



## Michael Johnson

Year of Induction: **2021**

Year of Graduation: **1994**

Coach Rocco Marrongelli knew he had a bowler of distinction when Michael Johnson showed up at the alleys during his high school years at Johnson City. Born and raised in Johnson City, he had sports in his blood from a very early age. He was bowling and playing baseball as soon as he could walk, played soccer throughout elementary school, track and football in elementary, and modified football in middle school. Johnson's other talents were musical in nature as he was also a member of the Wildcat marching band during his junior and senior high school years. However, bowling is where he excelled.

A Johnson City Class of 1994 graduate, Johnson was a varsity level bowler for five years with 233 games bowled for a 200.94 composite average over a variety of bowling lanes. He bowled 10 series over 700 in competition during high school. He lettered all four years of his high school career and received many honors, awards and distinctions. Johnson proved to be a force to be reckoned with on the alley as he went through his high school years. Sharing his personal philosophy for success, Johnson has said, "From a sports standpoint, it was always important for me to play the game right, play it with class, and respect all...but fear none!" His record throughout high school proves he was focused on being a role model for his teammates while striving to do his absolute best in every match. As a high school freshman he bowled an average of 206.06 and was the recipient of the STAC 1st Team Division All-Star with the 4th place high average. As a sophomore, he was awarded the STAC 1st Team Division All-Star and High Average 1st Place. His junior year saw continued success as he averaged 219.05 and was recognized as the STAC 1st Team All-Conference All-Star and High Average 1st Place with the Wildcat team named the STAC champions for the 1992-93 season. That year, Johnson also bowled in the NYS All Star Championship and was named the WBNG-TV12 Athlete of the Week during the Winter of 1993. He continued his achievements on the alley into his senior year with the repeat designation as STAC 1st Team All Conference All-Star and High Average 6th place. He garnered attention of many that year with a 278 high game and a 715 high series at the STAC championships. The Wildcat team claimed the STAC championship for the 1993-1994 school year.

Upon leaving high school, Johnson went to and graduated from LeMoyne from 1994-1998. While LeMoyne did not have a bowling team for him to join, he continued to bowl through the BPAA Travel League through 1999. He continued to outperform his competitors in this league by bowling an 835 series which was the highest scholastic age score in the nation at that time.

Johnson has always believed in living the Golden Rule. Treating others as he would like to be treated has guided him throughout his life. For those who have known Johnson throughout his life, he has been true to giving respect to all who come into his life. He has been community focused as a Little League coach, a youth soccer coach and a baseball coach for fifth through seventh graders.

Johnson and his wife, Sarah, reside in Johnson City where they have raised their four children to love athletics and excel at academics. The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame proudly inducts Michael Johnson as a member of the induction Class of 2021.