

Robert Campbell

Class of 1965

While at Vestal he was a football, track and basketball stand-out, setting numerous records that would take years to be surpassed. Track accomplishments included: the world record in 1962 for a 15-year old in the high jump with jump of 6 ft., 4 and 1/4 in.; set a New York State record in the high jump (6 ft., 5 and 1/2 in.), set a Section IV record for the 220 yd. dash with a time of 22 seconds; and set a school record for the 220 yd. dash with a time of 21.3 seconds. Football highlights included: All-STAC halfback; STAC record for points scored in a season, total yards rushing, and yards per carry; All-American; member of the Prep All-American football squad, and set a STAC record for total yards rushing in a career (2,681yds.) Basketball highlights included; STAC All-Star team; school record for most points in a game (36) and school record for most points in a season (399).

After graduation, Bob attended Penn State University. He played for the Division I football team from 1966 to 1969 as a running back and a punter. In 1969 he was the MVP in the Orange Bowl. He set the records for the longest scoring run and punting average in a single game. Bob received B.S. in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. He was drafted to the NFL and played with the Pittsburgh Steelers on the special teams. After his professional football career, Bob attended SUNY Cortland where he received his M.S. in Physical Education. He was nominated by the Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin as Athlete of the Century. Bob is a physical education teacher at Thurmont Middle School for the Frederick County Board of Education in Maryland.