

MICHAEL DEL MEDICO '73

“It’s a blast. I love coming to work. I have so much fun.” These are phrases that Mike Del Medico frequently uses when talking about his alma mater and place of employment for the past nine years.

“I showed two people the chapel today,” Del Medico said. “How can you not be proud of that if you had any part of it?”

Del Medico attended Brown University in Providence, R.I., and went on to the University of Dayton to earn a *doctor juris* degree. For 30 years he practiced trial litigation at the Scanlon Group, Co. L.P.A. (formerly known as Scanlon and Garinger, Co. L.P.A.) in Akron, eventually becoming managing partner.

During that time his two children, Caitlin and Michael Jr., graduated from Hoban, and Del Medico was asked to serve on the board of directors, first as a member and then as chair.

“That’s what really got me back into the mix of things at Hoban,” he said. “I was learning so much about Hoban’s finances, athletics and admissions. I’d find myself driving away from Hoban and thinking about it for the next two hours and jotting down notes.”

At 55, Del Medico decided to retire from law and started a new career as the director of athletics at Hoban. Two years later, there was a need in the advancement office, and for three years he served as both the director of advancement and director of athletics.

The campaign, *This is Hoban*, began in October, 2013. In two short years, the campaign surpassed its goal to raise \$6.6 million and became the most successful capital campaign in the school’s history.

“The campaign was really a lot of fun,” Del Medico said. “People were so amazing. There was never an appointment that I didn’t look forward to. We had a great product to be proud of.”

The campus has been transformed under Del Medico's leadership in advancement, with many additions and improvements, such as the tennis courts, the Asente and Scala Families Innovation Center, the McCool Center for Entrepreneurial and Leadership Studies, improvements to the athletic fields and the current campaign to improve the art facilities with the CREATE Studios.

Del Medico embraces Hoban’s core values even more as the vice president of advancement and planning than when he was a student, and it seemed like it was by osmosis that he got the message that the brothers and staff delivered in the classroom.

“Now that the core values are in the forefront, I realize that I did learn discipline here, I did learn service to the poor here. The last nine years, it has really come together and I realize that Hoban is clearly a part of who I am.”