Jim Collins

A two sport star at SIC from 1964-1966, Collins was the leading hitter on the first Falcon baseball team to win a conference title. He was named first team All-Conference and All-Region in 1965.

Collins played point guard and was named most valuable offensive player on the first Falcon basketball team to win a conference championship. He was All-Conference and All-Region in 1966.

After SIC, Collins earned a Master of Education degree from SIU, and spent 33 years in the education field, the final 17 at Harrisburg High School, where he served as athletic director, assistant principal, and later, principal. He still resides in Harrisburg.

Collins also had a long history as an official, working for 45 years for the IHSA, and for 25 years in the GRAC. He became the only official in IHSA history to work state final baseball, basketball and football games in four decades, and was elected to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as an official in 1997.