For Dan Glover, it seemed the only time that the road to CBA would be traveled was when the Ludden bus was taking a team he played on traveled there. You see, his older brother, Patrick was already attending that catholic school on the other side of town and it seemed only natural that Dan would follow in his footsteps. Enter Frank Harrigan (again) and the South Side American Little League. Frank had coached Dan and was convinced that he needed to go to CBA to realize his academic and athletic potential. Mary Beth Glover thought having two children in different schools on different parts of town was a little crazy. Somehow Hop won; probably from not wanting to deal with Frank’s I told you so’s for the next six years if things didn’t go well. In retrospect, Hop was prophetic. You see with Dan came several other athletes like Jeff Segar, Joe Leone, Sean Anderson and he and his classmates would lead CBA teams to one of the most impressive runs of athletic success in school history.

Dan was a very good athlete and enjoyed playing all sports. In fact as a sophomore he was a wide receiver on the Varsity football team that went 7 – 1 and finished second in their league. For his efforts during the season, he was selected as an All League Honorable Mention selection. He was also chosen as a member of the varsity basketball team by a very young and intelligent head coach. Unfortunately he was injured early in the season and was forced to leave the team.

But without question, Glovers was most gifted in baseball. And he certainly showed why when he, like Erardi and Sferra before him, made the varsity as a freshman. The baseball team was having a pretty good run of its own at that time advancing to the state finals just four years earlier. The1994 team, led by Jeff Harrigan and Garrett DeGroot, won the last Metro League championship and the Section III Class C 2 championship, so Danny was immediately introduced to success.

By his junior year the team had a quiet confidence (ok maybe not that quiet) and felt that they were on a mission. That 1996 baseball season will never be forgotten. Glover, along with classmates Sean Anderson, Joe Leone and Jeff Segar were flourishing under Coach Dotterer’s laissez-faire style. The group was confident
in their abilities and had a tremendous determination to win. They also had something that all the championship teams before them had, and that was great chemistry. The Brothers rolled to league and sectional championships. He, Segar and Jeff Tornabene led the team into the state tournament, trying to win the first state championship in school history. With Dan alternating between the two battery positions, he and Brendan Harrigan formed an unbeatable 1-2 pitching punch. In the semifinals, Dan pitched a four hitter and stuck our 10 as the team scored a comeback win over Pleasantville. Three hours later the Brothers, (although maybe not by blood but certainly by conviction) came back from 3-0 deficit to defeat Catskill and take away the top prize. Not only were they the first CBA team to win a state championship but the first baseball team from Onondaga County to ever accomplish that feat. Although the following season did not turn out exactly as the group had planned, the teams’ accomplishments during Dan’s four years speak for themselves. The teams won four league and three sectional championships. Twice they advanced to state tourney. And Dan certainly played an important role in the programs’ success. On the mound, for his career Dan finished with a 19-3 record and recorded 3 saves. To take that a bit further, In 169 innings pitches he struck out 300 batters! During his senior season he was undefeated and at one point pitched back to back no hitters striking out 17 batters in the first game and 12 in the second. His performance on the mound rivaled those of current hall of famers Regis King and Frank Ricelli but guess what, pitching wasn’t his main position. Because by trade, Dan was a catcher.

They say the apple doesn’t fall from the tree… and in his younger day’s Dans father Monk was a pretty fair catcher himself. Add that to his coaches background, he was certainly trained by the best. People always seem to try to define a person’s baseball career in terms in terms of numbers… so here goes.. For his career, Danny was a .325 hitter (now those are Coach Dotterer’s stats that anyone who played for him know that it includes any at bat, in games, scrimmages, against the machine in the gym), that he ever had. His last two years that rocketed to nearly .460. In his career he had 23 home runs, 122 RBI’s and 29 stolen bases. But although the numbers paint a masterpiece of a career, it was the intangibles that coach Dotterer claims set Glover apart from other players. You see, Danny would dominate a game, even from behind the plate. He had such a strong arm and sense for the game that other teams would not even try to steal bases. In fact, Dotterer claims that Danny reminds him of another tough, hard nosed player that caught for CBA 50 years ago, his brother, fellow inductee Dutch. To be compared favorably to Dutch is quite a compliment and testament to his ability.

After high school, Dan accepted a scholarship to continue his career at Villanova University. There he was a four year letterman who had a solid career. After he hung up the spikes he entered the business world and he still exhibits that same passion in the workplace that he did on the field.

Dan, you had a tremendous career at CBA and proudly represented us. Now to show that we are proud of you, we welcome you into the LaSallian Athletic Hall of Fame.