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20 HALL OF FAME 25

ATHLETICS



Coach Joe Anzalone



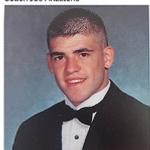
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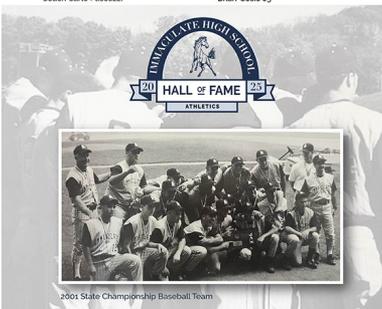
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2001 State Championship Baseball Team



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A Celebration of Mustang Pride

October
10, 2025

Immaculate High School Mustang Valley

October
11, 2025

Amber Room Colonnade



Dear Honorees and Guests,

The spirit of Mustang athletics is more than competition—it's a community of students, coaches, families and alumni who, together, have shaped a legacy of pride and achievement spanning over 60 years. What our Mustangs learn on the field—collaboration, integrity, accountability, and striving for their best—becomes a foundation for achievement in higher education and in life.

Congratulations to our 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees! We deeply appreciate your role in building this remarkable legacy. Our heartfelt thanks go to the coaches, teachers, fans, alumni, community members, friends and families whose daily dedication sustains and strengthens Mustang athletics. Immaculate's athletic program thrives because of you.

We've had some exciting developments this past year! Our eSports Team took home the State Championship in Mario Kart for the second year in a row. Several of our Mustangs earned All State, Scholar Athlete and Leadership awards. Plus, 2025 scholar-athletes have gone on to play at D1, D2 and D3 schools—and even a professional football club. We also welcomed a new ATI United Football Coach, Danbury football legend Timothy E. Smith. A big thank you to our Mustang All Sports Club, and specifically the Miller family for its generous donation, which enabled us to renovate our Mustang Valley concession stand!

Immaculate's commitment to offering student-athletes incredible programs earned it a #14 Best High School for Athletes in Connecticut (by Niche). Our school is now home to 27 varsity sports and has a tradition of success that includes 49 conference championships and 40 state championships. I love my job as Athletic Director and am honored to be a member of our prestigious Hall of Fame. I know what it takes to get here. Welcome!

Nelson Mingachos
Athletic Director
Immaculate High School

The IHS Athletic Hall of Fame exemplifies the rich traditions of excellence in Immaculate athletics by recognizing those who have brought honor and distinction to our school. The induction ceremony and celebratory luncheon allows us to honor individual athletes, legendary coaches, special contributors and outstanding teams who have made us proud through the years.

Thank you to our Hall of Fame Committee for helping to make this event a success!

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Maureen (Brew) Arsenault '69
Nikki (Weiss) Conte '01
Jeannie (Coleman) Demko '88
Kevin Dunleavy
Robert E. Gerwien
Brian Hayes
Zach Long '04
Joe Mohn '02
Nelson Mingachos '89
Wendy Neil
Mike Palmer '69
Bob Plumb
Carolyn (Sullivan) Schlichtig '87





PROGRAM

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS



Friday, October 10, 2025

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Presentation of Hall of Fame Pins & Scarves

Saturday, October 11, 2025

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON

11:30am

Welcome

Wendy Neil, Head of School

Recognition of current IHS Hall of Fame members in attendance

Nelson Mingachos '89, Athletic Director

Prayer

Fr. Philip Phan, School Chaplain

12:00pm

Lunch

12:30pm

Presentation of Awards & Medals

Individual Honorees

- Coach Joe Anzalone
Award accepted by his daughter, Deb Esposito
- Brian Cosio '03
- Daniel Curtis '08
- Paige Davis '15
- Ashley Houghton '14
- Alexandra Kaeslin '12
- Daniel McCorkle '12
- Coach Carlo Pascuzzi
- Corina (DaSilva) Pirulli '12
- Carly Schuyler '14
- John Thorne '67
- Thomas Wilson '01

Team Honorees

All team members will accept medals.
Acceptance speech by Tom Bloss '01 and
Coach Tom Neville '74

2:00pm

Closing Remarks

Wendy Neil

Inducted 1989

James E. Tierney '67
Paul A. Hiro '68
Christopher J. Palmer '68
Frank E. Fiorita '69
Sandra J. Arconti '78

Inducted 1991

W. Jeffrey Russell '76
Kathleen Rowe Shaw '83
Kerry Rowe '83
Robert E. Gerwien (Admin)

Inducted 1992

David S. Closter '67
Michael R. Pascuzzi '70
Thomas J. Lynch '73
Lynne M. Viscio '79

Inducted 1993

James V. Pacific '72
Michael M. Jeffress '78
Ellen Prunty '82
Ronald P. Gleissner, Jr. '86

Inducted 1994

Robert Suchy (Coach)
Raymond De Pelteau '69
Maryann Lynch '85
John Drohan '86

Inducted 1995

Fraser Randolph '70
Candy Ferris McCarty '70
David Osborne '81
Karoline Rossini '81
Michael Donahue '84
Beth Anne Livolsi '89
Elston Dodge (Supporter)

Inducted 1996

Daniel Murphy '66
Harold Gantert '74
Michael Dekker '80
Claire Holston '81

Inducted 1997

Roger Burke '72
Ralph Scozzafava '76
Sheila Hanley '80
Mark Thalmann '82
Robert Slavinsky (Coach)
Inducted 1998
Joyce (Jowdy) Curran '68
Ian Smith '87

Dana Smith '87
Kevin Dunleavy (Coach)

Inducted 1999

Albert E. Davis '71
Thomas K. Neville '74
Robin Jeffress Walker '78

Inducted 2000

Ray Velez (Coach)
Stephen T. Palmer '74
Lisa J. Bongo '79
Nelson O. Mingachos '89

Inducted 2001

Joseph Fazio (Coach)
Mark Schweitzer '86
Zach Dargaty '88
Suzanne N. McAuliffe '89

Inducted 2008

Kate Drohan '91
Robert Gerwien Jr. '81
Stephen Kaplanis (Coach)
Andrew Riepe '95

Inducted 2009

John Barata '96
Jaimie Bierwirth '97
Kenneth Rausch '91
Kristi Setaro '91
Linda Sabel (Coach, Phys. Ed
Teacher)

Inducted 2010

Bridget Deakin Henry '92
Sean Lomas '97
Patty Murren Gessner '92
Mike Palmer '69
Bob Nelson (Coach)

Inducted 2011

Bob Plumb (Coach, former
Director of Athletics, Phys Ed
Teacher)
Andrea Behling Thoennessen '96
Doug Riepe '00
Caryl Drohan '91

Inducted 2014

Cicely Jette '92
Joe Mohn '02
Joe Rios '81
Charlie Zarccone (Coach)
1976 Boys Basketball Team

Inducted 2016

Maureen (Brew) Arsenault '69
(Supporter)
Nicole Baker '06
Moiria (Deakin) Finney '93
Amanda (Genova) Johnson '06
Paul Myott '86
1986 Football Team

Inducted 2018

David Bonilla '00
Nikki (Weiss) Conte '07
Chris Haddad '00
Francisco "Chico" Barata (Coach)
1986 Ice Hockey Team

Inducted 2021

Alex Asencio '89
Jon Fenaroli '87
Moiria Kenny '09
Zachary Long '04
Lauren Mackay '05
Anthony Simone '01
Lindsay (Brown) Smith '06
Walter "Dusty" Thompson '71
1995 State Championship Girls
Soccer Team
Mike Szabocsan - Mustang
Appreciation Award Recipient

Inducted 2024

Julian Christe '07
Maggie Christe '13
Coach Ralph Derubertis
Jeff Haddad '95
Gabriela Juliano '09
Katie (Collins) Kneram '10
Michael Mango '94
Courtney Marra '11
Corey Medrano '11
Jessica (Wojnicki) Rodriguez '14
Liz Spinella-Jones '75
Dominic Zancan '77
1996 Boys Soccer Team
1997 Boys Soccer Team
1997 Girls Cross Country Team



Coach Joe Anzalone

“A graduate of Southern Connecticut State College, Head Coach Joseph Anzalone came to Immaculate from Stamford Catholic. Combining his talents of recognizing ability in his players and of choosing able assistants, he has developed the Mustangs into a powerful club in only three years.”
 Immaculate High School Crescent 1967

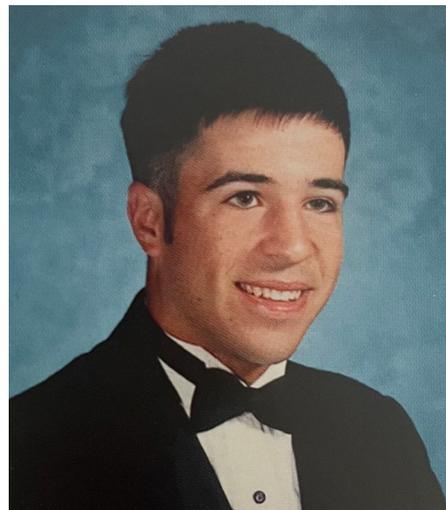
“Coached by Joseph Anzalone, the track team is developing into a unit. On the track ... the Mustangs were superior. They were never defeated in the 100 and 200 yard dashes.”
 Immaculate High School Crescent 1967

Joe Anzalone's legacy in football began in the early 1960s, when he started the football program at Immaculate High School. In the school's very first year of varsity competition, Coach Anzalone led the team to an impressive 6-2 record—an early glimpse of the success and leadership that would define his career.

After returning to his hometown of Stamford, Connecticut, Coach Anzalone took over as head football coach at Stamford Catholic High School. Over the course of nearly two decades, he built the Crusaders into a powerhouse program, guiding them to three state championship appearances. In 1978, under his leadership, Stamford Catholic captured the state championship title—a highlight of his coaching career and a proud moment for the community.

Following his success at the high school level, Coach Anzalone continued to share his knowledge and passion for the game at the collegiate level, coaching at both Columbia University and Susquehanna University. His dedication to the sport and his players earned him respect throughout the football world.

Now retired, Coach Anzalone enjoys life in Naples, Florida, with his wife, Beverly. He cherishes visits from his son John and his wife Wendy, as well as his daughter Deb and her husband Tony. Above all, his greatest pride is his family, especially his beloved grandchildren—Nicole and her husband Nick, Tommaso, and Nicholas.



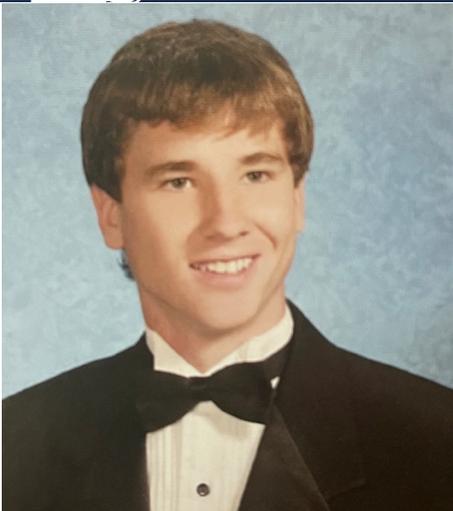
Brian Cosio '03



Brian Cosio played 3 years of varsity basketball and was named captain his senior year. He led the team to the Class S state championship title game. He was also the captain of the Class S state champion baseball team that same year.

As point guard he fueled the Mustangs high-octane offense. Some of his senior year accolades include CHSCA Class S All State, CHSCA Class S Academic All State, the Donald J. Lomme Scholar Athlete Award, SWC All-Conference Team and SWC All-Tournament Team. He averaged 13.9 points and 6.3 assists while being named to the News-Times All-Area Team. He averaged 19.6 points per game during the playoff run. He was selected to play in the Class M/S all-star game.

Brian went on to attend the University of Pennsylvania and now works at Crozier Fine Arts in Ridgefield, CT.



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Daniel Curtis '08

During his time at Immaculate, Dan had the privilege of playing varsity football for two years. He was a versatile player, starting three ways as a wide receiver on offense, a cornerback on defense, and a special teams player. His high school athletic career didn't stop at football. He also took up wrestling in his sophomore year, and by his senior year, he had an impressive 28-6 record with 23 pins. His hard work and dedication earned him several accolades, including the 2007 SWC Runner-Up, 2007 State Placer, and a spot on the 2007 Class S All-Academic Team. In 2008, he was honored to be named Team Captain and Class S State Runner-Up, while also making the Class S and SWC All-Academic Teams.

Dan was also a standout golfer, culminating in earning All-State honors in 2008. He posted a score of 76 in the state tournament and had

a 3.6 differential his senior year. He was also named to the SWC All-Patriot Division and the News Times All-Area Team in 2008.

After high school, Dan went on to attend the University of Connecticut, where he graduated in 2012 with a degree in Psychology. It was at UConn that he met his wonderful wife, Lisa. Today, they are proud parents to their two beautiful children, Eleanor and Jack.

Currently, Dan works for CDW Corporation, an international provider of information technology services, where his competitive nature that led to his success in sports continues to shine in his professional career. He has been fortunate enough to earn several awards, including the President's Achievement Awards in 2015, 2021, 2022, and 2023. He is now the Sales Manager for the Northeast region.



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Paige Davis '15

Paige Davis emerged as one of Connecticut's top soccer players, starting all four years for Immaculate High School. She cemented her reputation as a clutch performer, recording 30 career goals and 39 assists while leading her team to three State Championships.

Her exceptional high school career was recognized with numerous honors, including NSCAA All-American (2014), two-time All-New England and two-time All-State selections, and SWC Player of the Year (2013 & 2014). She capped her senior year by being named Class L State Championship MVP and was selected for the prestigious High School All-American Game and the CT Senior Bowl.

Beyond the field, Paige was an exemplary scholar, graduating 5th in her class with a 4.4 GPA and serving as Vice President of the National Honor Society. Her dedication

extended to community service, where she volunteered extensively with organizations like Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity. Paige continued her journey as a scholar-athlete at the College of Charleston, competing in the highly competitive NCAA Division I Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). She consistently earned Academic Honor Roll recognition.

She completed her collegiate career earning a Master's Degree in Health & Human Performance at The Citadel where she also competed as a Division I soccer player. During the 2019-20 season, she earned the Southern Conference Commissioner's Medal and was named to the Southern Conference Honor Roll. Paige Davis is the definition of a scholar-athlete whose competitive spirit and dedication have left a lasting impact both on and off the field.



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Ashley Houghton '14

Ashley Houghton was a three-year starter at Immaculate High School after transferring following her freshman year. During her career at Immaculate, she was a three-time All-New England selection, three-time All-State honoree, and three-time All-SWC honoree. She helped lead her team to two State Championships and an SWC title, serving as captain of the girls' soccer team in her senior year.

Ashley went on to play Division I soccer at Marist College, where she was included on the All-Rookie Team after her Freshman year. She was named to the MAAC All-Academic Team four times and was selected as team captain during her senior season.



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Alexandra Kaeslin '12

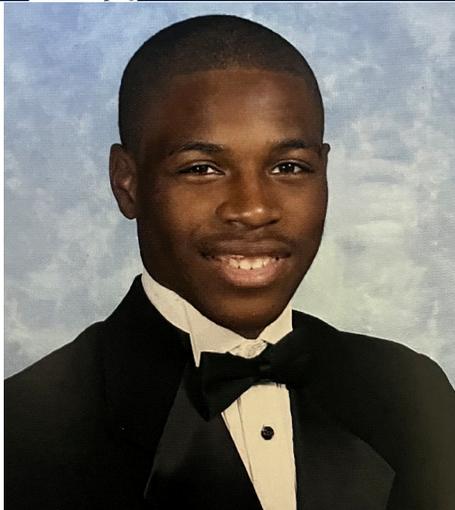
Alexandra Kaeslin was a dominant distance runner for Immaculate, competing in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. After two years on the swim team, she focused solely on running, where she found immense success.

In her junior year, Alexandra captured the 3200m title at the 2012 SWC Outdoor Championships. She was also a vital member of the 4x800m relay team that achieved a historic sweep, winning the 2011 SWC, Class S, and State Open Indoor Track & Field Championships. That relay team went on to place 4th at the New England Championship and 3rd in the Emerging Elite event at the New Balance Indoor Nationals. As a senior captain, she helped the indoor track team secure its first-ever SWC crown at the 2012 SWC Indoor Track & Field Competition, placing 2nd in the 3200m. She finished her IHS career strong, placing 6th with the

4xMile relay at the 2012 New Balance Outdoor Nationals.

Alexandra continued her track career at Sacred Heart University on a Division I National Letter of Intent. She served as a captain across all three running seasons her senior year, earning All Northeast Conference and All East Honors in Cross Country and All New England Honor in Indoor Track. She was part of the women's teams that won the Northeast Conference Championship Triple Crown for two consecutive years (2014-2015 and 2015-2016).

Alexandra remains an avid runner, having completed five major marathons, including New York, Boston, Chicago, Paris, and the 2024 Marathon Pour Tous at the Paris Olympics. Her goal is to complete all seven Abbott World Major Marathons, demonstrating the enduring impact of her passion for the sport.



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Daniel McCorkle '12

Daniel McCorkle was a multi-sport athlete during his time at Immaculate High School. He played two years of football for the Mustangs as a wide receiver and defensive back during his freshman and junior years. Most notably, McCorkle excelled as a basketball player for the boys basketball team from 2008 through 2012. Throughout his Immaculate basketball career, McCorkle earned multiple honors including Co-Captain during the 2012 season, 1st and 2nd team All SWC, 1st team CIAC Class S All-State, SWC Finals MVP, Candlewood Winter Classic All-Tournament team, News Times Tip-off Classic All-Tournament team, Mustang Colt award for demonstrating great athletic ability, character and academic scholarship as an underclassman.

In 2012, McCorkle led the Mustangs to an historic 26 – 1 record, capturing the SWC Championship and

Immaculate's 2nd Basketball State Championship in school history.

McCorkle went on to pursue his college education at Lasell University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in sports management. Although he did not play basketball at the collegiate level, McCorkle continued to stay actively involved in the sport by working the Mustang Basketball Camp during his summers, coaching freshman boy's basketball at Weston High School in Weston, MA and volunteering his time at the Newton Boys & Girls Club where he assisted in running basketball clinics for children in the local community.

McCorkle now works as a Brand Media Manager at the TJX Companies located in Framingham, MA.



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Coach Carlo Pascuzzi

Carlo Pascuzzi coached at Immaculate for 30 years from 1992 to 2022 and served as Athletic Director from 1977 to 2000.

He began his coaching career assisting boys soccer coach Frank "Chico" Barata. They and their team achieved back to back state championships in 1996 and 1997. In 2004, Coach Pascuzzi was named Assistant Coach of the Year by the Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association.

Carlo also coached boys and girls indoor and outdoor track & field alongside legendary coach Brian Hayes as the sprints and jumps coach. During his tenure his athletes achieved numerous individual SWC and state championships in both the long and triple jump as well as the 400m in 2022. In 2017 under the leadership of coaches Pascuzzi and Hayes, Immaculate won the boys Indoor SWC and state championships.



Corina (DaSilva) Pirulli '12
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Corina DaSilva was a four-year striker on the varsity Immaculate girls soccer team from 2008-2011.

As a freshman her two goals in the Class S championship led the girls soccer team to a victory, getting awarded most valuable player after the 2-0 defeat. Her most memorable game was the remarkable quarterfinal come-back after a 4-1 deficit. Corina already had the sole goal in the first half and put back 3 goals with 19 minutes remaining to tie it up, eventually leading the team to beat their rivals, Old Lyme.

She holds four state championship titles and was named three-time All-State and All-New England her senior year.

She went on to play Division 1 women's soccer at Sacred Heart University and started her freshman year as a center defender.

Corina graduated with a biology degree and is an orthopedic physician assistant at the number one orthopedic hospital in the world, Hospital for Special Surgery.

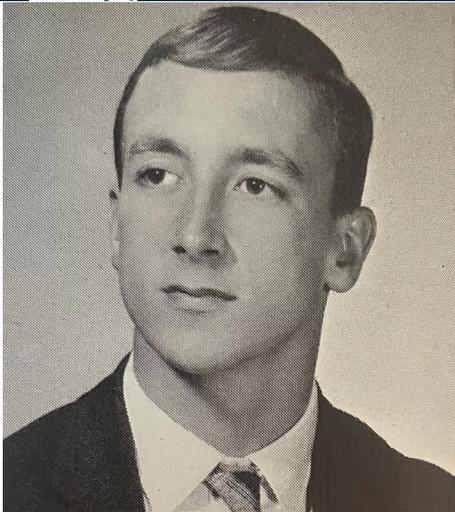


Carly Schuyler '14
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Carly Schuyler competed in varsity cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track throughout her four years at Immaculate High School. She was consistently recognized at the conference and state levels, regularly earning All-Conference and All-State honors, and qualified for the New England Championships both individually and as part of a team.

As a two-year team captain (2013-2014), Carly was also named MVP in 2012 and 2013. Career highlights include 4x800m Indoor SWC Champion (2012), 3200m Outdoor SWC Champion (2012), 3200m Outdoor State Champion (2013), 5000m Cross Country State Champion (2013), Cross Country Undefeated Team Season (2013) and SWC & Class "S" Team Champion (2013).

Following Immaculate, Carly continued her athletic career for four years at the University of Hartford, competing as a top three-season performer. She graduated in 2018 with degrees in Criminal Justice and Sociology.



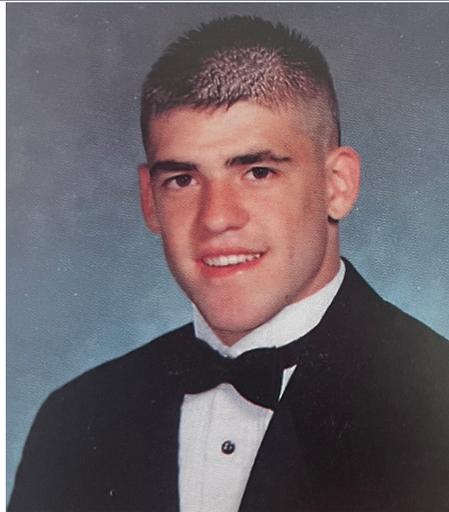
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John Thorne '67

John Thorne was a three-sport athlete at Immaculate before the school was affiliated with a league, playing basketball, cross country and baseball. He was a member of the inaugural varsity basketball team and served as captain. He has been described by fellow players as the first "true leader" and the "coach on the floor" of basketball at Immaculate.

His achievements include leading the basketball team to a 7-0 start of their season and being selected MVP his senior year. He had a 15.5 average and led the team in assists. During this season Immaculate basketball achieved its very first state tournament berth.

John went to college in Albert Lea, MN, and was the last cut as a walk-on. He spent many years playing/coaching and refereeing in the Industrial League. His work life has been spent outside as a surveyor where, at 75, he still works!



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Thomas Wilson '01

Thomas Wilson was born and raised in Danbury and graduated from Immaculate High School in 2001. He was a multi-sport athlete, participating in both football and basketball.

Thomas played four years on the Immaculate basketball team and was a two-year varsity starter for the Mustangs. As a senior, he led the Mustangs to the SWC Conference Championship game. That same year, he earned All-Area and All-SWC honors in basketball.

In football, Thomas was a three-year starter for the Mustangs. As a junior, he led the team to the SWC Championship game. He was named First Team All-Area and First Team All-SWC in both his junior and senior seasons.



2001 State Championship Baseball Team

Thomas Bloss '01	Peter McEwan '02	Anthony Simone '01	Assistant Coach
Anthony Conte '01	Patrick Nalley '03	Edward Simone '03	Art Haddad
Richard Fuller '03	Matthew Ovittore '03	Peter Spallino '01	Assistant Coach
Frank Genova '02	Brett Palmer '03	Michael Thater '04	Ryan Holleran '98
Matthew Haddad '02	Matthew Robbins '01	Dennis Zancan '02	
James Jordan '03	Stephen Robbins '01	Coach Tom Neville '74	

"They said it couldn't be done and that it would never happen. We had lost six seniors to graduation; this was to be a rebuilding year. We had to play as a team; we couldn't rely on just one or two players. But when they said it couldn't be done, we WON!!

The final game was against East Catholic, they were favored to win 8-5. The Mustangs turned the score around. Who couldn't come out pumped for this game? Tom Bloss came out so pumped that he had little trouble finding the plate in the second inning. Coach Neville came out to the mound and took Bloss out with the bases loaded and no outs. Rich Fuller came into the game and proceeded to strike out the side. That's when the tides turned in our favor. We were down 3-0 at that point.

The Mustangs came out swinging the next inning and scored a run. East Catholic came back with a run of their own. During the fourth inning, we



scored three runs to tie the score at 4 all. In the top of the sixth the Mustangs proceeded to score 4 runs and the lead 8-4 going into the last inning. We didn't score in the top of the seventh and it all came down to the last three outs.

The first two came easy and then it started to fall apart, the bases were loaded and East Catholic scored one run in the seventh inning. The last ball that East Catholic would hit, was to Pete Spallino who made the throw to Anthony Conte for the final out. That throw took the longest time to reach him at first base, but it finally did. When it did, we all ran out on the field, it was great. Then on the scoreboard it said, 'Immaculate High School CIAC Class S State Champions!'

-Dennis Zancan, Immaculate High School Crescent 2002



***Congratulations Coach Carlo on your induction into
Immaculate High School's Hall of Fame!***

Thank you for the lasting impact you had on Dom,
Sean, and so many athletes whose lives you inspired
both on and off the track!

Fondly

~ The Curra and Fahey Families



***Congratulations to the
Hall of Fame Class!***

Thanks Coach Anzalone
for starting football at
Immaculate.

~ The Palmer Family

