

BCA Hall Of Fame



Steve Mandl



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Steve Mandl, affectionately known as “The Pope of Washington Heights” has become a fixture in that community. He has been a coach, father, brother and mentor to all his players over his 30+ years at the helm, of the GW Trojans. The Washington Trojans have been a perennial, national powerhouse over his long career. It has been said “Coach Mandl turns boys into men and his players into successful and respected members of the community.”

Overcome 98% of his players have graduated which is coming from a place where in the 1990’s only about 23% accomplished that task in the rest of the school.

Coach Mandl has amassed over 1,000 wins but claims that every one of his wins is directly attributed to his players, their hard work, dedication and love of the game and the program. There have been 7 Major Leaguers and more to in the near future to come out of the GW program.

Coach Mandl’s players are predominantly of Dominican decent and many from single family homes where many of their parent and guardians have never gone to college, his players are typically the first of their respected family to attend college. Even with the hardships of the community of Washington Heights several of his players have gone on to the medical field, the law field, teaching profession and various successful careers since leaving GW. If you ask coach Mandl, he can rattle off where all his former players are and what they are currently doing. He has been the best man and the godfather to handfuls of his players and their children.

Coach Mandl married his job over 30 years ago and has one big happy family to show for it, he is a proud father of hundreds of young men, all proud to say they played for the George Washington Trojans and Coach Mandl, but none prouder than Steve Mandl, the Pope of Washington Heights.