



## Andrew Huray

Year of Induction: **2022**

Year of Graduation: **1968**

The quote next to Andy Huray's graduation photo in the Johnson City High School yearbook for the Class of 1968 reads "One of those unbeatable guys". It was through his achievements on the all-male varsity cross-country team and the track team that gives credence to that statement from his classmates.

Coach Jim George could always spot potential running talent when he saw it. However, it took a summer of training to whip Huray into shape and catch the coach's eye. Coach George brought Huray onto the cross-country team during the fall of his junior and senior year. In a June 5, 1968 Binghamton Press article entitled, "Too Much in a Hurry? JC Haste No Waste", Coach George commented, "Andy is one of those boys who is always asking what I suggest he do and then he does it—he's a hard worker, which is why he is as good as he is." A competitive runner who distinguished himself in many meets, invitationals and events, Huray became a formidable opponent during his three years on the track team and his two years on the cross-country team.

As a member of the track team from 1966 to 1968, Huray competed in the mile, 2-mile, and ½-mile events in a wide variety of individual and relay races at both invitational meets and dual meets. In the 1968 track season, Huray was STAC mile run champion and NYS Section IV 2-mile run champion, and was undefeated in dual and invitational meets in which he competed.

As an area cross-country standout by 1967, Huray won six dual and one triangular meet, the STAC championship and the NYS Section IV championship. Also, that year he competed in the New York State Intersectional High School Cross Country Meet in Buffalo, NY and competed with other state standouts in Class A. He finished fifth with a time of 13:26. This was a close race by all top runners with the first place runner finishing at 13:01.

It was during the Parkhurst Invitational that Huray achieved his personal best of 9:42 for the 2-mile event. And during the 1968 Section IV Track Championship, he was first in the mile event at 4:36.7 and the 2-mile at 9:46.3.

When Huray graduated in 1968 as class valedictorian, he held the Johnson City High School records for the mile, the 2-mile, and ½-mile runs as well as extraordinary performance on many of the area's cross-country courses. In fact, the April 20, 1969 edition of The Sunday Press named Huray as one of "Track Bests" in the mile and 2-mile.

He was recognized by his teammates and coaches in both track and cross-country who awarded him their Most Valuable Player Award in 1967 (track and cross-country) and 1968 (track).

Syracuse University offered Huray a full scholarship and he entered with a plan to major in civil engineering and attain his Bachelors' degree. He also became a member of the Orange cross-country team and the indoor/outdoor track teams. At that time, freshmen could only run cross-country at a freshman team level. SU Coach Bob Grieve called Huray a standout during his first year. During the 1969-1970 sophomore year, he continued running both cross-country and track. He had significant wins in track with the mile, 2-mile, and relay events which qualified him to letter as a member of the Syracuse varsity team. He also enjoyed a successful cross-country year with significant wins. As a junior, Huray only ran cross-country. He ended his college running career then and shifted his focus to his academics as the program went through changes.

Huray went on to the University of Cincinnati where he earned his Masters' career in Civil-Environmental Engineering in 1974. Currently, he is a licensed professional engineer in five states and has had a 42-year career in civil, environmental, water resources engineering.

He lives in Hanover, PA with his wife, Marianne. They have raised two sons and now are enjoying their two grandchildren.