

James E. Joseph
Inducted June 25, 2010

Athlete – Class of 1979

Jim Joseph played three years of varsity baseball and two years of varsity basketball. He was twice named an IAC baseball Honorable Mention All-Star and was selected to the IAC All-Star First Team for basketball in his senior year. He was also named the basketball team Most Valuable Player and was the recipient of the McDonald Award in his senior year.

In his two high school basketball seasons Jim scored over 671 points in an era prior to the three point line. In 1977 he was moved up from the JV squad for sectional play and came off the bench in the semi-final game to score 16 points and help the team move into the finals. In baseball he was a mainstay right handed pitcher and power hitting left handed batter. He once missed pitching a perfect game by a base on balls late in the game. During basketball season, throughout his four years of high school, he would be found each Saturday morning coaching a youth basketball team. Off the fields and courts, Jim was an honor student, president of the Student Council and a delegate to Empire Boys State.

After leaving MCS Jim earned a BS degree in Accounting from LeMoyne College and a Master of Public Administration degree from Syracuse University where he was recommended for a Presidential Fellowship and spent a year working in the Department of Health and Human Services and Senator Moynihan's office. While at LeMoyne he played JV baseball and basketball. He once scored 25 points in a preliminary game in front of a Carrier Dome full house. Jim currently serves as the President and CEO of Oneida Ltd. and invests considerable time in philanthropic activities and as a coach of youth baseball and basketball teams.