

Stephen P. Joseph
Inducted June 25, 2010

Athlete – Class of 1980

Stephen Joseph was a three year varsity baseball player and a two year varsity basketball player. He was twice named a baseball IAC Honorable Mention All-Star and was also a basketball IAC Honorable Mention All-star in his senior year. As a baseball catcher, he led the team in batting in his junior and senior years and batted for over a .400 average as a sophomore and senior. He was also a defensive stalwart, throwing out attempted base stealers at a rate exceeding 50 percent. In his two varsity basketball seasons he scored 485 points and pulled down over 500 rebounds. He was an integral part of the first MCS basketball team to win an IAC Northern Division Championship. In addition to athletics, Stephen was an honor student, President of the Student Council, delegate to Empire Boys State, active in his church and a four year coach for the youth basketball program.

After leaving MCS, Stephen attended The University of Scranton where he played four years of basketball, earned two varsity letters, served as a team captain and was named Men's Basketball Team Player of the Year. He was a member of the 1983 Division III National Championship Team that compiled a record of 29-3. His pride in team, which he attributes to his MCS coaches, caused him to be called upon to act as the student coordinator of athlete visits to the university. Upon completion of his college career, Stephen remained active in basketball as an official and a coach. He officiated for five years in the Syracuse area and coached CYO basketball in the greater Washington, DC area for seven years. He has earned B.S. & B.A., University of Scranton, 1984; M.S., Xavier (OH) University, 1986; and pursued doctoral studies at Catholic University (Washington). In 2008, Stephen and his wife, Colleen, initiated and funded "The Robert S. Bessoir Scholarship" in honor of his former Scranton coach.