

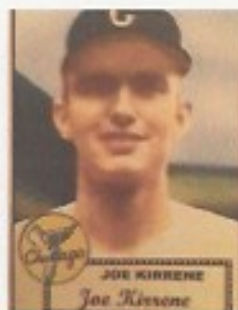
Athletic Hall of Fame



Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2019

Joe Kirrene '49

A native of San Francisco, California, Joe Kirrene '49, was a three-time All-City Prep baseball player for Brothers. In his three prep baseball seasons with Brothers, he was a part of three Sacramento City Championship teams (1947-1949), routinely hitting over .400 as the starting third baseman. After his prep career, Kirrene signed with the Chicago White Sox in 1950. On October 1, 1950, the regular season's final day, he made his major league debut starting at third base for the White Sox going 1 for 4 with no errors in the field. Kirrene was out of baseball for three seasons while serving in the Coast Guard during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1954. Returning to baseball in 1954, he led the Class A Western League in batting average (.343) and was selected as the third baseman on the league's all-star team; he appeared in nine games for the White Sox that year, batting .304, six as the starting third baseman, and had three multi hit games. He played baseball with the San Francisco Seals, and Oakland Oaks in 1955-56 before leaving pro baseball. In later years, Joe worked as a manager for California State Auto Assn. for 41 years. Kirrene passed away in 2016 and was survived by his wife of 63 years, Grace.



McNamara Brothers: Jim '47, John '50, Frank '51

Jim McNamara '47 was the starting shortstop for the legendary 1946 undefeated Brothers baseball team. The following year, he made the All-City team and led Brothers to the City Championship with a 12 and 4 record. Considered to be one of the finest fielding shortstops to ever come out of Sacramento, Jim was drafted by the New York Giants in 1947 and spent

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five years in the minors. Jim was inducted into the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996, and distinguished himself by chairing that event for thirteen years. Jim passed away in 2012 and was married for 56 years to Mikred Petralk.

Frank "Muggs" McNamara '51 was the captain and center fielder of the 1951 Brothers team. He went on to play two years at Sacramento City College and hit .360 for the 1953 State Championship team. His baseball career continued at Chico State where, once again, he was voted captain of the team, and led them to

the Far West Conference Championship in 1958. Frank hit .316 and made the All-Conference team. When several professional contracts were offered, Frank chose graduate school and became an esteemed Sacramento educator for 44 years. He was inducted into the La Salle Club Hall of Fame in 2000. Frank has been married to Sally Byrne for 59 years.

John McNamara '50 was an outstanding defensive catcher for the Gaels, earning All-City selections in 1949 and 1950. In 1959, he would become a player and manager with Lewiston in the Northwest League, a minor league affiliate with the Kansas City A's. In 1967, McNamara reached the big leagues as a third base coach for the Kansas City A's. The team soon moved to Oakland, and in 1969, McNamara was named manager at the age of 37. He would go on to manage for 19 years, compiling a record of 1,167 and 1,242, ranking 48th on the all-time managerial list. He also managed and/or coached the Giants, Padres, Angels, Reds, Red Sox, and Indians. McNamara will be most remembered by the 1986 post season as the manager of the Boston Red Sox. John McNamara would earn the Manager of the Year award in 1986. His last year managing was in 1996 with the California Angels.

Chuck Chatfield '54

Chuck Chatfield '54 was a three-year varsity letterman in both football and baseball at Brothers, earning All-City in football in 1953. Chatfield went on to graduate from College of Pacific in 1958 where he played as a wide receiver and field goal kicker (1954-58); he was seventh in the nation as a wide receiver in 1957. Chatfield also played on the baseball team as a pitcher at COP and was the team MVP in 1958. After graduating, he coached football and baseball at COP in 1958 and 1959. He then served as head football coach at Sacramento City College in 1960. He coached as an assistant coach for Washington State (1961-2) and Utah (1963). Chatfield also worked with for the Dallas Cowboys under Tom Landry in 1964 as an assistant coach in charge of player personnel signing for the Cowboys All-Pro's Jethro Pugh and "Bullet Bob" Hayes, the only athlete ever to win both the Super Bowl and an Olympic Gold medal. Chatfield lives in Clements, CA and is the grandfather of 12.



Joe Gutierrez '70

Joe Gutierrez '70 was a three-year All-Star varsity basketball and a two-year varsity football player for the Falcons. As a basketball player, he was an all-Metro Area performer averaging 20.8 points per game. In football, Gutierrez was a two time All-City performer as a receiver; he played in the first Holy Bowl versus Jesuit, a 20-13 victory in 1969 before 6,000 fans. In his senior season, the Falcon basketball team managed a 16-6 record in spite of the fact that Joe was the only basketball player over six feet tall (Joe is 6'2"). Joe lists CB Hall of Fame coach Jack Wiry as the best coach he played under. After Brothers, Gutierrez went on to Santa Clara University where he played football and basketball and earned his B.S. in political science.

Monty Buckley '91

Monty Buckley '91 was an accomplished track star at Christian Brothers and is listed four times in Brothers Track and Field record books (4th for 200 meters, 2nd in 400 meters, 1st in both 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay). However, Buckley would be known mainly as a five-star basketball star at Brothers playing on the varsity team for 3 years. As a senior, Buckley was named the Sacramento Metro Area Player of the Year in 1991. Buckley enjoyed a four-year scholarship basketball career at UC Berkeley. Buckley helped Cal win a NCAA basketball tournament game against defending champion, Duke, by scoring two key three-point baskets, helping the team advance to the Sweet 16 on March 20, 1993. During his Cal career, Buckley was known as a great defensive player and was named best team defender in 1992 and 1995. Buckley is in the Cal basketball record book for points scored in a career; good for 45th all-time with 1,035 points. After Cal, Buckley played professionally in the NBA with the Golden State Warriors and Portland Trail Blazers as well as internationally in the Philippines and Argentina. Today, Buckley is a highly regarded basketball trainer and basketball coach. He has coached for nationally ranked AAU basketball teams and is involved in high level basketball training for youth in northern California.





1981 Football Team

The 1981 championship-winning football team was honored at the CB vs. Capital Christian game on September 15, 2018.

Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Criteria

The Selection Committee evaluates potential inductees based on the following criteria. [Click here](#) if you would like to nominate an athlete, coach, team, administrator or community leader.

INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE

The candidate must have exhibited outstanding athletic success, having achieved the highest level of accomplishment in his/her sport at Christian Brothers and/or by continued demonstration of his/her abilities following high school competition, including but not limited to:

- Recipient of an athletic scholarship to a four-year college or university
- Excelled at the college level
- Participation on professional, Olympic or international teams
- The candidate must have exhibited outstanding qualities of leadership and citizenship.
- Twenty years must have elapsed since the candidate was affiliated with Christian Brothers.

COACH

- Win/loss record
- Championships
- Service to school/community
- Innovation/pioneer
- Involvement in section/state level athletic activities

TEAM

- Season record/league
- League/Section/Regional/State championships
- Regional/State/National recognition

ADMINISTRATOR/COMMUNITY LEADER

- Significant accomplishments and involvement in Christian Brothers athletics
- Contributed to the growth and change in Christian Brothers athletics

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2014

- Joe Marty '31
- Wally Westlake '39 – Waldon '39 and Wally '72
- The Knezovich Brothers – Jeff '76, Michael '81 and James '74
- The 1946 Baseball Team
- James Church '50
- Ron Limeberger '53
- Mike Green '52
- Jim Mikacich '58
- Dick Mooney '58
- Steve Scully '66
- Jim Sarti '71
- John Cartwright '73
- Dan Farrell '75
- Vince Delgado '84
- Kevin McKechnie '93
- Andy Fox '89
- Kevin Sutherland '82
- David Sutherland '84

2016

- Clark Aldrich '62

- David Cooke '81
- Lois Curtie
- Dave Jesmer '54
- Walter Mails '1912
- Ken Orvick '50
- Dick Sperbeck
- John Stassi '59
- Sam Stassi '58
- Jeff Tadel '74
- Jack Wiltry
- Rodney Zanze '75

2018

- Jerry Cooke '56
- Joe Gill '63
- Greg Murphy '81
- Jerry Yuke '61

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