



In the fall of 1961 a new era was dawning for Christian Brothers Academy. For nearly sixty years the brothers had set up shop on Willow Street but as JFK worked on the Cold War, the Brothers moved out of the city, to a brand new building in the suburbs. The building featured a new state of the art library and science labs, with comparatively enormous classrooms, and for the athletes on site outdoor practice fields, something that up until now was only a dream, and a huge gymnasium to replace the third floor gym of the old school. Yes, the class of 1965 was certainly entering into exciting but uncharted territories as they made the move to DeWitt and the Harrigan family was more than willing to make the sacrifice and find a way to allow Kevin to attend the school despite its \$200 tuition.

Kevin and his brother Frank were brought up to value the importance of doing well in both academics and athletics. When their father passed away when Kevin was only a year old, he made his wife Anne and brother in law Hall of Famer John Lynch promise to make sure that his two boys attended CBA. So from early on in his life, they would extol the virtues of the Academy and how it was a great fit for them both. While Frank found that CBA was not for him and after his freshman year chose to attend St. Patrick's, Kevin found a second home on Randall Road. The importance of excelling in both areas intrigued Kevin. He loved the camaraderie that was developed from playing on a team and wanted to do well on the field and court but he knew that his future would invariably depend on what he did in the classroom. So with that on his mind, the Harrigan Family CBA legacy began.



Kevin was blessed with natural athletic ability. He showed a special talent in baseball and basketball, both sports that he excelled in at CBA. On the baseball field Kevin made an immediate impact on the CBA program. Legendary coach Babe Testone recognized Kevin's natural ability and started him as a freshman. The move paid dividends and Kevin was mentioned as a all city selection following that season. The team also performed well and the Brothers earned a tie for the city league championship. In his a junior year, Kevin began to come into his own. Known for his rifle of an arm he was said to have thrown out an average of three runners per game. He also was considered one of the best hitters on the club and earned first team all city honors. As a senior, Kevin and the entire CBA team finished their high school careers in fine fashion. Under first year coach Bob Powers, the Brothers recovered from an 0 - 2 start to win 10 out of their last eleven games. The crowning jewel to the season was the victory in the All City championship game, 15 - 1 over Parochial League champion Sacred Heart. In that game, Kevin wowed the 2000 people at MacArthur Stadium when he and first baseman Marty

Domres picked off two runners from first base in the sixth inning, the last time that Kevin donned a CBA uniform.

Even with his baseball success, Kevin was known most for his accomplishments on the basketball court. As a junior, he was an important contributor on Coach Frank Cappelletti's team that was arguably one of the best ever fielded by CBA. That year Kevin participated in the first ever CBA - Ludden game which was held November 22, 1963, the night that JFK was assassinated. Kevin scored 5 points in the victory, and more importantly made big points with one of the opposing cheerleaders, Denise Owen, who later became his wife. That team went on to win the City League championship and climaxed its season with an exciting win over Sacred Heart in the all city championship game at the War Memorial.

To start his senior season, the Brothers had to replace the starting five from that championship team. That gave Kevin the opportunity he longed for. Tagged as the team captain, fiery Kevin led his team to a third place finish in the City League. He was selected to the Linton All Tournament team and led the league in scoring. For his efforts, Kevin was the leading vote getter in the All City balloting on a first team that included future NBA star Jimmy Collins. Coach Cappelletti said that Kevin was "by far our best all around player, a fine shooter and a strong defender. He is a boy with great desire and a good future." The basketball program at Hobart agreed with the coach's assessment of Kevin's future and they awarded him a basketball scholarship at the end of his senior year.



Kevin had a great career at Hobart. He was named to the All IAAC all star team in each of his three years on the varsity. His teammates showed their respect by voting him team captain for both his junior and senior years. He completed his degree and went on to law school, but he never forgot his alma mater. When he returned to Syracuse for good, he wanted to give back to the school that meant so much to him. He has played several roles since his graduation. Kevin has been president of the Alumni Association and has been a member of the Board of Trustees for more than two decades. He and Deni have sent their three children to CBA and have been active in virtually all of the Academy's clubs and organizations. As chairman of the schools building and grounds committee, he, Tom Niland and Dave Venditti among others have spent countless hours volunteering their time, energies, and expertise into improving the playing fields. And this effort has certainly paid dividends for our athletes and the mark that Kevin has left on the St Denis baseball field with his vision and hard work will benefit our players for years to come.

Kevin, time and time again you have showed that CBA occupies a special place in your heart. Certainly, you hold a special place in our hearts and our history. For all of your life you have been nothing but supportive of CBA and all of our athletic programs. You have been more than generous with your time and energies and expected nothing in return. Tonight, it is with great pleasure that we can finally honor you for all that you have done for CBA.