

Carl T. Hayden
Inducted June 27, 2008

Athlete - Class of 1959

Carl Hayden's introduction to the MCS athletic program began as the student manager for the basketball teams when he was in the eighth grade. His responsibilities included functioning as the official scorekeeper and clock operator for both the JV and Varsity teams. While in high school Carl participated at the varsity level for: 3 seasons of soccer, 2 seasons of basketball, 4 seasons of baseball, and 2 seasons of both track & field and volleyball. Carl was a captain for the soccer, basketball and baseball teams.

In soccer he scored 15 goals in three seasons. Perhaps his finest effort came in the 1959 Sectional Championship game, where he scored both goals in a 2-1 victory; the second goal coming in sudden death overtime and preserving an undefeated season. In basketball, he scored 792 career points in two seasons. The 487 points scored in his senior year established a school record which would stand until 1982. In the basketball sectional playoffs of his senior year, Carl scored 30 points in an overtime win against Cato-Meridian, 19 points in a 5 point victory over Groton and 25 points in a seven point lost to Newark Valley. As a baseball player he was selected to play in the annual baseball All-Star game in Cooperstown.

Carl was also a student leader and excelled academically. The work ethic, leadership, and character traits that high school athletics helped him develop remained with him throughout his professional career. Carl Hayden is a successful attorney who has provided meritorious public service to the State of New York as Chancellor of the NYS Board of Regents, Chairman of the NYS Health Foundation; and is currently serving as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for SUNY.