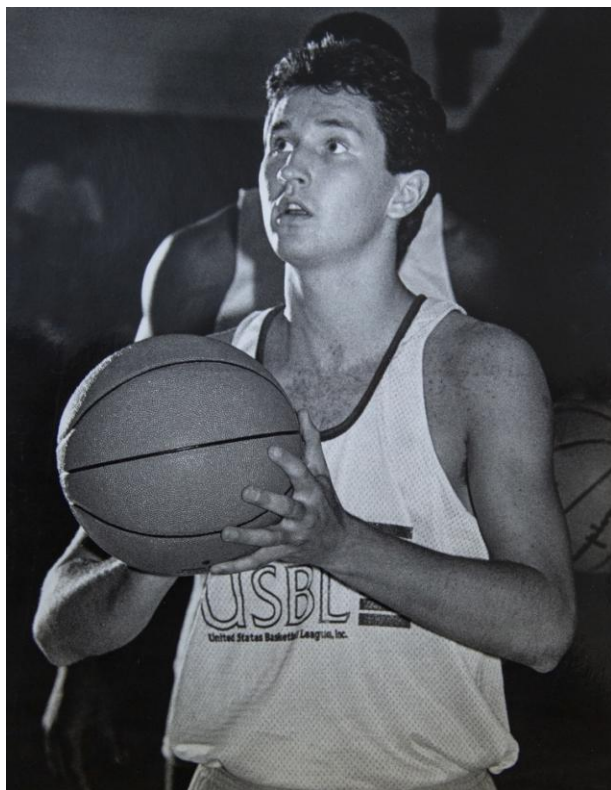


Dan Trant Student Athlete Scholarship



Daniel Patrick Trant was born in Westfield on May 15, 1961 to William and Mary Trant. The seventh of nine children, Dan attended Moseley Elementary School, North Middle School and Westfield High School before heading off to Suffield Academy in CT and Clark University in Worcester, MA.

A graduate of WHS Class of 1979, Dan was a gifted athlete who excelled in basketball, soccer and baseball during his scholastic years and later. He established scoring records in both soccer and basketball at every level. Dan's Number 12 jersey is permanently displayed at WHS.

In 1984, Dan led the Clark University basketball team to its first final-four appearance in Michigan. He was then honored to be chosen by the Boston Celtics in the draft. Dan played professional basketball in Ireland and Northern Ireland, for the Springfield Fame and the Miami Tropics of the US Basketball League. In 2004, he was inducted posthumously into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

Dan Trant was killed on September 11, 2001 in New York's World Trade Center where he worked as a bond trader for Cantor Fitzgerald. He was a victim of the worst terrorist attack in the USA which killed nearly 3,000 people. He is survived by his wife and their three children.

Dan left a lasting legacy of using his exceptional athletic ability to enrich the lives of boys and girls through coaching and mentoring in the communities where he lived. He also left a record of exceptional achievement as a husband, father and friend. To honor him, family and friends established the Dan Trant Scholarship Fund in 2004. After fifteen years, this group selected CSF Westfield Dollars for Scholars to perpetuate the Dan Trant Student Athlete Scholarship.

According to his mother, Mary Trant, "Dan Trant loved Westfield and he especially loved Westfield High School. The four years he spent there were among the happiest in his life. The Dan Trant Scholarship is our way of paying tribute to the memory of a wonderful, wonderful person, while giving back to the Westfield community."

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