



**Joe Garagiola, Jr.
Inducted 2002**

Joe graduated from Stepinac High School in 1968. It was evident from early on that sports and leadership would play important roles in his life.

Joe was elected school president in his senior year and worked on the Crusader, the school newspaper. He was voted an honorable mention in the All County soccer team and was Stepinac's star goalie. Joe also participated in track and cross-country. Joe was also quite the academic with membership in both the math club and the classical club. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN earning a B.A. cum laude in 1972. He earned his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Joe joined the Arizona Diamondbacks in March, 1995, when the franchise was awarded to the region, but it was his work on the Arizona Baseball Commission that served as a driving force in procuring major league baseball for the valley. He served as vice-chairman of the Governor's Cactus League Task Force, and was a member of the Mayor's Professional Baseball Committee. From there Joe branched out to the Maricopa County Sports Authority, serving as chairman. He was also chairman of the Arizona Baseball Commission, the group best known for completing the task of convincing existing major league clubs that Phoenix and the region were ready to possess their own club. Joe made his move to the Valley in 1982, applying his law practice to the firm of Gallagher and Kennedy. His concentration was sports law, and he was the chairman of the Phoenix Metropolitan Sports Foundation from 1985-87.

As is a constant throughout the Diamondbacks' organization, Joe also has ties within the community, serving on the Board of Directors of the American West Airlines Educational Foundation. Joe also was the 1998 recipient of the prestigious Institute of Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee.

Then in 2001, Joe's efforts were rewarded with a baseball championship for his Arizona Diamondbacks. We look forward to future successes and future visits.

Well Done, Joe!