

# 2011 Man of the Year

## Mike Joyce '86



Mike Joyce attended St. Cajetan Grammar School and graduated from Leo High School in 1986. At Leo Mike served on the Student Council, was a National Honor Society member as well as Class Salutatorian and played starting center on Leo's first State Playoff football team, coached by Bob Foster.

At Leo Mike also began boxing following in the footsteps of his south side hero, "Irish" John Collins (Leo '79 and Chicagoland Sports Hall of Famer). Joyce continued boxing throughout college.

After graduating from Chicago's St. Xavier University, Mike had a brief professional boxing career, before attending law school at John Marshall.

During Law school, Mike Joyce volunteered as an assistant coach for Leo high School under Mike Holmes, in 1995. In 1998, at the urging of President Bob Foster, Joyce revived the boxing program for Leo High School, which was begun by the great Bob Galloway.

With the help of old time boxing greats, Eddie Perkins, Luther Rawlings, and Herman Mills, Leo's boxing program produced many Golden Gloves Champions and received much recognition. The Illinois State Crime Commission has designated Leo Boxing Club as its model Police Athletic League program, because of its focus on our youths' success in life.

Mike Joyce continues to coach the Leo Boxing Team and has served on the Leo Advisory Board since 2000.

Mike Joyce is the son of Mary and Jeremiah Joyce. He is the proud husband of Jamillah and father of Nadia and Amira.

Congratulation Mike and keep up the great work.