

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Pat Murray Class of 1983



Patrick Murray, the son of Mary and Timothy Murray, grew up with his brother Thomas in St. Mary Winfield parish in Woodside Queens. As a youngster Pat was very active in the St. Mary Winfield parish C.Y.O. Program and even had his first job working in the school's gym. In September 1979 Pat arrived at Power Memorial where he pursued opportunities in the classroom, as a pitcher and shortstop on the baseball diamond, and and on the hardwood. Pat's efforts and talents resulted in him playing four years of baseball and four years of basketball for the Panthers, captaining the Varsity Basketball and Varsity Baseball teams his senior year. Among the many highlights from Pat's time at Power are the successful teams he was part of, including the 1982 Varsity Basketball team that was the runner-up to the City's CHSAA Champion Tolentine. Pat's teachers and coaches recognized Pat's significant contributions to Power Memorial by awarding him the Class of 1983's Student Athlete Award at graduation.

After high school Pat continued his athletic endeavors in baseball playing for John Jay, Queensborough and St. John's University. Graduating from St. John's with his Bachelor's Degree in 1987. Pat enjoyed success on the baseball field during college and he knows much of that success is due to the great coaches and teammates he had as a child, in high school and on the college level. During college Pat was acknowledged for his strong performance many times; earning All CUNY honors, Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League (ACBL) All Star selection, All Big East honors and inclusion on the NYC Empire State Games Team during that time. His stellar play at shortstop and with the bat resulted in the Baltimore Orioles drafting him in the 10th round of the Major League draft in January 1985. The culmination of Pat's college baseball career was being a member of St. John's Big East championship teams one of which was invited to the NCAA Tournament.

Pat began his work career after college with Morgan Stanley in 1987, and over the course of the next 31 years worked in a broad variety of roles in their Commodities Group, rising to the position of Director of Optimization for North American Power and Natural Gas prior to retiring from there in 2018. After Morgan Stanley Pat brought his varied experiences and knowledge to his second career, Education. With his desire to teach, his sports background and his many accomplishments in the business world the New York City Department of Education chose Pat for its Teaching Fellows Program, which in turn brought him back to his old Woodside neighborhood, where he is a Special Education Instructor at IS 225. To further support himself for the challenges he faces in the classroom, Pat has pursued a Master's Degree In Education at Hunter College, which he anticipates will be awarded in Spring '24.

Pat's love of sports and the camaraderie and character it builds in young people is something that is very important to him. It is the major reason he has coached CYO sports at St. Mary Winfield and Sacred Heart in Glendale for over 20 years. Additionally, Pat is also a NYC High School Basketball Referee, and he believes his experiences as a player, coach, teacher and official compliment each other and facilitates his ability to connect with young people.

Pat is married to Theresa Crowley and they live in Glendale Queens. They are the parents to four children: Monica, Patrick, Declan and Michael and one grandchild Fiona. Pat is very happy to be inducted into the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association Hall of Fame and he accepts this honor with gratitude to his family and all those who have in the past and continue to support him in his journey.