

## *HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE*

### **JOSEPH SCIAME**



Joseph Sciame, from St. Malachy's parish in East New York, Brooklyn, first entered Power Memorial Academy in January, 1955, as what was then commonly known as a "February Freshman". His family moved to New Hyde Park in July, 1955, which meant a three-hour trip by bus and train to and from Power each day. He graduated in June, 1958 and headed off to St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens.

After completing his studies at St. John's, interrupted by a 3 year stint in the U.S. Army, Joe went on to work for the University, serving as the first Director of Financial Aid and in succeeding roles as Dean and then Vice-President for Student Recruitment Services, overseeing the areas of financial aid and enrollment marketing. As St. John's grew, the need for better communication between the school and the surrounding community resulted in Joe's appointment to the then newly created position of Vice-President for Government and Community Relations, where he continues to serve today.

In addition to his work at SJU, some of Joe's outside activities include involvement with the Board of Ethics of the Town of North Hempstead, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of NY, the New York State, Eastern Regional and National Association of Student Administrators and the Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School, which he help found. Additionally, he has served on the Education Commission of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and served a three-year term as Chairman of the Futures in Education Foundation Advisory Board of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

He is recognized as both a professional and personal friend to all in the fields of student financial aid and higher education, and as a staunch supporter of Catholic education. Coupled with his strong involvement in the Italian American community, he has had many "careers" in his life.

He has always credited his success to his time at Power and to the good Irish Christian Brothers, with whom he has had a special kinship all these many years. "They gave us the structure, the commitment to education, the pride in ourselves and so much more. My two favorites were Brothers Frank Offer and Anthony D'Adamo. I march each year in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in their memory and what they did for me, and for us all."