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"I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth"

~Sigma Chi Creed, George Ade ΔΔ 1887

McCabe '60 Inducted Into Purdue Hall of Fame

Joe McCabe '60 was one of nine former athletes to be inducted into Purdue's Intercollegiate Hall of Fame on September 9, 2016.

Other members of the 2016 Hall of Fame Class were David Boudia, Rosevelt Colvin, Norman Cottom, Travis Dorsch, Frank Kendrick, Noel Ruebel, Shauna Stapleton and Carrie (McCambridge) Karkoska.

Stellar Baseball Career

Joe was a three year varsity letter winner for the Purdue baseball team. Over the course of Joe's 81 game career he played in every inning as a catcher, infielder and outfielder. Joe was team captain during his senior season and his .423 batting average that year still stands as the highest wooden-bat average in school history. He was named first-team All-Big Ten, NCAA All-District and team MVP for the 1960 season.

Joe was one of six players on the 1960 team to sign a professional baseball contract. He signed with the Washington Senators in 1960 and played in the Major Leagues with both the Minnesota Twins and Washington Senators in 1964 and 1965. One of Joe's big league memories was getting a hit off Whitey Ford.

"Playing baseball gave me a lot of opportunities as a young man, a lot of good memories," Joe remarked. "I was lucky enough to play on a very good team at Purdue, and I was honored to be named MVP. We had six guys on that team who signed professional contracts. That's an honor right there."

Moving On to Greater Heights

During the off-season, Joe would take flying lessons that helped land him a job in 1966 as a pilot for Pan Am Airlines. Through his 35 year career with Pan Am, he served as captain on 12 different types of aircraft including multiple Boeing models. Joe received the professional pilot's Award of Merit for his lengthy service to the airline industry.

In Good Company

Brother McCabe joins a number of well recognized Delta Delta brothers in Purdue's Hall of Fame including Keith Carter '49, Bob Griese '679, Dave Schellhase '66, Hank Stram '45, Mark Herrmann '81, Bob DeMoss '49, Jim Everett '86, Paul Hoffman '47 and Drew Brees '01.

More Stories from Joe

Joe resides in Naples, FL with his wife, Anita. Last March Joe was the featured speaker at the Annual Southwest Florida Sigma Chi luncheon. You'll enjoy hearing some of Joe's stories of his baseball and flying days by going to the [Fascinating Career of Joe Bob McCabe](#).

All the Delta Delta brothers congratulate Joe on this significant honor. It is great to learn more about our chapter's contributions to Purdue's long history of intercollegiate sporting success.



Joe McCabe '60



Joe, today at his home in Florida.

