

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction - Class of 2020

Gary Conte '69

Gary Conte was a 4 sport standout throughout his ND career [1966 - 1969] as a member of Bishop Smith League championship Fighting Irish Varsity Golf, Cross Country, Basketball, and Baseball programs.

As a sophomore, he lettered and played 3rd base as a member of the 1967 Bishop Smith League Baseball Championship squad.

As a junior, he lettered in Varsity Golf, Cross Country, Basketball and Baseball. He was a member of Bishop Smith League Golf and Cross Country Championship teams, while also being named to the Msgr. Martin All-Catholic Golf Team as an individual.

Gary's senior year was more of the same as he lettered in in all 4 sports and added a Bishop Smith League and Manhattan Cup Basketball Championship to his resume. His varsity basketball team record as a 2 year starter was 34 - 7. Once again, he was a member of Smith League Golf and Cross Country team championships, as well as repeating as a Msgr. Martin League All-Catholic Golf team member as an individual.

Gary was the personification of the term "student-athlete" as he was also an excellent classroom student. As the recipient of the ND Sportsmanship Award during his senior year, he was recognized not only for his talent both in the classroom and on the field of play, but also for his ability to serve as a true role model for all ND underclassmen.

Gary pursued a college degree at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York graduating in 1973 with a BBA business degree. He earned an MBA degree at the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1974. He went on to a 38 year career at the Kraft Food Corporation where he served as the Vice President for Human Resources. He currently serves as an Associate Professor at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois where he teaches graduate level courses in leadership.

Of note, Gary has qualified for the State Amateur Golf Tournament every year since graduating from ND in 1969. Gary and his wife Anne currently reside in Claredon Hills, Illinois and are the proud parents of 3 grown children - Kim [42], Kristen [39] and Kevin [35].

