

# Jim Mitchell, '76

**Jim Mitchell, '76**, is inducted into the 2021 Class of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame for outstanding performance in Basketball, Baseball, Football, and Rugby.

Jim was nominated by **Chris Vetick, '77**. Chris' nominating letter is too long to reproduce here, but here is an excerpt: *"Along with his duties of leading and competing on the field and court, Mitch was also a mentor to others on the team taking time to refine their skillsets after normal practice hours. We did not have an abundance of players and the "next man up" was more often called upon and an opportunity for others to contribute."*

Jim was a well-rounded athlete while at AMA.

In Varsity Baseball, Jim played pitcher and shortstop. He was team co-captain for two years, 1974-75 and 1975-76. He lettered three years, 1973-1976.

In Junior Varsity/Varsity-B basketball, Jim filled the swing forward position. He lettered three years, 1973-76, and was the 1976 team MVP and Best Offensive Player.

Playing varsity football for only one year as a tight end on offense and a defensive end on defense, Jim still managed to letter on the 1974-75 Blue Streaks.

Lettering was common for Jim, as seen by his performance as a flanker and wing forward on the Rugby team during the 1976-76 season.

And while not letting in these four sports, Jim still found the time and energy to play soccer in 1976-76, participated on Col Hoover's fencing team, and was a member of the Roller Rifles.

Jim graduated from AMA after three outstanding years.

- Color Guard Sergeant: 1974-75
- Alpha Company First Sergeant: 1975-76
- Roller Rifles: 1974-76
- Best Drill Individual: 1975

He is the owner of Mitchell's Bar & Grille in Pittsburgh, PA, and still comes back to Virginia every chance he gets. He is an active docent and supporter of the AMA Alumni activities. Jim is a very active participant, after his Augusta years, in the greater metropolitan area of Pittsburgh in American Legion baseball, and supporting/participation in Golden Glove boxing programs.

