

Mike Basto, '63



As nominated by Frank Williamson, '60, "In his time at AMA, Mike provided not only athletic prowess in football, lacrosse, swimming and tennis, but he as the Battalion Adjutant, member of the Honor Court and Debate Team. He placed third in the USA AAU backstroke, all while being undefeated in swimming every year! He was the very essence of a lacrosse goalie, and captained both the lacrosse team and varsity football team his senior year. His own pride and sense of accomplishment was reflected in him receiving the very last GOLD FOOTBALL presented by General Roller, recognizing Mike's performance as the "Best Football Player".



Mike is elected into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame for his achievements in Football, Swimming, Lacrosse and Tennis.

- **Varsity Football:** Played from 1959-63: Lettered four years! 1962-63: Defensive Best Player (GOLD FOOTBALL RECIPIENT). 1962-63: Team Captain.
- **Varsity Tennis:** 1958-60: Lettered two years.
- **Varsity Swimming:** 1957-62: Lettered four years!
- **Varsity Lacrosse:** Played 1958-63: Lettered five years! 1962-63: Team Captain.
- Runner-up overall Best AMA Athlete in 1962 and 1963.

Mike was not only an outstanding athlete, he was an outstanding cadet of 6 years:

- Battalion Executive Officer: 1962-63
- Executive Officer, Roller Rifles: 1962-63
- Honor Court: 1961-63

Upon graduation, Mike continued his sports career:

- Played two years on the football team at Virginia Tech: "full-ride" scholarship
- Graduated from VCU, and then worked several years with Miller & Rhodes. Departed and spent many years as the Eastern Regional Rep for Ocean Pacific. Worked several other sales activities since.
- Fifteen years coaching lacrosse at several Hampton Roads high schools, and also the Hampton Roads Lacrosse Club. .
- Mike, Frank Williamson '60 and other AMA grads started the Richmond Lacrosse Club/Team, and proceeded to go undefeated several years against teams such as East Carolina University and William & Mary.

Congratulations, Mike!

