

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction - Class of 2021

Vinny Fanara '97

Vinny Fanara was a 4 year letter winner as a member of Fighting Irish Varsity Football, Basketball and Baseball teams from 1993 -1997.

He was a 3 year starter as a Varsity Football team member for legendary ND Coach Bill Sutherland '67 [HOF '95] and demonstrated his solid leadership capabilities as he quarterbacked the Irish during his senior year.

Vinny excelled on the hardcourt for another ND legend, coach Mike Rapone '71, as he served as team Captain during his junior [1996] and senior[1997] years. He was selected as a Genesee Region [GR] All-Star during both of these years while also being a key member of 2 ND NYSPHSAA Section V Class D Sectional Championship teams [1995, 1997] and one Sectional runner-up team [1996]. He also earned NYSPHSAA Section V Class D All-Tournament team honors twice [1996, 1997], 1997 NYSPHSAA 5th team All State and and 1997 All Greater Rochester [AGR] Honorable Mention status in 1997.

He was also a member of ND's Far Western Regional Championship team in 1997 helping the Irish advance to the NYSPHSAA State "Final 4" in Glens Falls, New York where he was also recognized as a member of the NYS State Final 4 All-Tournament team. He was also a key member of ND Boys Basketball 1st regular undefeated season in school history [1996-97].

Vinny's basketball career concluded with being named as ND's representative to the Exceptional Senior game between Genesee Region [GR] and Niagara-Orleans league All-Stars.

Vinny captained his baseball team as a senior and stared on the baseball diamond as a 4 year starter throughout his baseball career for the Irish. He was an integral member of 2 NYSPHSAA Section V Class D Baseball titles and was named a Genesee Region All-Star during both his junior [1996] and senior [1997] seasons.

He was the recipient of the Father David J. Scheider Sports Loyalty Award as a junior and the ND "Male Athlete of the Year" award in his senior year [2017] along with classmates and team mates Otis Thomas and Mike Redick.

After his 1997 graduation from ND, Vinny went on to earn his degree in Business Management from Ithaca College where he also played 2 years of college football and 4 years of college baseball for the Bombers.

Vinny and his wife Kasey currently reside in Gerry, New York with their 3 children: Denza [13], Mic [12] and Talic [8]. Vinny is currently the President and Owner of Boyles Auto Sales.

