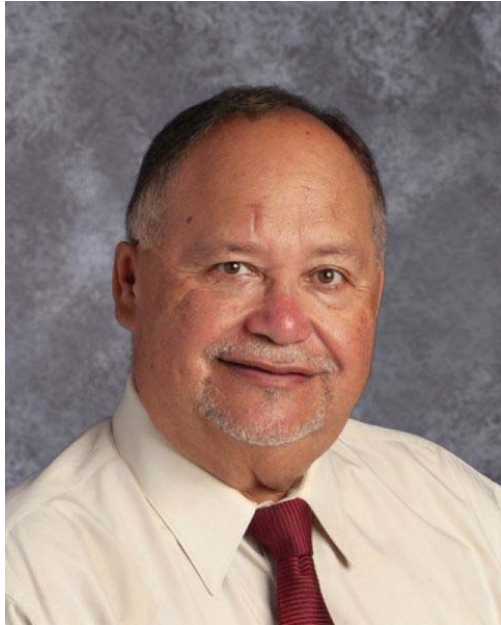


## *HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE*

### **Lou Santos Class of 1965**



Lou Santos, a New York City native, came to Power Memorial Academy from St. Francis Xavier Grammar School. After graduating from Power, he received a BA in Secondary Education from St. John's University and an MA in Spanish from Iona College. Eventually, he returned to St. John's for a PD in Administration and Supervision for grades K-12.

Lou started his career in January 1970 at St. Raymond's High School in the Bronx, teaching biology and health. He later accepted a position at St. Michael's High School for Girls in Manhattan, where he taught Spanish and typing. He spent 18 months at St. Michael's before joining the foreign language department at St. Helena's High School in the Bronx. This was also his first opportunity to work alongside the Marist Brothers, who have since played a significant role through his present-day career.

Lou taught Spanish at St. Helena's for 6 years, and in 1978 was encouraged by his close friend, Br. Declan Murray, to apply for a teaching position at Archbishop Molloy High School. During his tenure at Molloy, he taught Spanish, served as the Foreign Language Department Chair, initiated the AP Spanish program, ran the Student Activities Committee, and founded the long-running "International Day" event, which is still celebrated today.

Lou Santos has earned a nick name during his long and respected career: "Coach Lou". His coaching credentials include the Greater New York Sandlot Athletic Alliance, Queensborough Community College, Concordia College, area high schools like St. Helena's, St. Raymond's, and Christ the King, CYO softball and, of course, Molloy. Lou is the winningest baseball coach in the history of Queensborough CC and has led Molloy's JV softball team to 2 city championships, 10 division titles and playoff appearances in each season he has been at the helm.

There is yet another key element in Lou's inspiring career: service. He serves on the Boards for Monsignor Scanlan High School, the Greater New York Sandlot Athletic Alliance and is a founding member of Molloy's Br. Ronald Marcellin Committee, which has raised over \$450,000 in scholarship support for students experiencing extraordinary circumstances that might otherwise prevent them from attending the school. Lou has also coordinated countless fundraisers and donation efforts involving Wounded Warriors, Ronald McDonald House Charities, the HHS Foundation in the Dominican Republic and many more.

"It's important to be involved in the community" says Lou of his affinity for service and volunteerism. "It comes from my upbringing. My parents were Puerto Rican, and neither went to high school, but when they came to New York they worked hard to keep me in Catholic school. I've been Catholic school educated my entire life, and with that I've been inculcated with the idea of giving back."