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**HARKEMA TO BE INDUCTED
INTO KALAMAZOO COLLEGE
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

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Jim Harkema '64, of Whitmore Lake, Michigan, is one of fourteen individuals in the inaugural class of the Kalamazoo College Athletic Hall of Fame. Harkema, a top football, basketball, and tennis player of the early '60s who went on to a highly successful career in coaching college football, will be honored in a special ceremony at the Homecoming dinner on October 18, which begins at 7 p.m.

A native of Owosso, Michigan, Jim Harkema participated in football, basketball, and tennis in high school. He was graduated from Owosso High School in 1960.

At Kalamazoo College, Harkema was a four-year starter in football, playing quarterback and defensive back. His team won the MIAA (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association) title in his junior and senior years, and was undefeated in 1962. Harkema was a team captain as a junior and senior. He was an All-MIAA selection and team MVP as a sophomore and junior.

Harkema was a three-year starter for the "K" College men's basketball team, playing at the point guard position. During his sophomore year, Kalamazoo tied for the MIAA championship with a 10-2 league record. Harkema was an honorable mention All-MIAA choice during his junior and senior years.

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In addition to football and basketball, Harkema was a three-time letterwinner on the MIAA championship tennis team. He played on the flight #2 MIAA doubles championship team as a freshman, and the #1 doubles championship team as a sophomore and junior.

After graduation from Kalamazoo College, Harkema began coaching football. In 1964, he served as an assistant coach at Richland High School. Moving up to head coach in 1965, he posted a 6-2 season record, and was named the Kalamazoo Area Coach of the Year. In 1966, he was an assistant coach at Kalamazoo College while pursuing a master's degree in physical education at Western Michigan University.

In 1967, Harkema became head football coach at Niles East High School in Skokie, Illinois, where the football team had a record of 2-45-1 in the previous six years. In three seasons, Harkema's teams went 11-13, including 5-3 in 1969, which remains the best record in the school's history.

In 1970 and 1971, Harkema was head coach at Triton Junior College in River Grove, Illinois. His 1971 team had a 7-1-1 record, and was ranked 14th in the nation. Harkema moved on to Northern Illinois University in 1972, coaching backs and receivers.

In 1973, Harkema became head football coach at Grand Valley State College in Allendale, Michigan. He coached there for ten seasons, posting an overall mark of 69-29-1. His teams won conference championships in 1977, 1978, and 1981. The 1978 team made the NAIA post-season playoffs, going all the way to the semifinals. Harkema was named Great Lakes Conference Coach of the Year in 1977, 1978, and 1981, and NAIA District 23 Coach of the Year in 1973, 1975, 1977, and 1978.

In 1983, Harkema took over a weak program at Eastern Michigan University. At the time, the school was considering discontinuing football. Harkema has revitalized interest in the football team, and to date has a three-year record of 7-24-2.

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A plaque honoring Mr. Harkema as a charter member of the Athletic Hall of Fame will be mounted in the lobby of Kalamazoo College's Anderson Athletic Center.

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