

**Michael Ondrako**  
**Inducted June 26, 2009**

**Athlete – Class of 1972**

Mike Ondrako was a standout, three sport star in the late 1960s and early 1970s playing three seasons of varsity soccer and baseball, and two seasons of varsity basketball. He was a team captain for soccer and baseball teams. He earned IAC First Team All-Star honors in both soccer and baseball and was an Honorable Mention All-Star in basketball for the 1971-72 school year, the first time such honors were awarded. Mike was the team leading scorer during all three of his soccer seasons, his career total 41 goals accounting for 60% of team scoring. In his senior year he scored an amazing 21 of 34 team goals while being closely guarded by usually more than one defender.

Mike's strongest sport may have been baseball where he led his team to an IAC Championship in 1972, Marathon's first IAC title in any sport. During that season Mike batted over .400, had a pitching record of 5 wins - 0 losses – 2 no decisions, and a remarkable earned-run-average of 0.50 in league games and 1.22 overall. His most outstanding performance was a game in which he recorded 18 strikeouts in 7 innings.

After graduation, Mike remained active in sports. He played several years of fast pitch softball including a time as centerfielder for the Syracuse Salts professional team. He is currently a Captain in the City of Cortland Fire Department and is also an assistant SUNY Cortland baseball coach.