

Columbia's Gonzmart gets football honor

SOUTH TAMPA **Richard Gonzmart** was inducted into the Academy of the Holy Names Hall of Fame at the school's spring sports banquet May 4.

Gonzmart was a member of the first graduating class at the Boys Academy, where he was a member of the basketball team, which was the only organized sport available to the young men in 1967.

Gonzmart attended **Jesuit High School**, playing on the 1968 state championship football team, the only state title in **Jesuit's** 110-year history.

After graduating from **Jesuit** in 1971, **Gonzmart** continued his education at the University of Denver, completing his studies in Spain, where he earned a degree in hotel and restaurant management. He is best known as president of the Columbia Restaurant Group.

His awards for service to the community include the National Restaurant Association's humanitarian of the year, father of the year from the Diabetes Association and Hispanic man of the year by Tampa Hispanic Heritage, among others.

He is a member of Jesuit High School's Hall of Fame and was named the 2001 Academy of the Holy Names alumnus of the year.

Coach Bill "Wild Bill" Minahan, **Gonzmart's** high school football coach, was on hand to induct **Gonzmart**.

"Richard was one of the greatest athletes to graduate from **Jesuit High School**," **Minahan** said in his induction speech.

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