

Ben Silla

Sports



Ben Silla graduated from Collinwood High School in January 1948

While at Collinwood, Ben was a member of the National Honor Society. He was also Vice President of the Student Council.

Ben also excelled in sports. He was on the Varsity teams for Football, Basketball and Baseball as a Sophomore, Junior and Senior. During this time he was awarded Nine Letters. Ben was the Captain of the Football and Basketball teams. He was given the All Scholastic Award in Football in 1947. He also received the All East Senate Award for Basketball in 1947. Ben also was awarded the Red Velvick Trophy for Distinctive Achievement in Athletics in

1948.

Ben was active in HiY Clubs through the YMCA. He was able to obtain signed baseballs to be presented at the YMCA's Variety Show from Bill Veck, the Owner of the Cleveland Indians.

Ben was Sandlot Star of the Week and 1st baseman, and his Class "C" Baseball Team won the 1948 Championship.

Ben was awarded a Football Scholarship to Ohio State University. He graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

While at Ohio State, Ben was a member of the Ohio National Guard. His Guard unit was activated in 1952 for the Korean War. Ben served and was Honorably Discharged having obtained the rank of Sergeant.

Ben received his Masters Degree in Education in 1957.

Ben then returned to his beloved Collinwood High School where he stayed for 22 years. He was an Industrial Arts Teacher and coached the Freshmen Football, Basketball and Track teams. He also was the Director of the Noon Movies.

He as also Director of the O.H. Perry Adult Community Center, and Director of the O.H. Perry Teen Center. He held both of these positions for 9 years.

Ben was a Guidance Counselor at Margaret Spellacy Junior High School for 8 years.

Ben has been retired since 1982.