

## *HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE*

### **WARREN “JOE” ISAAC**



In his senior year at Power Memorial, 6'6" All-City standout Warren "Joe" Isaac broke the school rebounding record with 23 rebounds per game while averaging 17 points per game and leading the Varsity team to a record of 21 and 6. He was heavily recruited and accepted a scholarship to Iona College in New Rochelle.

Joe Isaac was the first player from Iona College to be selected as the recipient of the Haggerty Award as the top collegiate basketball player in the New York Metropolitan Area in 1965. As a senior, Isaac was second in the nation with a 20.9 rebounding average. That same season, he was 13th in the nation averaging 25.2 points per game, a remarkable double-double average achieved while leading Iona to a 12-11 record.

Isaac holds four school records. He has the mark for most points in a game (51) against Bates in 1964 and in that same game, made a school record 21 field goals. He also has the record for most rebounds in a season with 480 in 1964-65, which averages out to 20.9 rebounds per game, yet another record.

Isaac ranks 10th on the all-time scoring list at Iona College with 1,341 career points. He is second in total rebounds in his career, pulling down 1,124 in only three seasons of varsity action and without the advantage of the 3-point shot line.

At the conclusion of his senior year, he was an All-East selection as well as being a candidate for All-American honors. Following his career as a Gael, Isaac spent six seasons playing professional basketball in Italy before returning to his alma mater to be an assistant under head coach Gene Roberti.

In Italy, Joe played six seasons with Milano's All'Onesta' team. Joe always took advantage of his well honed rebounding, ball-handling and shooting skills to create mismatches regardless of the defender assigned to him. This allowed All'Onesta' to overachieve during the six seasons of Joe's playing career.

Joe went on to work with many teams, coaching and developing young players to maximize their full potential, including his son, Francis Julius, who plays with the Whirlpool Team in Varese. These teams included [Divarese Varese](#), [C.Riunite R.Emilia](#), [Sidis Reggio Emilia](#), [Depi Napoli](#) and [Cagiva Varese](#). Today Joe lives in Varese, Italy, north of Milano, with his wife Silvia, and coaches the Laveno "Under 15" and "Under 14" Teams. Joe Isaac is a living-legend in the world of pallacanestro Italiano.