

Dr. James M. O'Neil
Inducted June 26, 2009

Athlete – Class of 1966

Jim O'Neil was described by his coach as intense, serious and a good example for younger players. His quiet and fair approach to competition resulted in his being awarded sportsmanship awards. He was a three year varsity player in soccer, basketball, baseball and volleyball and a two year participant in track and field. He served as a captain of soccer and basketball teams. Jim was a key member of the 15-0-1 Cortland County League and Section IV Champion soccer team. In the record setting 1965-66 basketball game Jim scored 26 of the team's 117 points and contributed numerous assists. He scored 679 points in basketball and 22 career goals in soccer, including 16 in his senior year. Jim's mother fondly remembers his half court heave to score at the buzzer at St. Mary's.

Jim ranked among the top 10 percent of his MCS class academically and went on to bring great credit to his school and community. Following graduation he attended and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at LeMoyne College where he also found time to play freshmen basketball and two years of soccer. Jim also earned MA and PhD degrees from the University of Maryland and was a Fulbright Scholar to Russia in 1972. He published 70 journal articles, 15 book chapters and 2 books. Jim is currently a licensed clinical psychologist with a private practice and a Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Counseling Psychology and Education.