

## Robert Valesente – Class of 1958



A three sport athlete in high school, Robert Valesente played 4 years of football, 4 years of basketball and 3 years of baseball. He was outstanding in all three sports.

In 1958, Bob enrolled at Ithaca College and went on to play 4 years of football and 4 years of baseball. In baseball, Bob was named to the All-ECAC and All-American Teams. He was co-captain of the Ithaca baseball team that played in the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

After college, Bob played 2 years in the Chicago Cubs organization as a centerfielder and was elected into the Ithaca College Sports Hall of Fame in 1971.

Bob then entered the coaching ranks and has had a long and outstanding career. He coached football at Cornell, Cincinnati, Arizona, Mississippi State, Kansas, Maryland and Pittsburgh before entering the NFL. His career continued with the Baltimore Colts, Pittsburgh Steelers, Super Bowl Champion Green Bay Packers, the Carolina Panthers, and the NFL Europe Frankfurt Galaxy. He is still coaching in Germany today.

Bob lives in Hilton Head with his wife, Joan. They have three children: Ginger (Miles Weekly), Michelle (Michael Sands Sr.), and Robert (Suliana) and six grandchildren.