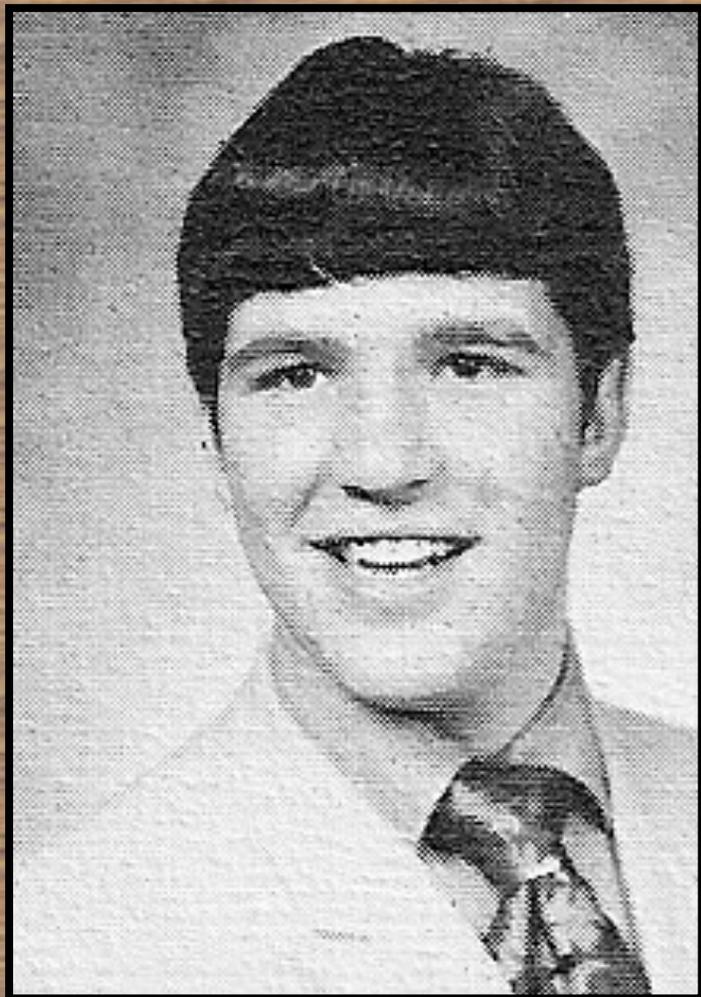


ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



Jeff Korpala (PN '72)

Jeff Korpala understands the value of community service and giving back to others. Ever since Jeff graduated from Pio Nono High School in 1972, he knew that he wanted to give back to the school that instilled in him the importance of religion, community involvement, hard work, and dedication.

In 1978, Jeff co-founded the Lilburn Youth Baseball League, which enabled area youth an after school activity to keep them away from drugs and other potential pitfalls. The league started with around 250 boys, but grew to over 5,000 only ten years later! Because of Jeff's love of his community, he has given thousands of boys the chance to learn valuable life lessons, including teamwork and dedication, which will surely serve them well on their journey through life.

After being elected to the Thomas More Board of Directors in 2002, Jeff's involvement really blossomed. Jeff served as Vice Chair for one year, Chairman of the Board for two years, and Past Chair for one more year. During his seven years on the Board, Jeff fought hard to preserve the tradition of academic excellence and Catholic morals taught at the school. As Board Chair, Jeff oversaw the 2000 Capital Campaign, which brought nearly \$2 million to our school and helped with dozens of renovation projects. Through his contacts with local leaders and various alumni, Jeff was able to secure many large gifts, including one over \$500,000!

Jeff is a dedicated family man who puts the needs of his wife, kids and grandchildren above the needs of himself. Jeff is married to his wife, Ann, and he is a wonderful provider for her and their family. Although he is busy in his current occupation as co-owner of Korpala & Associates and routinely works 15 hour days, Jeff makes sure to take time off to travel to see all his grandchildren. His love for his family is truly inspiring.



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