

JOE NOZZOLIO
Class of 1959



Joe graduated from Mynderse Academy in the class of 1959, ranking third with a 92.7 G.P.A. and earning a NYS Regents Scholarship.

While at Mynderse, Joe played three years of varsity football, starting at fullback in his junior and senior seasons. During these three seasons, Mynderse won consecutive Wayne-Finger Lakes Conference Championships. In his senior year, he served as team co-captain and was selected as All-Wayne-Finger Lakes and third team on the *Herald Journal's* Central NY All-State team.

Joe also played four years of baseball with the last two at the varsity level. In his senior year, he was nominated as captain and led the team with a .313 batting average.

In the winter months, Joe participated at the JV level in basketball in his freshman and sophomore years and was a member of the bowling team as a junior and senior.

Upon graduation, Joe attended Columbia University where he played four years of football. In his senior year (1961), Columbia won the Ivy League Championship and that team was placed in the Columbia Sports Hall of Fame in 2009. This team set an Ivy League record by scoring 50 points against Brown, the largest one-game total in Ivy history up to that time.

Joe did well in the classroom as well, achieving Dean's List and recognized as the student "most advanced in sports and studies". He graduated with his B.A. in economics and psychology.

Joe spent his professional years working for Aetna Insurance and the American International Group Inc. (AIG), one of the largest finance and insurance corporations in the entire world. He worked in the surety bond division for 43 years before finally retiring in 2005. During that time, Joe managed departments in Oklahoma, White Plains, and New York City. At AIG's home office in New York, he serviced foreign accounts for a year and took care of domestic accounts for five years.

Furthering his education, Joe earned his CPCU (Certified Property and Casualty Underwriter) designation in 1995, which is similar to a CPA in accounting. To obtain this, he had to take and pass ten national examinations.

Joe served on the Port Chester (N.Y.) Board of Education for nine years (1978-87) and was elected president for two of those years. He is married to the former Anne Dobie and is the father of three children—Jane, Beth, and Matthew (who unfortunately passed away in 1994). The couple has five grandchildren; Jane is the mother of three—Jon, Will, and Sammy. Beth graduated from the SUNY Fashion Institute in N.Y.C. and has two children—Nicholas and Anna. Joe proudly lists his family as his “greatest achievement” and that all children and grandchildren hold college degrees.