

LARRY JAMES

Class of 1966

Inducted 1998

Larry James, Class of 1966, who started his track career as a 7th grader at Highlands Junior High School, won two medals in the 1968 Olympics and went on to a distinguished career in college administration.

While at White Plains High School, Mr. James was a member of relay teams that set national records. At Villanova University he set track records which remain today.

In the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, Mr. James was a member of the gold medal winning U.S. 4 x 400-meter relay team and earned an individual silver medal in the 400-meter race. He also participated in activities by Olympic black athletes that year to call attention to civil rights issues.

Mr. James received his BS from Villanova in 1970 and a Masters in Public Policy from Rutgers in 1987. He also served as a major in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

An Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Athletics and Recreation at The Richard Stockton College in Ocean County, New Jersey, Mr. James is credited with helping to shape the identity and positive reputation of the newest member institution of the New Jersey System of Higher Education.

He has spearheaded efforts leading to the construction of Stockton's new \$17 million, 70,000 square foot multipurpose recreation center. Scheduled for completion next year, it will contain competitive and practice basketball, volleyball, tennis and soccer facilities, a fitness center and provide 5,000 seats for college events and concerts.

Since his retirement as a participant, Mr. James has remained active in athletics and the Olympic movement. He is currently chair of the USA Track and Field Budget and Finance Committee and has served as a member of the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee and as a manager of the USA Track and Field Team at the 1997 World Championships in Athens.