

INAUGURAL CLASS OF THE CURLEY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

David Amend '83 -- Football & Wrestling



Dave Amend didn't start playing football until high school but that didn't stop him from becoming one of the school's best defensive tackles ever. Said former Curley football coach, Dick Patry, "If a team runs the ball 41 times, they'll run 36 of those plays away from Dave." The 6'4", 238 pound lineman played three years of varsity football and served as a captain his senior season. He was an All-Metro, All-MSA, and honorable mention All-American selection who chose to play college football at the University of Maryland over Notre Dame, UCLA, Nebraska, and North Carolina. As a freshman at College Park, Amend started for the defense but prior to his sophomore season made the switch to offensive line where he continued to excel. He was a four year letterman for the Terps.

Amend was also a standout on the wrestling mat in the "unlimited" weight division. As a junior he compiled a record of 18-1-1 and was instrumental in the team getting invited to participate in the prestigious National Prep Tournament for the first time. As a senior, Amend was crowned an MSA champion in his weight class as the Friars finished third out of 27 teams. He was also a team co-captain and 1st team All-Metro selection. Amend was the Father Julian Athlete of the Year winner in 1983. He was voted to the school's Silver Anniversary Team in both football and wrestling.

Timothy C. Brannan '68 -- Football, Wrestling & Lacrosse



Tim "Bulldog" Brannan was a two-year starter on offense (center) and defense (middle linebacker) for the varsity football team. He captained the team his senior year and was selected to the All-MSA Conference First Team. Brannan was also a captain and standout on the wrestling team as a heavyweight finishing 7-1 as a senior with all seven victories by pin. He even lettered in lacrosse in 12th grade and was Curley's Athlete of the Year in 1968.

Upon graduation from Curley, Brannan accepted a full athletic scholarship to play football at the University of Maryland. He played offensive guard and was named co-captain and the Coach's Offensive Lineman of the Year as a junior and senior. In 1973, he was selected as UMD's Male Athlete of the Year. Brannan had a brief stint in the NFL with several teams before playing two seasons in the World Football League. He was a member of the Wilkins House flag football team, which won five national championships. Brannan passed away in 2001.

Albert E. Frank -- Baseball Coach



The name Al Frank and baseball are synonymous at Curley. Frank began coaching baseball at the school in 1963 and continued in this role for 41 years before retiring before the 2004 season. In this span, his teams won 546 games and six conference championships. His last two titles came in 1999 & 2001, when he was also named the Baltimore Sun's All-Metro Coach of the Year. In 1999, the Friars set a state record for home runs in a season with 49. The 2001 team gave Coach Frank the distinction of winning at least one title in five different decades (1969, 1970, 1978, 1983, 1999, and 2001). Curley was also an "A" Conference runner-up in 1977, 1980, 1988, and 1991. Coach Frank was much respected by his peers and the baseball community and was named to the Maryland State Association of Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1997. Frank was equally revered for his work in the classroom teaching history to Curley students. He passed away in 2012.

Gene Hoffman '69 -- Track & Football/Cross Country & Track Coach



Gene Hoffman excelled as a member of the track team. In addition to helping the squad complete Curley's first undefeated season (8-0) in 1967, he held the school record in three events during his time as a Friar. In his senior season he served as a captain and was the high scorer for the team.

Hoffman's success on the track continued at the collegiate level. He was a key contributor on Towson State's only Mason Dixon Championship track team. He once again was the school's record holder in various events and relays and was a Mason Dixon champion in the 440 yard relay and 440 yard hurdles. He continued competing post-college and has numerous AAU, Masters, and Senior Olympic championships to his name.

Hoffman continues to add to his legacy at Curley as a cross country, indoor track, and track & field coach. He has spent 41 years leading several generations of athletes and has guided over 30 championship teams. He has been named the Baltimore Sun's Coach of the Year on six occasions. His success and influence led his peers to name the MIAA Track Championship trophy in his honor.

Dr. Bill Kelley '66 -- Baseball & Basketball



Dr. Bill Kelley played two years of varsity basketball and pitched for three years on the varsity baseball team (captain in 1966). He was the first Curley varsity baseball player to receive All-MSA and All-Catholic honors (two years), and he was the first Curley graduate to be drafted by Major League Baseball (June 1966).

Kelley received an athletic and academic scholarship to the University of Virginia and played two years for UVA in the Atlantic Coast Conference. When he was drafted again by Major League Baseball in 1968, he signed a professional contract with the Baltimore Orioles. He played four years in the Orioles farm system before returning to UVA to get his college degree.

After graduating from UVA, Kelley attended Logan College of Chiropractic. He graduated in 1976 and moved to Knoxville, TN where he serves as the chiropractor for many University of Tennessee athletes and various professional athletes in track & field, football, tennis, golf, and baseball. In 1984-85, he was the first chiropractor named to the U.S. Olympic Team medical staff at their training center in Colorado Springs. In 2002-2004, Kelley served as the chiropractor for the PGA Tour and still works with golf professionals on the Web.com Tour in Knoxville.

Joe Lhotsky '65 -- Football



During his senior year, Joe Lhotsky became the first Curley football player to be selected to the All-Maryland Football squad. That same season, the 6'2", 225 pound tackle was also the only Marylander named to Coach & Athlete magazine's All-Scholastic football team (All-American). Lhotsky's post-season honors also included recognition on the All-MSA, All-Catholic, and the 1964 Baltimore Sun All-Prep Eleven Team. Heavily recruited by thirteen schools, Lhotsky accepted a football scholarship to attend Clemson University.

Lhotsky continued to dominate foes as a member of Clemson's offensive line. He was a four-year letterman. In 1968, the Tiger was an All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection, All-South Carolina State pick, and won the South Carolina College's Jacobs Blocking Trophy, an honor bestowed upon the state's best blocker.

Richard "Coach" Patry -- Football Coach

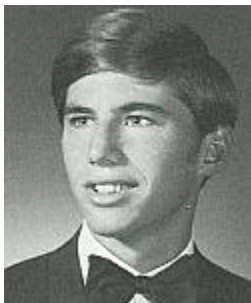


Richard Patry will forever be known to generations of Curley Men as "Coach." A college All-American at Catawba College, he began his football coaching career as the head coach of Archbishop Curley's freshman team. As Varsity football coach from 1966-1982, Patry amassed 78 wins. His most successful campaign was the 1977 season during which the Friars posted an 8-2 record and laid claim to the Catholic League championship. That year, Curley finished the season ranked #3 in the Baltimore Sun's final poll.

Patry's 17 seasons at the helm of Curley's football program marked only a fraction of his overall service to the school. He joined the faculty in 1962, the year after the school opened and remained a member of the Physical Education Department for the next 39 years. In addition to football, Patry coached freshman and JV basketball.

Still an active member of the Curley Family, Coach is a familiar figure in the stands at football games in the Bowl. He is also a crowd favorite as alumni from every generation are eager to reminisce with him.

Thomas "Pep" Perrella '70 -- Soccer, Football, & Baseball/ Soccer Coach



Thomas "Pep" Perrella was a standout athlete and coach for Curley. As a junior he scored the winning goal in the 1968 MSA title game held at Kirk Field against Patterson. This gave the school its first varsity championship. Perrella earned another championship as a member of the varsity baseball team in 1970. He even served as the kicker for the varsity football team during a period of his high school athletic career.

After graduating from Curley, Perrella received a scholarship to play soccer at Loyola College. He was a midfielder on the 1971 team that finished unbeaten with a 16-0 record. In 1973 he served as a captain and his teams finished with a 50-8 record over his collegiate career.

Always known for being a smart player on the field, Perrella returned to coach his alma mater and guided his squads to three league championships and several runner-up finishes. He is a member of Curley's Silver Anniversary soccer team and also was inducted into the Maryland Soccer Hall of Fame. Perrella passed away in 2011.

Mario Scilipoti '75 -- Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, & Football



Mario Scilipoti earned 10 varsity letters in four different sports in his time at Curley. He was the captain of both the soccer and baseball teams during his senior year. His performance in both sports garnered him post-season honors as he was recognized as an All-MSA 1st Team selection in soccer and All-Catholic 1st Team in baseball. Scilipoti was named the school's first recipient of the Fr. Julian Athlete of the Year award in 1975. In 1986, he was named to Curley's Silver Anniversary soccer and baseball teams.

The multi-sport athlete continued to display his leadership skills at the next level where he captained Loyola College's soccer and baseball squads. He was a member of the school's national championship soccer team in 1976 and was their Athlete of the Year in 1979. His accomplishments led to his induction into Loyola's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990 and the Maryland Soccer Hall of Fame in 2003. Scilipoti returned to Curley in 1982 for a five-year stint as a teacher, athletic director, and soccer coach.

Bill Walter '69 -- Basketball & Baseball



Bill Walter was the first Curley basketball player to score 1,000 points in his career and is one of only two who have reached this milestone in the school's history. Walter was an All-Catholic League and All-MSA 1st Team basketball selection his senior year. In the spring, he suited up for Al Frank's baseball team as a first baseman having played four years on the varsity. Walter was co-captain of the first championship baseball team in 1969 and was also selected to the All-Catholic League and All-MSA 1st Team. He batted clean-up, hit .423, and was the state RBI leader. Walter was named to Curley's Silver Anniversary Teams for both basketball and baseball.

After graduating from Curley, Walter continued his athletic career at Loyola College after being awarded a full scholarship. He continued as a two-sport athlete for two years before an injury limited him to playing basketball only as a junior and senior. Walter was awarded the college's Mohler Trophy his senior year for excellence in scholarship and athletics. In addition to being an All-Mason Dixon selection, he was a three-time most valuable player of the Greyhound baseball team.