



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

*2004 Appreciation Dinner
& Hall of Fame Induction*

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Dear Columbus Family,

Thank you for attending the 2004 Christopher Columbus High School Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Tonight's event not only celebrates the induction of three great men into our hall of fame, it is also an occasion to show our appreciation to all of you who support Columbus. Your generosity is what helps Columbus to continue its tradition of educational excellence. Columbus was recently chosen as one of the top 50 Catholic High Schools in the nation by the National Honor Roll with the consultation of Catholic college presidents and noted Catholic scholars.

This is a great honor that we owe not only to our talented students and faculty but also to our dedicated alumni, alumni parents and friends who aid the school in countless ways.

This year's inductees include Michael A. Carricarte (CCHS Class of 1959) and Paul J. DiMare, a Columbus alumni parent. Both these men know no boundaries when it comes to their support for Columbus. Our third inductee is John F. Roche, a legendary Columbus Mathematics teacher who was respected and loved by his students.

Join me in congratulating and welcoming them to our Hall of Fame.

On behalf of the Marist Brothers, our students, faculty and administration we thank you. God bless you and your families always.

Ever Grateful,

Brother Kevin

Brother Kevin Handibode, F.M.S.
President

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MICHAEL A. CARRICARTE

Originally from Havana, Cuba, Michael Carricarte is a 1959 graduate of Christopher Columbus High School. He is the father of seven children, four of which are Columbus graduates. Michael graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Business Administration. Chosen for the Iron Arrow Honorary, he enrolled in Army ROTC and obtained his commission as a US Army 2nd Lieutenant in Infantry. He received the Army Ranger, Airborne, Pathfinder and Special Forces as well as many other decorations including the Bronze Star. He reached the rank of full Colonel in the active reserves. He obtained a Masters in International Business and is a graduate of the USA Army Command and General Staff College. After being released from the US Army, he went to work for Scott Paper Company and then went into the insurance business in 1967. With a large demand for major health insurance in Latin America and the Caribbean, Michael launched Amedex Insurance Company in 1986. Today, with its sister company, USA Medical Services, Amedex has become a major player insuring and servicing over 1,000,000 people in 42 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Over the years Michael has tremendously helped Columbus making substantial contributions to several building projects. He is a member of several boards and foundations to include the International Kids Fund, The Greater Miami Chamber, and the U.S. Mexico Chamber of Commerce. He is involved in various community projects and scholarship programs that help impoverished children and orphans.

