



2019 Hall of Fame Mini Bios

Br. Thomas Jensen Faculty 1967-1977

Br. Jensen came to Power in September of 1967 and over the following 10 years taught Mathematics, Religion, English and Latin across all four grade levels. Equally versatile in the athletic arena as he was in the classroom, he coached Freshman, JV and Varsity B basketball, winning 3 City Championships along the way. More significantly, it was his coaching of young players in their formative years that helped lay the foundation for the '70, '72 and '76 Varsity City Championship teams. He had the same effect coaching JV baseball, honing skills and instilling confidence in his players on their way to the Varsity team. Br. Jensen, a member of the CHSAA Hall of Fame, went on to teach and coach at Iona Prep and Bergen Catholic High School until his death in 2011.

Mr. Gerald Grimmeyer Faculty 1959-1984

Having attended All Hallows and Iona College, it was only fitting that Mr. Grimmeyer would, in the fall of 1959, come to teach at Power Memorial Academy. Over the next 25 years he taught Social Studies, A.P. European History, English and French, to name a few subjects, but is best remembered for developing and teaching his Modern Russian History course. After Power closed its' doors in 1984, Mr. Grimmeyer returned to his roots to teach, and eventually become principal, at All Hallows High School.

John Lovett '69

Coached by both Mr. Mulligan and Br. Bielen, John was one of PMA's premier middle distance runners in the late '60's. At Manhattan College, he was a 4 time All American, a 2 time IC4A half mile champion and a member of the world record setting 1973 NCAA Indoor Championship Distance Medley Relay team. After 19 years as track coach at Bishop Kearney HS in Brooklyn, John is currently assistant coach for Manhattan's men's and women's cross country/track & field programs.

Steven Donohue '70/Faculty 1976-1984

Steve was a four year basketball man at Power, including his senior year as a member of the '69-'70 Varsity City Champs team, the same team that was ranked the No. 1 high school basketball team in the country that year. Following another 4 years of basketball at St. Francis College in Maine, Steve returned to Power where he taught Phys Ed, Health and Social Studies, served as a Guidance Counselor and coached baseball and basketball. After Power closed in 1984, Steve taught and administered in several eastern Long Island schools, finishing his career as principal of the Wading River Elementary School.



Julio Alonso '73

While Julio followed the traditional path of high school basketball, playing Freshman, JV and Varsity "B" ball, baseball was a different matter entirely. Starting with his freshman year, Julio played on the varsity team for 3 straight years, being named a CHSAA All City pitcher each year. Side lined by injuries in his senior year, Julio went on to play 2 years of college ball before pitching 5 years for the Detroit Tigers organization, until recurring injuries forced his retirement in 1979.

Joe Reilly '75

Always entrepreneurially inclined, Joe spent his early work years in the home accessories, restaurant and hospitality fields. In 1993, he started a now 25 year old business specializing in workplace drug testing for entities as varied as the transportation industry, Major/Minor League Baseball and local, state and Federal government agencies. As president of National Drug Screening, Joe continues to provide training, consulting and testing services for drug free workplaces across the country.

1969 Penn Relays Championship Two Mile Relay Team

When something is said to be more or greater than the sum of its parts, it means that it is better than you would expect from the individual parts, because the way they combine adds a different quality. This is certainly the case when talking about Power's '68-'69 Two Mile Relay team of Andy Walsh, Tony Colon, Pete Lovett and John Lovett. Each of them exceptional individual runners, they were the most impressive when competing as a group. This was never more evident than their 1969 Penn Relays record setting two mile relay victory, a record that stood for the next 21 years. They were inducted into the Penn Relays Hall of Fame in 1995.