

Albert R. "Rocky" Rausch

Class of 1973

Columbia High School

Albert R. "Rocky" Rausch, currently serves as Chief Operations Officer for the Presbyterians for Renewal Youth Ministry, an organization which provides leadership and initiatives that impact the lives of over 10,000 young men and women each year. His responsibilities extend to a variety of facets, including: short-term missions and conference program; staff oversight; budgetary needs; and strategic planning and vision for the ministry.

Mr. Rausch, graduated from Columbia High School in 1973. He matriculated at Jacksonville University soon after, graduating in 1977 with a B.S. in Psychology. He completed his M.A. in Education at Louisiana State University where he also served as an assistant baseball coach from 1981-83. He is currently pursuing a course of study which will lead to a Doctorate in the Ministry within a few years.

Mr. Rausch's career has been an interesting and challenging series of experiences which provide a source of inspiration to all who know him. His athletic talents at the very outset of his life were a dominant factor in shaping his career. His ability and skill as a baseball player earned him recognition as an All-American (1976-77) and member of the U.S. All-Star Team (1977). His skills on the diamond were of such a magnitude as to propel him into the game as a professional member of the Cleveland Indians Baseball Organization from 1977 until 1981. He achieved considerable success in this role both as a hitter and fielder. His love of the game and its role in molding his character eventually led him to devote his life to the ministry of serving the youth of our nation.

The leadership roles which Mr. Rausch has performed and consequently impacted the lives of young people have been as: Founder/Director of the Chattanooga Area Baseball Camp; Director of Youth Ministries, First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge; Consultant Director with Presbyterians for Renewal; Dean of Students, Episcopal High School, Baton Rouge; Vice President for Student Development at King College, Bristol, Tennessee; and Baseball Chapel Representative for the Cleveland Indians minor league system. Mr. Rausch was honored in 2004 with election into the Columbia High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

It is therefore, with great pride in recognition of his achievements and as a role model for our youth, that the East Greenbush School District inducts Albert R. "Rocky" Rausch into the Columbia High School Hall of Fame.