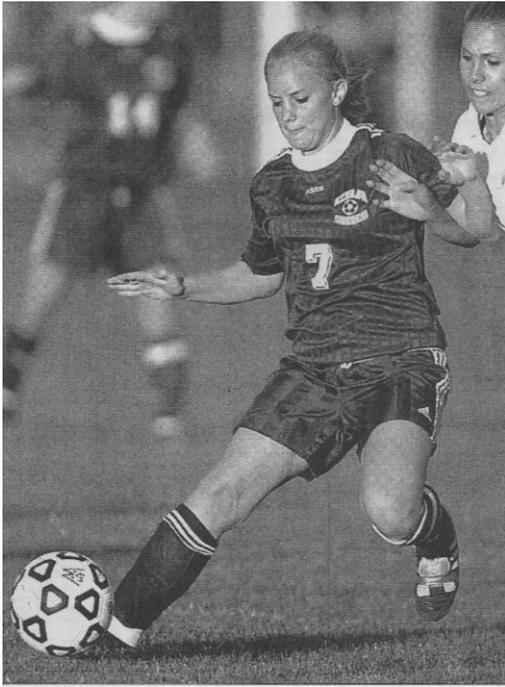




For our next inductee you would assume the road to CBA was a foregone conclusion. The Niland's had a strong family tradition at CBA. Kelly's dad, Tom, was a 1965 graduate and a fine athlete and her four uncles had all worn the purple and gold. Several of her cousins had already made the commitment; even her two brothers were already at CBA. However, Tom, being the progressive parent that he was, would allow Kelly to make her own choice of where to go. Her options stay at Westhill or go across town to Dewitt to follow in her fathers' footsteps. Now Kelly swears that Tom put no pressure on her at all but she does recall that her club soccer coach Godwin Iwelumo may have had mentioned something about coming to CBA. So although we are not quite sure who to thank, we're just glad she made the choice she did.

Kelly was always a gifted athlete and with her grandfather Tom, the longtime Athletic Director at LeMoyne College, it was only natural that she compete on the hardwoods. After playing a year on the JV's where she was coached by her father Tom (who still insists that he taught her all she knows about basketball), she earned a starting spot on the varsity as a freshman, one she would keep for the remainder of her career. The girls program at that time was just beginning to experience success. Her first year on the team, led by current Hall of Famer Courtney Palladino, the program earned its' first ever state ranking. When Kelly was a junior, SHE took over the leadership role on the team. That seasons record of 18 – 3 was the best in program history. But like the year before, the Brothers lost in the sectional semifinals So she and fellow seniors Meghan Carrick and Sarah McGowan wanted to end their career on a high note. Although a seventh seed, Kelly's 16 points led the team to a 46 to 41 victory over top seeded Sauquoit Valley to win the programs first sectional championship. Kelly was the captain and MVP in her junior and senior years. She led the team in scoring and had nearly 700 points for her career. The individual honors poured in, all league, all CNY all state.... not too bad for her second sport.

You see Kelly's true passion was for the sport of soccer. By the time she started at CBA, she had already played several years of club soccer for Godwin Iwelumo, who doubled as the CBA coach. Remember earlier how we said that Coach Barnaba and Riordan would roam the halls of CBA trying to convince students to join their programs, Well Godwin kinda did the same thing, except the halls he would roam were at the indoor



soccer center in Liverpool. He was a taskmaster but like any good coach he cared deeply about his players, had a passion for the game and an amazing infectious smile. The soccer program that Kelly was coming into was in a different place than basketball. It was coming off back to back league championships and rapidly becoming one of the most respected programs in the area. When she was selected for the varsity as an 8th grader, just like in basketball she earned a starting position that she would never relinquish. After winning a sectional title in 1998, the 2000 edition of the Brothers was poised to make a run at the state title. After defeating Tully in a shootout to advance to the state tournament, with Kelly controlling the midfield, a defense anchored by Emily Sedgwick and the goal scoring of Megan Carrick, the Brothers lost a heartbreaker in the state final. Because of their success, the team was moved up to Class B for the 2001 season. Here Kelly was able to exact some revenge on her former schoolmates when she scored the winning goal off a Megan Carrick pass to defeat number 5 state ranked Westhill. Before her senior year, she was

touted as one of the top midfielders in the area. Kelly led her team back to the sectional final that year. Although they lost in a shootout to Chittenango, her legacy was a great one. In her five years on the varsity, the Brothers won 4 league and three sectional championships. In her career, Kelly scored 61 goals and dished out 63 assists, the most memorable of which was the one to her sister Kathleen for the winning goal against state champion Aquinas in her senior year. She was chosen all league five times, and all CNY and All State in her junior and senior years.

After high school, Kelly chose Colgate University to continue her academic and athletic career. As in high school, Kelly got the starting nod in all 61 games that she played. As a sophomore, she led the team to the 2004 Patriot League title, scoring the game-winning penalty kick in the semi-final and then contributed two assists in the championship game. In same season, she was a member of Colgate's first Patriot League team to win a women's soccer NCAA tournament game with a 1-0 victory over 13th seeded Arizona. In her senior year she finished fourth on the team in scoring and ended up tied for eighth in the Patriot League in assists., she finished her career 15th all-time in career assists (16 in 3 seasons); 5th all time for assists in a season (10) and tied for most assists in a game (3). For her efforts she was presented with the coveted Raider Award at the team's year-end banquet



Kelly, to sum it up I will plagiarize the inscription of the Raider Award that you received from Colgate because it accurately summarizes your career and life... you are the player who, in the opinion of her teammates and coaches, epitomizes the highest standards of determination, skill, integrity, and leadership required to be an outstanding student-athlete. I could have said it any better. Kelly congratulations on your well deserved induction into the Lasallian Athletic Hall of Fame.

■ **Kelly Niland, CBA:** A great all-around talent who can create scoring chances from the middle of the field, she put home 19 goals and set up 16 others last season. She made second-team all-state last year.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY BROTHERS

RECORD: 13-2 (17-2)

Home: 8-1

Away: 9-1

League and non league

* neutral court

Player	FG	FT	3pt	Pts	Av	Best
K. Niland	67	48	13	195	10.3	19
S. McGowan	64	40	0	168	8.8	19
M. Donovan	52	16	10	130	6.8	14
M. Mannion	55	16	3	129	6.8	11
B. Augier	51	22	0	124	6.5	12
B. Erwin	34	21	9	98	5.4	11
M. Carrick	36	11	3	85	4.8	13
C. Sutphen	15	3	0	33	1.8	8
A. Salamut	8	4	0	20	1.1	8
L. Whyland	6	3	0	15	1.2	4
R. Mastine	2	0	0	4	0.4	2
S. Spillane	2	0	0	4	0.4	4
Team totals	392	184	38	1006		

Christian Brothers Academy results

Won	Cazenovia	64-23
Won	Proctor	42-39
Won	at Cato-Mer	55-42
Won	Port Byron	71-31
Won	A-P W	36-30
Lost	at Tully	50-40
Won	Hannibal	51-35
Won	at Weedsport	53-39
Won	*ES M	45-35
Won	*Watertown	34-20
Won	LaFayette	60-11
Won	at Grimes	55-54
Won	F-P	60-39
Won	at Onondaga	61-14
Won	at Pulaski	50-39
Won	Cato-Mer	62-35
Won	at Port Byron	72-43
Lost	Tully	45-38
Won	at Hannibal	57-43

Average scores

Total average	52.9	Opponents	35.1	
Away average	52.2	Opponents	37.9	
Home average	53.8	Opponents	32	
Avg by quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Christian Brothers Academy	14.1	13	12.8	13.1
Opponents	7.2	9.3	9.5	9.2