



Jay DeFruscio

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A native of Drexel Hill and graduate of St. Bernadette School, Jay DeFruscio is the oldest of Jerry and Kate's seven children. Jay went on to play basketball and graduate from Monsignor Bonner High School in 1978. He earned his bachelor of arts in Economics and Business Administration from Ursinus College

and his MBA from Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia where he became the head men's basketball coach and athletic director for twenty years. He is the all-time winningest coach in the school's history and is a member of the university's Athletic Hall of Fame. He is also a recipient of the Father Clifford Lewis Distinguished Alumnus Award.

After his years at Wheeling, he worked as the Assistant Coach for the NBA's Indiana Pacers and most recently as the Associate Commissioner for Men's Basketball for the Atlantic 10 Conference. Jay and his wife Cathy are the proud parents of four children. They also dote on their two grandchildren.

Jay was named Cardinal O'Hara High School's fourth president during the spring of 2017 and has been at the helm of the school since July 2017. Jay's focus is on spreading the good news about O'Hara and its more than 32,000 alumni, as well as recruiting students to join the O'Hara family. O'Hara has numerous projects underway, including increased funding for scholarship opportunities, as well as media and leadership centers featuring programs tailored to provide valuable experiences for students.

