Br. Frank	Dusiewicz, C.R.*
Dan	Bagley*	John	Carroll	Jim	Dwyer
William	Bamrick*	Al	Cech*	Dick	Dzik
Cas	Banaszek	Rodney	Chambers	Jack	Egan
Andre	Banks	Ron	Chernick	Frank	Ehmann
Henry "Babe"	Baranowski*	Gene	Chess	Bob	Erlenbaugh
Walt	Barnes	Bob	Chmiel	Chuck	Erlenbaugh*
Tony	Barone	Jim	Clancy	Nick	Etten*
Bill	Barrett*	John	Cleland	Howie	Fagan
Judge Norman	Barry*	Dave	Condon*	Bob	Fallon*
Mike	Barry	Jim	Connelly	Ed	Farmer
Taylor	Bell	John	Connelly*	James	Farr
George	Benigni	George	Connor*	Jim "Bro"	Farrell
Rich	Bertoni	Jack	Connor*	Carl	Favaro*
Joe	Bertrand*	Mark	Coglianes	Jim	Fay
Thomas	Bettis	Brother John	Coughlin*	Ron	Feiereisel*
Paul	Biebel*	Lawrence	Coutre	Marty	Finan
Greg	Bingham	Tom	Coyle	Br. A.R.	Finch, F.S.C.H.*
Eddie	Bohan	Ike	Craig*	Dick	Fitzgerald
John	Boles	"Pie"	Cranley	Jack	Fitzgerald
Brad	Bomba	Fr. Frank	Crawford O.S.A.*	John	Fitzgerald
George	Bon Salle	Al "Whitey"	Cronin*	Rev. Terrence	Fitzgerald O'Carroll*
Steve	Borowski	Pat	Cronin*	Tom	Fitzgerald
Rich	Borsch	Rev. F.R.	Crowe, O.P.	Mike	Flaherty
Phil	Bouzeos	Msrgr Rt. Rev	Cunningham O.F.*	Nails	Florio*
John	Bowler	Ron	Curl	Donald	Flynn*
John	Boyle*	Mike	Curtin	Larry	Flynn*
Kevin	Boyle	Len	Czarnecki	John	Foley
Pat	Boyle	Zigmont "Ziggy"	Czarobski*	Tom	Foley
Henry	Brandt*	Hon. Richard	J. Daley*	Bob	Foster
Al	Brandt	Gerald	Darda	Bob	Frasor
Terry	Brennan	John	Dee*	Wally	Fromhart*
Neil	Bresnahan	Capt. Michael	Delaney*	Anthony	Furjanic
Gerald	Brockhouse	Ron	Delisi	Rudy	Gaddini
Edward	Bronson*	Fred	Dempsey*	Edward	Galvin
Greg	Brooks	Joe	Depke*	John	Galvin*
Roger	Brown*	John	Deurand*	Del	Gander*
Warren	Brown*	Leo	Deutsch*	Marty	Gaughan
Edward	Burda	Dick	Devine	Br. Eamon	Gavin, F.S.C.*
Chet	Bulger*	Dave	Diehl		
Ed	Burke	Joe	Dienhart*		
		Steve	Dietz		



Rich Borsch



While attending DePaul University, Rich Borsch began coaching at St. Thomas More School in Chicago, where he spent seven years and helped found the Chicago Catholic Grade School Conference, serving over 4,000 children at 32 schools.

In 1974 he began coaching freshman football at Fenwick High School. In thirty-five years as coach his teams have had 27 winning seasons, attained 8 league titles, and captured three 9-0 division championships. He also served as head sophomore coach and was a varsity assistant on the 1991 Prep Bowl Championship team and the 1995 team that reached the IHSA Semi-Final with a 12-1 record. He has spent forty-two years on the Fenwick staff.

Rich has also been a member of the Fenwick faculty, served as Interim Principal and is currently Associate Principal for Student Services. As a college counselor, he has helped forty-five senior classes with their college selection—over half of all the graduates of the school. He has earned the Illinois Board of Education's highest award for student support personnel, the COA's Coach's Award and served on the University of Illinois and Seton Hall University's Counselor Advisory Boards.

Rich resides in Elmwood Park with his wife Karen.



Jim Caliendo



Jim started his tremendous career in the Chicago Catholic League way back in 1979! His first stint was with St. Laurence where he taught and coached until 1986. While with the Vikings Coach Caliendo compiled a record of 72-36 in swimming with a Sectional title in '86. In water polo he earned a 57-42 overall record and took 3rd place at the ISA tournament in '85 and won the ISA in '86.

He would then take his talents to another CCL school—Fenwick. He stayed at Fenwick from '87 to '93. Here are some highlights during his time at Fenwick:

- 84-7 overall record in Swimming
- 7 time Chicago Catholic League Champ
- 6 IHSA Sectional Champ
- 6 Top ten state teams
- Finish 2nd in '93
- IHSA Champions in '90, '91, '92
- Coached 72 IHSA All-State swimmers
- Coaches 72 NISCA All American swimmers

After the 1993 season Coach Caliendo took his talents to Carl Sandburg H.S. where he has continued to coach swimming and water polo. Coach Caliendo will go down as one of the most successful swimming and water polo coaches our state has ever had. He is a member of the Illinois Swimming Hall of Fame, Illinois Water Polo Hall of Fame and a member of the St. Laurence Hall of Fame. He now belongs to the CCL Hall of Fame. Congratulations! Below are his career numbers:

Swimming (39 Seasons)

- 365-79
- 24 Conference Championships
- 24 IHSA Sectional Championships
- 9 Top Ten state teams
- 3—IHSA State Championships
- 3-time Illinois Coach of the year

Water Polo (38 seasons)

- 703-253
- 15 Conference Championships
- 5 IHSA Sectional Championships
- 12 Top 4 finishes down state
- 5—IHSA State Championships
- 4-time Illinois coach of the year



Jim Prunty



Jim has spent his entire life on the south side of Chicago. After graduating from Br. Rice, he earned his undergraduate degree at Loras College and went on to earn a Master's degree in School Counseling at Northeastern Illinois University and a Master's degree in School Administration from Governors State University.

Jim has spent 35 years in Catholic school education. While the majority of his time was spent at St. Rita High School and Saint Ignatius College Prep, Jim got his start as a teacher and coach from De La Salle Institute where he was hired to teach English and coach baseball, basketball and football. While at St. Rita, he served as an English teacher, counselor, Assistant Dean and Assistant Athletic Director. In addition to these duties, Jim was the Head Baseball and Basketball Coach as well as an Assistant Football Coach for a few years. During his coaching career his teams won over 600 games and he was selected as the Chicago Catholic League (CCL) Coach of the Year in both baseball and basketball. Jim was the Director of Athletics at Saint Ignatius College Prep where he was instrumental in re-starting the football program and getting one of the first artificial playing surfaces installed at a high school in the Chicago area. Freshman baseball, girls field hockey and boys/girls lacrosse were added to the Athletic Department under his direction.

Jim has been active in leadership roles throughout his career, serving in the following capacities:

President of the CCL Board of Control

President of the CCL Coaches Association

Secretary of the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC)

Member of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Legislative Commission

Member of the Illinois Athletic Directors Association (IADA) representing the CCL and the City of Chicago

Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Board Member

Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association (IHSBCA) Board Member

Jim was also the CCL and GCAC representative for ICOPS (Interscholastic Council of Private Schools) where he spearheaded the efforts leading to the expansion of the CCL and GCAC with the addition of some schools from the Suburban Christian Conference.

Jim has been fortunate to have received the following honors during his career;

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| 2005 | IADA Athletic Director of the Year (City of Chicago) |
| 2007 | Induction into the CCL Hall of Fame |
| 2010 | Induction into the IBCA Hall of Fame |
| 2011 | Induction into the GCAC Hall of Fame |
| 2012 | Recipient of the A-E-O (Athletic and Educational Opportunities) Meyer-Harte Coaches and Athletics Leadership Award named for DePaul Basketball Coach Ray Meyer |
| 2014 | IHSA Distinguished Service Award |
| 2015 | Central Officials Association (COA) Distinguished Coaches Award |

Jim has been married to his wife, Maureen, for 40 years. They have three children—Kevin (Kelly), Meaghan and Maura (Pat Nash) - and eight grandchildren—Jack, Nolan, Henry, Gracie, Charlie, William, Jimmy and Liam



Robert Meschbach



Roger Meschbach is a 1977 graduate of Gordon Tech. He is the best soccer player our school has ever produced and he is arguably one of the best soccer players our great conference has ever witnessed.

Robert played in a hand full of games his junior year and all of the games his senior season finishing with 105 goals in 39 games. 71 of those goals were scored his senior year, a state record (which still stands to this day) and national record and was named High School All-American. Robert played for Rapid Vienna in the Austrian Bundesliga the summer after his senior year in high school, and turned down a contract offer accepting a full scholarship to Indiana University

At Indiana University, Robert became a 1st team All-American, and runner-up to the Hermann award (the equivalent of the Heisman Trophy). Robert had 61 total goals while at IU, leading the nation in scoring his senior year with 27 goals, and is still one of Indiana's all-time leading scorers. Robert is IU's 4th all-time leading scorer and 5th all-time in points, tied for 1st in single points in a season. Robert was also voted 3 times the ISAA College Player of the week. In 1978 Robert was selected to the U20 National team. In 1980 Robert's senior season he was selected as IU's most valuable player, selected to the Senior Bowl East team, selected as one of Nike Soccer America College most valuable players, and was chosen by Walt Chyzowich to the US Olympic Development team. During his tenure at IU, the team had a 76-9-4 record with 2 NCCA tournament final appearances in 1978 & 1980.

In 1980, Robert was the very first player drafted for the Chicago Horizon of the Major Indoor Soccer League. He also was a first round draft pick of the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers in the North American Soccer League (NASL) and opted to play for the Strikers. With the Strikers, Robert was Rookie of the year 1981, made the cover of Soccer America and was 2nd team All North American. In 1982 Robert was voted NASL player of the week, was asked to play for Team America which is considered today's US National Team and was considered one of the top Americans in the NASL. In 1984, Robert was traded to the Chicago Sting and helped them win the NASL Championship. Robert finished his professional career playing for the New York Cosmos, San Diego Sockers, Louisville Thunder and Chicago Power. In Robert's NASL career he scored 16 goals and 9 assists for 41 points. In his 43 game MISL career with the Ft Lauderdale Strikers, Chicago Sting and New York Cosmos he scored 25 goals and 9 assists for 59 points. Robert was also selected to the All Canadian Team Honorable Mention. In 2005 Robert was selected to Team USA vs The World team in Dallas in the NASL Heritage Match. Robert was also recently honored to be inducted into the Illinois Soccer Hall of Fame Nov18th 2012.

Robert was born in Galt, Ontario Canada. Robert is married to his wife Suzi of 33 years and has two daughters Nicole and Erika and a granddaughter Annabelle.



Rodney Chambers



Rodney Chambers entered Mendel Catholic High School in 1982 where he was a distance-running leader for four years. Although he never captured a state title, when left to compete for the University of Iowa Hawkeyes, he was a 10-time Catholic League Champion in Track & Cross Country; all-state four times; IHSA Regional Champion, 4-time IHSA Sectional champion, a 2-time recipient of the Anthony R. Lawless Award and a 4-time Chicago Tribune Prep Athlete of the Week. He was eventually inducted into the Mendel Catholic Hall of Fame in 2005.

In Cross Country, a grueling and unforgiving sport, Rodney spent most of his senior season recovering from a broken ankle. When he returned, he did so with vengeance, going undefeated in five races, capturing the individual Catholic League crown and leading Mendel to its first ever Catholic League team title. He also added individual titles at the IHSA Regional and Sectional meets that same season. He eventually finished 5th at the state cross country meet and led Mendel to a 7th place finish, unheard of from Chicago's inner city. It would be the highest in school history never to be repeated or surpassed.

A double-threat in Track & Field, he competed aggressively in the 3200 and 1600 meter races. Between the indoor and the outdoor seasons he won the conference 3200m title five times, setting the outdoor record his senior year. At 1600 meters he was a two-time winner of the *Louis J. Schloderback* trophy awarded to the outdoor Catholic League champion. He finished as an all-state runner three times, taking the bronze medal in both events his senior year.

He went on to a double major in Journalism and English while competing in Track and Cross Country at the University of Iowa where he was a 3-time all-Big Ten finisher and Big Ten Champion in 1989. He lettered in Track and Cross Country all four years and still holds Iowa's all-time 8th fastest indoor 800 meter run.

He obtained a Master's degree in Public Administration in 2005 and is currently the Director of Business and Financial Services at the Richard J. Daley Library on the University of Illinois (UIC) campus in Chicago. He has coached and developed distance runners at Fenwick High School for the past 10 years.



Dave Diehl



David is a 1998 graduate of Brother Rice, and while at Brother Rice High School, was a three-sport athlete playing football (4 years), track (3 years) and wrestling (2 years).

After graduation, David left for the University of Illinois where he played football, earning Academic All-Big Ten honors an incredible five times. In 2002, David was an All-Big Ten Conference selection and started all twelve games for the Illini. He was integral piece in that 2002 team setting a number of school records. As a pillar of the offensive line, David helped pave the way for 446 yards of total offense per game for what was then a school record. That same offensive line bowled defenses over for a season record of 5,356 total yards. David's team was also responsible for allowing the fewest sacks in a season, a total of 16, setting yet another school benchmark. During his senior year he was the recipient of the Wright Commitment to Excellence Award, presented to the Illinois player who has dedicated himself to academic excellence despite obstacles faced during his collegiate career. David graduated with a bachelor's degree in Speech Communications in 2001, and during his NFL career he completed his academic endeavors in 2008 when he received his master's degree from the University of Illinois in Human Resource Education.

David was drafted by the New York Giants in 2003 and has played for the Giants the last eight years. During one stretch of his career, he started 120 consecutive games. David was named to the 2009 Pro Bowl and was a 2nd team All-NFL selection of the Associated Press in 2008. Other honors include being named the 2003 Giants Offensive Rookie of the Year and selected to the NFL All Rookie Team. David played a major role with the 2007 New York Giants, winning the Super Bowl Championship. David's accomplishments extend well beyond the football field. As a staunch supporter of Project Sunshine throughout the year, culminating with David hosting an annual barbeque at Woodhull Hospital for Project Sunshine children receiving medical treatment and their families. In 2009, as a true testament of his character, David was named the recipient of the Project Sunshine Volunteer Award. David and his wife Nikki donated the largest strength and conditioning center in the country for football players to the University of Illinois. David and Nikki have a beautiful daughter, Addison Elizabeth, who was featured, along with David, in the "N.F.L. Dads Dedicated to Daughters" book.



Joe Martinez



Major Joe Martinez, a 1999 graduate of St. Laurence High School in Burbank, had one of the most storied careers in Viking athletic history, excelling in both football and wrestling.

Joe accrued many honors during his prep career. He was an all-conference player as a junior running back in 1997. He was an all-area and all-state running back in 1998. That senior year was truly one for the record books as he rushed for 2,014 yards in just nine games, and amassed 3,143 yards for his career, both St. Laurence football records that still stand today. He was awarded the Tony Lawless Award in '98, and even made the Faces in the Crowd section of the popular magazine Sports Illustrated.

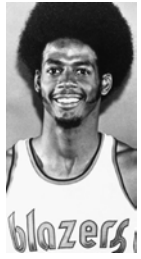
He was a champion wrestler as well, going downstate twice in his storied career. He also played baseball for the Vikes. He is a member of the St. Laurence Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduation, Joe went on to the United States Military Academy in West Point, played on the gridiron for the Black Knights, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 2003.

In 2005 while transporting Canadian Special Forces deep in Afghanistan, his Chinook helicopter he was piloting took enemy fire and was shot down. Joe was able to land the aircraft safely, and protect the personnel on board from the enemy until help arrived. He has been awarded numerous awards for valor and service to his country.

He was a professor of military science at University of Illinois at Chicago. Joe taught leadership development and empowered young college students to be their best. For two years, Joe was the recruiting commander in Chicago, one of the most competitive markets in the United States.

Joe was named President of St. Laurence High School in February of 2012.



LaRue Martin



LaRue Martin is a proud 1968 graduate of De La Salle. While a student at De La Salle, LaRue excelled on the basketball court. He was a four year varsity player and was All-Catholic League.

His excellent career at De La Salle earned him a scholarship to continue his basketball career at Chicago's Loyola University where he continued his brilliant play. He scored 1, 222 points and to this day is the school's all-time leading rebounder with 1,072. He made the entire basketball community take notice when he outplayed UCLA's famous Bill Walton in the 1971-72 season during the midst of their famous win streak.

The Portland Trailblazers took notice! In the 1972 NBA draft the Portland Trailblazers selected Mr. Martin with the first overall pick. He signed a six-year \$1.2 million dollar contract. A young man who cleaned the cafeteria dishes while at De La Salle to work off his tuition was now the number 1 selection in the NBA draft.

To this day LaRue Martin is the only individual in our storied conference to ever be selected number one overall in the NBA draft.

After his NBA career LaRue returned to Loyola to finish his degree in sociology. Soon after earning his degree he began to work for UPS. Over time he worked his way up the corporate ladder and now finds himself manager nearly twenty individuals.

LaRue is married and has two children.



Jim Grannan



Jim Grannan is married to Cindy. They have five children, Billy, Jim, Jonathan, Nikki, and Melissa. They have one granddaughter Ava. Jim graduated grade school from St. Bede's in 1974 and then from St. Laurence High School in 1978. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from St. Xavier University in 1984. He received a Master of Arts in History from Chicago State University in 1990, and a Master of Arts in Education Administration from Governor State University in 2000.

Jim played football at St. Laurence High School. In 1976, his junior year team won the Chicago Catholic League Championship and the Class 5-A State Championship. In 1977, his senior year team won the Chicago Catholic Championship and made it to the Class 5-A Semi-finals. During his senior year he was named All Catholic League, second team's All Area and All State. He played his college football at Illinois Benedictine College.

When Jim graduated from college he coached football and track at St. Laurence High School (1984-88). He then moved on to De La Salle Institute to become the Head Track Coach and Defensive Coordinator (1988-90). In 1990, he would become De La Salle's Athletic Director. In 1991, he became De La Salle's head football coach.

Jim was De La Salle's Head Football Coach for ten years (1991-2000). He finished with a regular season record of 47-43 and 4-3 in the state playoffs. His teams qualified for the state playoffs three years (1993, 94, & 99). The 1993 team would be the school's first team to make the state playoffs and make it all the way to the Class 5-A Semi-finals. In 1993, Jim was named Coach of the Year. The 1999 team would win the Chicago Catholic League Championship, made it to the second round of the state playoffs and eventually finished as City Finalist. His De La Salle teams would be Chicago Catholic League divisional runner-up five times.

Jim came back to St. Laurence in 2002 and become the school's longest serving Athletic Director (2002-2012). Also, he would become St. Laurence's longest serving head football coach (2003-2011). In nine seasons, his St. Laurence teams would finish with a regular season record of 42-39. His teams qualified for the state playoffs three years in a row (2007, 2008, & 2009). His teams would finish as the Chicago Catholic League White runner-up six times. He was named Coach of the Year in 2006 for leading the Vikings to their first winning season since 1996. In 2008, Jim was inducted into the St. Laurence Athletic Hall of Fame as a football player and coach. In 2010, he received the "St. Laurence Award" (for Outstanding Teacher).

Jim's overall head coaching record including playoffs is 99-97. Jim stepped down as St. Laurence's Athletic Director and Head Football Coach after the 2011/2012 school year. He is presently St. Laurence High School's Chairman of the Theology & Social Studies Department.



Jack Johnson



Jack is a 1989 graduate of St. Rita High School and during his time with the Mustangs he was a three-sport athlete (golf, basketball and baseball).

Although he was a three-sport athlete, Jack excelled in baseball. He was a two-time All-Catholic league selection and an All-State selection his senior year after hitting .439 as well as The Chicago Tribune Player of the year. In addition, he was selected as the Gatorade Player of the Year in the state of Illinois and Collegiate baseball named him as one of the top three catchers in the country.

Jack was drafted by the Chicago White Sox out of High School, but elected to go to college. During the summer between his senior year and College he played with the USA National Junior Team—the only player from Illinois to be on the team.

Jack was fortunate enough to go play collegiate baseball for the University of Arizona. During his collegiate career he was a three year starter and three-time All-PAC 10 selection helping the Wildcats to a PAC-10 title in 1989.

He was drafted and signed a professional contract by the Los Angeles Dodgers out of college. He played for the Dodgers for two years. During a nine year career, Jack would play for the Anaheim Angels, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs. He also coached for 2 years in the minor league system.

Jack was inducted into the St. Rita Hall of Fame in 2008 and now resides in Northern California where he teaches and coaches.



Michael Kimberlin



A 2001 graduate of Bishop McNamara high school, Mike was a standout both on the gridiron as well as on the wrestling mat!

During his football career at Bishop McNamara, Mike was a two-way performer and excelled on both sides of the ball. In his senior year in a 4A playoff game against Normal Community H.S., he rushed for 325 yards on 60 carries with four touchdowns! The rushing yards and attempts are an IHSA 4A playoff record. The 60 attempts is 6th all-time in the National High School record book. He is also the all-time leading tackler in Bishop McNamara history—that alone is a very outstanding feat!

He was a three-time All-Catholic League performer, a three-time Kankakee Daily Journal All-Area selection and was the Kankakee Daily Journal Outstanding Football Player recipient. He was also selected to the IHSA All-State team his senior year.

His football credentials are good enough to earn him a spot in the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame, but his wrestling career might be better!

He is a three-time Chicago Catholic League Wrestling Champion, was the recipient of the Tony Lawless Award his senior year, a four time Kankakee Daily Journal All-Area selection, a four-time IWCOA All-State Team selection. In his senior year he was recognized as the Cliff Keen Wrestling USA High School All-American member and was the Kankakee Daily Journal Outstanding Wrestler. In the IHSA state tournament he took 3rd place as a freshmen, 2nd as a sophomore and won it both his junior and senior season. During his senior season he never allowed a takedown in 71 matches.

He would later attend Northwestern University where he was a four year letterman and a National Qualifier at 157lbs in 2004

Michael spent 8 years coaching wrestling with his father, Dale, and brother, Jake Kimberlin at Bishop McNamara High School. To date, Michael has helped contribute to the success of 15 state qualifiers, 13 state-placers, and 6 IHSA state champions. He currently is teaching and coaching wrestling at Minooka H.S.