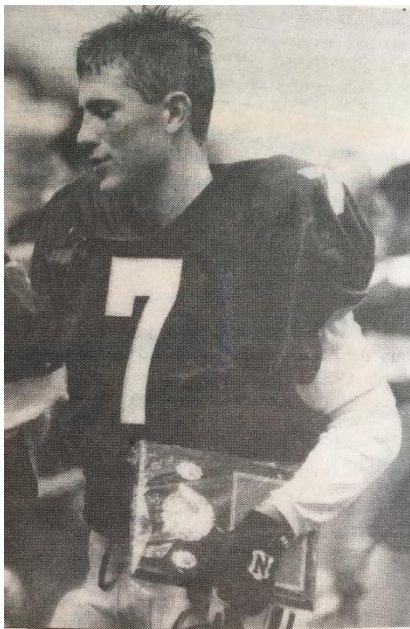


Brothers! There are many things that come to mind when we use that word; shoot, we are called the CBA Brothers and the LaSallian Christian Brothers were mentors for many of us in this room. Using the term literally we saw earlier that the Owens Brothers certainly made an impact on the athletic landscape of CBA, and the two teams we are honoring tonight 80 hockey team and the '97 Soccer team had a couple of sets of Brothers that helped them. However, it could be argued that our last inductee is the eldest of a host of Brothers that had the most tremendous impact on the fortunes of the CBA athletic department for more than a decade and if you add in youngest sister Sarah they covered over 15 years. The road to CBA for our final inductee started in the Midwest. Dave Paulus, the oldest of seven children, six boys and the youngest a girl was growing up near Green Bay Wisconsin. Father Dave, was commuting to Syracuse for almost two years when he finally decided to move the family to Manlius where young Dave could start in seventh grade. Religion was very important to the Paulus family so there was no question about where young David would be going to school. So, mom Denise would load the van every day and make the 8.5-mile trek to Dewitt to first drop off the school aged children at Holy Cross and then take David, who Denise lovingly called their experiment, to his new school on Randall Road. And his parents were more than willing to spend the nearly \$2000 per year tuition even knowing that over the next fifteen years they would have to pay it 42 times.

While probably able to excel at whatever sport he chose to play, Dave's favorite at the time was basketball. Having good size and athletic ability, he was a guard in a forward's body. He was selected as a varsity player in his freshman year, joining Jon Law, Jeff Segar, and Joey Leone as underclassmen on a team that would mark the beginning of the resurgence of the program. The team was coming off four consecutive losing seasons. For comparison purposes, the four years that Dave was part of the program the team's overall record was an amazing 81-13. He was a contributor on the schools first and only state championship in 1997 and played a major role on the 1998 team that was number one state ranked for nearly the entire season. During his career, the Brothers won two league championships, a sectional title and advanced to the sectional final three times. Dave scored 868 points and was chosen to the Christmas tournament All-Star team twice (scoring 42 points in the opening game win over JD in his senior year) and was twice chosen as an All-League selection.



Although basketball was his first love, he also excelled on the football field. With his physical size and strength, he was a natural quarterback. As a sophomore, he was sidelined with an injury but was healthy and ready to go for the 1997 season. The program at the time was on the brink of greatness. Coach Ciciarelli had brought the program to the sectional championship game three out of the previous four years but they had been unable to win a championship. However, that would change over the next two years. The '97 team featured Scott White, who had already made a name for himself at running back and was considered one of the best teams in the area. The team rolled through the regular season. Led by Dave's arm and Whites legs the Brothers averaged nearly 50 points per game! The team finally won their first sectional Championship when it defeated Dolgeville 13-10. In that game, Dave was 7-13 for 140 yards, scored the first touchdown on a 20-yard fumble return and then hit brother Matt for the winning score late in the game. After the game, White commented "Dave is the key to our team. We never know what he is going to do; he might audible or he might just do his own thing.

It's all right though because it usually works." That season the Brothers lost in double overtime in the state championship game by six points; well actually by six inches because a barely missed extra point cost them the title. Dave had an outstanding year, completing 47 of 106 passes for nearly 1100 yards in an offense that was run oriented. For his effort, he was chosen All-League, All CNY and All State... on defense! Expectations were high in his senior season (and the team had three Paulus brothers on the roster) despite being moved up a class because of their success. They rolled through the regular season, winning the league and sectional championships. They were upset in the state tournament losing by a touchdown in game that they committed 9 turnovers. This time Dave threw for over 900 yards bringing his career total to over 2000 yards. The accolades came in again. This time for offense and defense! In fact, just to one up Duane Owens, Dave was chosen All League at three positions, quarterback, defensive back and punter...Again All CNY and All-State so in his two years as starting quarterback, he led his team to back to back league and sectional titles and a win loss record of 22- 2.

Dave chose Georgetown to continue his athletic and academic career. Not only did he love the area and the feel of the school, he was also told that he could play both football and basketball. After his sophomore year, it became too hard to balance his academics and play but he did play four years of football. As a starting quarterback and punter, Dave left his mark on the Hoya program. He threw for over 3800 yards in his career, completing 276 out of 498 passes accounting for 38 touchdowns. Dave is still in the statistical top 10 in several categories at Georgetown. He holds the single game passing record for passing yards in a game, throwing for 462 yards against Butler in 2000, and the record for most passing touchdowns in a game at 6. His 230 punts accounting for over 8700 yards still ranks second in both categories and in his senior year he was the top punter in the Patriot League averaging over 41 yards a punt.



“He leads by example when he’s on the field; I don’t think much rattles Dave,” said Georgetown Coach Bob Benson. “Dave is a playmaker, Dave does things that only Dave can do. You have to give him credit because he just makes things happen.” It’s exciting, it’s entertaining and it’s one of the reasons we won”, similar sentiments that Trevor White said about Dave four years earlier

While Paulus makes the team feel comfortable on the field, a big part of his comfort comes from having two of his six siblings at Georgetown with him. His brother Matt, who David says is his best friend, and their other brother, sophomore Dan, a wide receiver. “Family is very important to Dave, he’s very close with Matt and Danny,” his roommate said. “His father calls almost every day to check on his progress.”

“I just take every day for what it is; I don’t have any plans for 20 years down the road or anything like that, I just kind of take it all in stride,” David said.

Well Dave, it is 20 years later and we’re glad that your plans have brought you back “home”. Throughout your athletic career you never sought personal glory or worried about being in the spotlight. You always put your teammates and family first, more concerned about their well-being than your own. Tonight, for all that you have accomplished and for the kind and thoughtful person you are, we are giving you an honor that you so richly deserve. We hope you understand how proud the CBA Community is of you as we have you take your rightful place in the LaSallian Athletic Hall of Fame.

