

## **Whitey Rigsby '74 – Stanner Hall of Fame – March 23, 2019**

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Mr. Robert “Whitey” Rigsby, it is our pleasure to welcome you back to Molloy. In this very gym, you began your remarkable path to success.

As a junior and senior at Molloy, Whitey Rigsby played basketball under the leadership of the legendary Coach Jack Curran. Whitey played a key role during the 1972-73 season, helping the Stanners to capture the CHSAA City Championship. The following year, the 1973-74 season, Whitey ranked among team leaders with 368 points as a senior. The Stanners again won the CHSAA City Title, this time with Whitey earning All-Tournament honors. Whitey received further accolades as a senior including All-League First Team and All-City First Team. He was also a member of the Junior Olympic team that toured the U.S.S.R. in 1974.

After Molloy, Whitey began the next great chapter of his life and career at Villanova University. He was a four-year starter for the Wildcats and

served as Captain of Villanova's Elite Eight team in 1978. Whitey tallied 393 assists and 798 points in his college career. His overall excellence earned him induction into Villanova's Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1995. In 1980, Whitey returned to Villanova basketball in a new role that he still serves in today: broadcaster. As the "Voice of Wildcats Basketball", he has since provided color commentary for over one thousand one hundred college basketball games. This includes three NCAA Championship games in 1985, 2016, and 2018, - all of which saw Villanova cut the net.

There is one other important aspect of Whitey the person and professional, and that is his passion for philanthropy and volunteerism. Whitey currently serves as Villanova's Senior Major Gift Officer. In this role, he has raised millions of dollars in support of Villanova's 23 intercollegiate sports programs. In addition, Rigsby has dedicated countless hours of service as a little league baseball coach, CYO basketball coach, Eucharistic Minister, and more.

Mr. Rigsby, congratulations on your induction into the Stanner Hall of  
Fame. Please come up to receive your plaque.