

ANNUAL DINNER 2011



More than any Dinner in recent memory, this year's event recognized the contributions of three men to the daily life of the school and their direct impact on students over decades. Both Mike DiPiano Sr. H'82 in his roles as head wrestling coach for over twenty years and athletic director for three decades, and Rick Jacobs H'90, who turned the St. Benedict's soccer team into a national powerhouse in his quarter century as head coach, became "legends in their own time."

The outpouring of support by the student athletes whose lives they helped to shape was vivid testimony to their impact.

*The impact Tom McCabe H'02 had on students overlapped some with that of Rick Jacobs, since, while serving as college counselor, he also assisted Rick with soccer for most of his years here. But Tom's greater impact, for which he was duly recognized at the dinner, stems from his first major book — **Miracle on High Street**. His is the first ever history of St. Benedict's — engagingly told from a scholarly insider's perspective. The Annual Dinner managed at the same time to serve its original purpose: to bring together more than 400 St. Benedict's alumni and friends, including many corporate and professional benefactors, to raise substantial funds for student financial aid.*

This year the dinner and silent auction yielded \$240,000.

