



Robert Griffiths

Year of Induction: **2009**

Year of Graduation: **1968**

Anyone associated with Johnson City Athletics over the last 40 years knows who someone is talking about when “Griff” is mentioned. Robert Griffiths, JCHS class of 1968, was nominated to the Hall of Fame as an athlete, coach, and contributor, and that alone speaks volumes about what he has meant to JC athletics during his time with this district.

Bob starred as a three-sport athlete from 1965-1968. He received three varsity letters in football and two each in basketball and baseball. He was part of two STAC championship basketball teams in 1966 and 1967...he was the leading rebounder on the team and he was 2nd in scoring. He excelled on the football field and baseball diamond as well. He was the Co-Captain of the football team during his senior year, and as evidence of his ability as a football player, he would go on to play at Division I Buffalo even though he missed half of his senior year with a separated shoulder. Bob was an All-STAC baseball selection in both his junior and senior years. He compiled a 6-2 record on the mound as a junior with a 0.56 ERA. He also led STAC in RBI's for the '67 season. The '68 baseball season was another great year for Bob. He hit .412, good for 2nd in the league, and went 6-3 on the mound with a 1.53 ERA.

Bob's coaching tenure at Johnson City has allowed him to work with hundreds of student-athletes in three different sports at all levels. He was the Varsity Basketball Coach from 1982-1989 and again from 2002-2004. His 1982-'83 team captured the STAC and Section IV championships. Bob has also coached at all other levels of the basketball program over the years, including his current stint as the coach of the boys' freshman team. Bob's football coaching resume includes 11 total years of service as a varsity assistant, JV head coach and JV assistant. Additionally, Bob compiled 17 years as a baseball coach at the freshmen and modified levels. And his coaching contributions don't end there. Bob coached four years each in Johnson City Little League, Johnson City Pee Wee Football, and Johnson City Muni League Basketball. Although records for such things don't exist, it would not be a stretch to argue that no one in the history of JC athletics has coached for more total seasons in football, basketball, and baseball than “Griff” has put in.

The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to welcome an all-around athlete, coach, and contributor, Bob Griffiths, class of 1968.