



## Robin Gibson Class of 1979

Robin Gibson, Class of 1979, was a four-sport athlete at Clarence High School from 1976-1979. Throughout her tenure at Clarence, Robin earned 12 Varsity Red Letters in field hockey, volleyball, basketball, and softball. She was a captain for basketball, softball, and field hockey in 1979.

In basketball, Robin was an integral member of the Section VI Class A Girls' Basketball Championship team in 1978 and was proud to be a member of "Charlie's Angels." She played varsity basketball for four years and was named the Outstanding Offensive Player in 1977. Robin was named to the ECIC Division II 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Star team in 1978.

In softball, Robin played third base and was a member of the Section VI Class A Softball Championship team in 1979. In 1979, she was named to the ECIC Division II 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Star team.

After graduating from Clarence, Robin attended Marist College and participated on the Women's Varsity Basketball team. In 1982, she transferred to San Diego State University to pursue her dream of becoming a certified athletic trainer and graduated in 1985 with her degree in Athletic Training.

Robin attributes her success to the CHS coaches and parents who provided the leadership, vision, determination, and dedication to promote girls in sports as Title IX Gender Equality Laws were developed.



## Zachary Lauricella Class of 2011

Zachary Lauricella, class of 2011, was a two-sport athlete at Clarence High School from 2007-2011. He lettered in football and baseball. Zach was one of the best quarterbacks and pitchers in Clarence history and received many local and state honors.

In football, Zach led his teams to Divisional and Sectional Championships in 2010 as a senior. He owns the record for most individual passing yards in a season with 1881 yards. This amount is also the record for team passing yards in one year. Zach owns the individual passing yards in a game record with 325 yards as well as touchdown passes in a season with 16 touchdowns. Zach was named ECIC 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Star as a junior. During his senior year, he was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Star, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All WNY, and 5<sup>th</sup> Team All State as a quarterback.

In baseball, Zach was one of the best baseball players ever to play at Clarence. He led his teams to three straight Sectional Championships from 2009-2011, including competing as a State Finalist in 2009. As a sophomore, he had a record of 10 wins and 0 losses with 1 save and was named to the ECIC Division 1<sup>st</sup> Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-WNY, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State. As a junior, Zach had a batting average of .407 and was named to the ECIC Division 1<sup>st</sup> Team. In his senior season, he batted .412 and was named ECIC Division 1<sup>st</sup> Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-WNY, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State.



## Rob Orr Class of 1965

Rob Orr, Class of 1965, was a three-sport athlete at Clarence High School from 1962-1965. He lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. Rob earned one Varsity Red Letter in football in his senior season as well as four Varsity Red Letters in basketball and baseball during his junior and senior years.

In basketball, Rob played on the varsity team for two years. He was named to the ECIC Division 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Star team in 1965, his senior year. He continues to hold records for his contributions on the hardcourt. Rob is first all time for average points per game in a season with 25 points per game. He shares the record for the most 30+ points in a game, having accomplished this seven times. His point total of 41 points in one game is ranked fifth all time. Rob finished his career with 717 points, which at the time made him the all-time leading scorer at Clarence High School.

Rob was the epitome of a student-athlete. He was the Student Council President and worked in the bookstore.

Upon graduating from Clarence in 1965, Rob went on to Allegheny College, where he competed on the varsity basketball team for one year and the varsity baseball team for two years. After graduating from Allegheny College in 1969, Rob spent one year teaching in Ohio before returning to WNY to teach and coach in Hamburg Central Schools for many years.



## Kevin Starr Coach

Kevin Starr coached volleyball for thirty-eight years, twenty-eight of which were devoted to Clarence. He achieved 451 career wins while coaching at Amherst, Frontier, and Clarence High Schools.

Clarence Boys' Volleyball earned league championships in 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999, and 2016 under his coaching. Kevin's teams also won Section VI championships in 1999 and 2016.

During his tenure at Clarence, the boys' volleyball team was named "Team of the Year" by the WNY Volleyball Officials' Association six times.

Kevin has been highly honored in the sport of volleyball throughout his career. He was named WNY Boys' Volleyball Coach of the Year in 1987, 1998, and 2016. He earned the Joe Gillespie Friend of Volleyball Award in 2000, 2008, 2011, 2013, and 2014. Kevin was inducted in the WNY Boys' Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2012.

2016 was a banner year for Kevin. He was named the Section VI Boys' Volleyball Coach of the Year as well as the *Clarence Bee* Coach of the Year and capped off an incredible year by being inducted in the New York State Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Kevin retired from coaching and teaching in 2018. He wove himself into the fabric of our community and was inspirational to many former students and athletes.



## Paul Walker Class of 1982

Paul Walker, Class of 1982, was a three-sport athlete at Clarence High School from 1978-1982. He lettered in soccer, basketball, and baseball. During his high school career, he earned 9 varsity letters.

In the fall, Paul competed on the varsity soccer team and was a starter for three years. As a freshman, he won the Most Valuable Player Award on the junior varsity team. Paul was an integral member on the teams that won league championships in 1979, 1980, and 1981.

Paul played basketball in the winter and was a member of the varsity team for three years. Before his varsity career, he earned the Most Valuable Player Award on the freshman team.

In the spring, Paul competed on the varsity baseball team for four years. He started at second base all four years. He earned ECIC league honors during his senior year.

Upon graduation from high school, Paul enrolled at Florida Southern College where he played baseball. Upon graduating from Florida Southern College, he was commissioned into the US Army in 1988 and served until 1995 when he was medically retired.

Paul began playing wheelchair tennis in 1997 and played competitive international wheelchair tennis from 2000 - 2005. He became a certified tennis teaching professional in 2002. Paul is presently the USA National Coach for Wheelchair Tennis as well as the Assistant Coach for the Florida Southern Women's Tennis program.