

MICHAEL W. WRIGHT

CLASS OF 1956

Mike Wright was a four-sport athlete at Saint Thomas Military Academy and won just about every available award. He earned ten letters in three sports during his four years in high school and then earned five more in college. He was the first Cadet to be named High School All-American, a distinction he received in 1955 for football and repeated in 1956 for basketball. After college, he was drafted by the NFL, the AFL and the CFL.

In 2002, he retired as the Chairman and CEO of SUPERVALU. The Academy has previously honored him with the Edward G. Hames Alumni Honors Award and the *Opus Sancti Thomae* award. Mike has five children – Michael '82, Jennifer, Molly, Julie and Adam '96 – and lives with wife Judy in Wayzata, MN, and Longboat Key, FL.

MIKE WRIGHT STATISTICS -

Saint Thomas Academy Athletics, total of ten Letters –

- STMA baseball: '55, '56
- STMA basketball: '53, '54, '55, '56 (captain)
- STMA football: '52, '53, '54, '55 (captain)

- All Central Catholic Conference Team -
Basketball: '54, '55, '56
Football: '54, '55
- All-Region -
Basketball: '55, '56
- All-State -
Basketball: '53, '56
Football: '55
- Prep All-American -
Basketball: '56
Football: '55

- State Catholic Championship - basketball: '53

- Named “Outstanding Lineman” during the 1955 Minnesota High School All-Star Football game
- Played both ways in the East-West All-American football game and named AP “Outstanding Lineman”
- Named 1956 Minnesota State High School Athlete of the Year by the Mount Olivet All Sportsman’s Club

Post-Secondary Athletics, total of five Letters –

- University of Minnesota basketball: '57, '58
- University of Minnesota football: '57, '58, '59 (captain)

- 1959 Football Academic All-American
- 1959 Football North-South Shrine game in Miami’s Orange Bowl
- 1960 Football Senior Bowl in Mobile, AL

Professional Experience –

- Drafted by the Green Bay Packers (NFL) in 1960
- Drafted by the Oakland Raiders (AFL) in 1960
- Drafted by and signed with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers (CFL) in 1960; under coach Bud Grant, selected to All-Pro Defensive Team in 1961

Other athletic-related activities, awards and accomplishments –

- Inducted into the University of Minnesota Hall of Fame in 1992 (football)
- Set the STA single-game basketball scoring record with 41 points in 1956 vs. LaCrosse Aquinas