

A Tribute

Sebastian 'Sab' LaSapio (1941-2005)

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sebastian 'Sab' LaSapio '63, "Mr. Bloomfield College," and president of the Bloomfield College Alumni Association (BCAA), on Saturday, November 12, 2005.

Sab made an indelible mark on the lives of all he touched. His energy, vitality and positive outlook will never be forgotten. His loyalty to Bloomfield College and determination to revitalize its alumni association were inspirations to the BCAA governing board. His smile, love of life, and willingness to become totally involved in any task he chose to champion set a high bar for all.

Born in Orange, Sab lived in South Orange and East Hanover before moving to Chatham Borough. He was an educator in the West Orange public school system for 38 years. He retired in 2002 as principal of the West Orange High School; he previously served as vice principal, coordinator of curriculum and staff and supervisor of the social studies department in the school district. Sab was a two-time recipient of the New Jersey Teacher of the Year Award, and was also honored with the Outstanding Educator Selected by Parents Award in West Orange.

Sab received a B.A. in History from Bloomfield College in 1963, and a master's degree in General Professional Education from Seton Hall University in 1969.

In 1989, he helped organize the first reunion of Bloomfield College alumni working in the field of teaching; he was a faithful volunteer at alumni phone-a-thons. Sab was inducted into the Bloomfield College Alumni Hall of Honor in 1994, and in 2004-05, was the guiding force in the revitalization of the BCAA, where he enthusiastically embraced the role of president.

Surviving Sab are his wife of 38 years, Maureen; daughters Stephanie LaSapio Dietz and Allison LaSapio Twohig; a brother, Joseph, and three grandchildren.

A Mass for Sab was celebrated November 16th at St. Patrick's Church in Chatham. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at 35 Roosevelt Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey 07928-2506.



Sab with President Levaso at the 2005 Honorary Degree Dinner.

Patrick Mitchell '04 (left), BCAA Secretary, Sab and Lisa Caruso '64, BCAA Vice President.

Sab with Tony MacNaughton '64, BCAA Council member at a BCAA meeting.

Gifts in memory of Sebastian LaSapio may be sent to: **The Office of Alumni Relations 229 Liberty Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003**