# Boys Town Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Inducts Four

This year's 2021 Boys Town Alumni Sports Hall of Fame class has four members. Two are living inductees, while two in the Legacy class are being honored posthumously. *The four were originally scheduled to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 2020 annual Booster Banquet, but the banquet was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic*. The performances of these four earned them the honor of joining a long list of student-athletes from the school's storied athletic teams. Sports have always been a major part of the program of opportunity for Boys Town youth and these inductees represent the best of the best.



**DANIEL P. "DAN" CHESIRE, '65,** arrived at Boys Town on June 21, 1955, and was a citizen for nearly 10 years before graduating in 1965. While at Boys Town, Chesire proved himself to be equally adept in academics and athletics. He earned varsity letters in track his junior and senior years and a varsity letter in football as a halfback his senior year. He earned minor letters in

football and track. Chesire was a member of

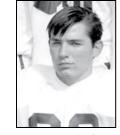
Dan Chesire, '65

the B-Club his junior and senior years and was named the Outstanding Scholar Athlete in Football.

Chesire was very active in student government, serving as a class officer all four years of high school. He was a Councilman in Boys Town's program of self-government and a Cottage Commissioner his senior year. Chesire was an altar boy and served in the Knights of the Altar for four years.

After graduation, Chesire attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. He earned his degree and returned to Omaha to teach in the Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic elementary school system, where he taught eighth-grade science, art and physical education. He subsequently enlisted and served in the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged in 1973 with the Army Commendation Medal. Chesire enrolled at Creighton University, graduated Cum Laude in 1976 with a Juris Doctorate and began practicing law. For the past44 years he has been an Omaha attorney and is asenior partner with the law firm of Lamson, Dugan and Murray LLP. Chesire is a trial lawyer and handles civil cases. He has served as President of the Nebraska Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and servedon the Douglas County District Court Judicial Nomination Committee. He was inducted into he Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel in 1990, a group of only a thousand lawyers nationwide, and has served as the organization's state representative. Chesire was selected for the Best Lawyers' Group as "Lawyer of the Year" in 2019.

Chesire has retained his love of sports over the years and competed in the Lincoln and Omaha marathons annually over a 15-year period. He also enjoys golf and is an avid reader. He is active in his church, St. Stephen the Martyr, continuing a lifelong commitment to his faith that extends all the way back to his days at Boys Town. He is a member of the board of directors of the Father Flanagan League Society of Devotion, the groupworking to further the cause for canonization of Father Flanagan, and is a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association<sup>®</sup>. Chesire's brother, John, Class of 1962, was inducted into the Boys Town Alumni Sports Hallof Fame posthumously in 2017.



### TERRANCE "TERRY" COSTELLO, '69,

arrived at Boys Town on October 24, 1958. He pursued an academic curriculum and proved himself to be as proficient at the books as he was at athletics. An outstanding athlete, Costello earned seven varsity letters: three in football and three in swimming his sophomore, junior and senior years and one in track his senior year. He also earned five minor letters in football, track and basketball.

Terry Costello, '68

Costello was a member of the 1968 Metro football championship team his senior year and earned the distinction of being voted the World-Herald Outstanding Athlete in Football as well as the Boys Town Outstanding Scholar Athlete in Swimming his senior year. He was captain of the football team his senior year. He was widely respected by his peers and staff and was active in student government at Boys Town, compiling a record of distinguished service. Costello was elected Class Secretary his freshman year, Class President his junior year and Class Vice- President his senior year and participated in French Club his junior and senior years. He was the City Clerk and a Cottage Commissioner his senior year and was elected to Boys State in 1969.

After receiving a "Gold Watch" upon graduation for his 10 years of residence at the Home, Costello married in 1969 and attended the University of Nebraska– Omaha for three years. He studied criminal justice before continuing his lifelong involvement in civic service. He joined the Omaha Police Department in 1972, serving for four years prior to moving to Maine for a short time. Returning to Omaha, Costello served for four years as a deputy sheriff for the Douglas County Sheriff's Department and then, once again, returned to Maine, where he went to work for L.L. Bean. Costello retired from L.L. Bean after 29 years, 20 of which were spent in corporate security.

He and his wife, Sandra, have celebrated 50 years of marriage and have three children, six grandchildren and one greatgrandchild. In his free time, Costello enjoys outdoor sports and activities, especially hiking and canoeing. He is a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association<sup>®</sup>.



## 2021 Legacy Inductees (Posthumous)



**ARNOLD JOHNSTON, '65,** arrived at Boys Town on March 29, 1960, from Cleveland, Ohio. Johnston was an all-around athlete and frequent visitor to the Boys Town Field House. He studied a trade curriculum, focusing on machine shop, and was involved at every level of competition and public service the Home offered. Johnston was voted Class President his freshman year and City Clerk his senior

Arnold Johnston, '65

He won six major athletic letters: twoin football his junior and senior years, one in basketball his junior year and three in track. His senior year, he won the district pole vault championship. He also earned four minor letters: one in football, one in basketball and two in track.

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Johnston was on the District Championship basketball team in 1964 and helped Boys Town to an undefeated season in football in 1963. He also was active in the B-Club and Pep Club and served as a cheerleader his senior year.

After graduation, Johnston attended Peru State College where he played fullback on the football team and was a pole vaulter on the track team. He enlisted in the Army in 1968 and served in Korea. While in the Army, he was a Chaplain's Assistant and was on an Army boxing team. After receiving his honorable discharge, he began a career as a car salesman. He also had his own radio program in Lorain, Ohio.

Tragically, Johnston was killed in an automobile accident in July 1992 while on the job at the dealership where he had been the top salesman for six years in a row.



**CLARENCE E. JONES, '66,** arrived at Boys Town from St. Louis, Missouri, on August 29, 1962. He pursued an academic course of study and sang in the Concert Choir for three years. He was a memberof the varsity B-Club for three years, served in the Pep Club and was a Commissioner his senior year.

Clarence Jones, '66

Jones' most notable achievements came in athletics, especially on the gridiron. He earned three varsity letters in football and

minor letters in football and track. He was well-known as an outstanding lineman and had an exceptional senior year, winning nearly every top award in the state. He was captain of the football team his junior and senior years and helped Boys Town to an undefeated season and a State Championship in 1965. He was an All- Metro and All-State lineman his senior year and won the World-Herald Outstanding Lineman of the Year Award. Jones was awarded the Skip Palrang Trophy as the outstanding lineman as a senior, capping a remarkable athletic career at Boys Town. He was selected to the South squad for the 1966 Shrine Bowl.

In 1967, he joined the United States Marine Corps. He passed away on May 18, 2001, and is buried at Riverside National Cemetery in California.

## **Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Inductees**

## 2005

George Pfeifer, '44 Lavern Bush, '47

### 2006

Leonard Kroll, '47 James Mitchell, '47 Charles "Deacon" Jones, '54 Wilburn Hollis, '58

#### 2007

Ed Novotny, '43 Tom Carodine, '48 David Nelson, '51 Bill Maddux, '53

#### 2008

Larry Kennedy, '37 Nicholas Loncarich, '40 Jerrod "Jake" Williams, '49 James Cook, '55

## **2009** Charles Mitchell, '43 Kenneth Morris, '46

Frank Kerns, '48 Robert Hicks, '54

### 2010 Leo Magers, '48 Robert Mitchell, '48 John Medlock, '54 Robert Maddux, '56

**2011** Jim Swaim, '55

## Glen Hepburn, '56 John Sterner, '57 Robert Cross, '58

2011 — legacy Charles Bicknell, '39 Johnny Lockmer, '41 Frank Johnson, '42 James Gunnell, '50 2012 Edward Twohey, '43 Cecil Schirtzinger, '50 Michael Sterner, '57 Duane McAndrews, '62

2012 — legacy Robert Rose, '49 Donald King, '50 John Wreath, '53 Eugene Becker, '53

2013 Richard Thomas, '45 Ernest Keahy, '54 Bill Grill, '54 Curtis Devers, '60

2013 — legacy Harold Popp, '47 Joseph Grabowski, '48 Jim Tucker, '50 Manny Fierro, '61

## 2014

Albert M. "Bo" Rhudy, '60 George L. Buckler, '64 Kenneth L. Geddes, '66 Robert S. Schmit, '69

### 2014 — legacy Marlyn "Whitey" Myers, '52 Raymond G. Broy, '54 Roy Burns, '61 James A. Johnson, '61

## **2015** John Slobodnik, '59 Melvin Hamilton, '65

2015 — legacy Thomas E. Render, '54 Robert D. Rutledge, '55 Larry M. Watt, '55 David H. Dirkx, '63

## 2016 Patrick L. Fitzgerald, '56 Kenneth B. Gilchrist, '65

2016 — legacy J. Frank Curry, '55 Richard Badillo, '56 Richard J. Girouard, '56 Gerald T. Schulte, '60

## 2017

H. Dean Ward, '50 James F. McGoverr Dr. Cornelius "Neal" Arnold, '61 Gary G. Hodge, '61

2017 — legacy John R. Brogan, D'45 William H. Eichelberger, '61 John W. Chesire, '62 Byron E. McCane, '64

## 2018

Ronald J. White, '66 Nathaniel L. McKinney, '68 2018 — legacy Thomas C. Robbins, '64 David L. McGuire,'65 Percy L. Kight, '68

## 2019

James R. Rhudy, '61 David L. Aaron, '68

2019 — legacy Raymond L. Keele, '59 James F. McGovern, '59 Gary G. Hodge, '61

## 2020 - Pandemic

## 2021

Daniel P. Chesire, '65 Terrance Costello, '69

2021 — legacy Arnold Johnston, '65 Clarence E. Jones, '66