

Laurence A. Davidson ~ 2001 ~

From an early age, Larry has excelled at sports, having won the New Rochelle Punt, Pass and Kick football contest at age 8, the Westchester Novice Tennis Tournament at age 9, and during his little league years, pitching for the city championship team. Larry won multiple tennis tournaments and was the #1 singles tennis player in high school. His success continued at Swarthmore College where he won a NCAA Div. III team title, as well as being doubles champion and singles finalist.

He went on to a pro tennis career, achieving a 270 singles and 240 double in world rankings. He played in tournaments around the world, with a win over French Open Champion Andres Gomez, and is the only New Rochellean to play in the US Open Tennis Tournament.



William C. Orman ~ 2001 ~

Bill had a very successful high school and college sports experience. While at high school he was captain of the football team. His athletic prowess earned him a football and baseball scholarship to Marquette University. After a year, Bill transferred to Brandeis University, and became their first 3-letter graduate: 4 in baseball, 3 in basketball, and 3 in football. He was again captain of the football team.

After graduating college, Bill went into the Army and continued playing three sports. Returning from the service, he began a career in education, which stretched over forty years, from teacher, to vice president, then assistant principal and ultimately principal, earning him the Distinguished Achievement Award, Friends of Brandeis Athletics.



Jerald Paul Rodman ~ 2001 ~

While at NRHS, Jerry starred in baseball, football, basketball and hockey. He received All-County honors in all four sports. The Huguenots won the Westchester Interscholastic Athletic Association Championship and the County Championship with Jerry as goalie and Captain. As a pitcher and shortstop his team won the County Championship 4 years in a row. Jerry also pitched and played shortstop for the New Rochelle American Legion Post #8 baseball championship teams.

Jerry attended St. Lawrence University on a football scholarship but left after one year to play baseball with the NY Giants farm team.



Nicholas R. Samela ~ 2001 ~

Nicky was one of Feeney Parks finest athletes, leading the teams he played on to numerous championships. While attending NRHS, Nick was a 6-letterman in football, basketball and baseball. He was co-captain of the football team and elected to the All-County team.

He attended Cumberland University where he played and lettered in football. Nick's athletic talents turned to baseball and he signed with the St. Louis Browns. He played minor league ball and batted .329 and led the league in triples. He went on to be assistant coach for the Yonkers American Legion baseball team that won the NYS Junior Championship. He was also assistant varsity football coach and JV baseball coach at Blessed Sacrament High School. Nick continued playing semi-pro ball in New Rochelle.