

**SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
HALL OF FAME
CLASS OF 2013**

**Avel Mendoza
Class of 1978**

"Athletic Hall of Fame Award"

Avel Mendoza became a Sentinel in the fall of 1974. With the Seton baseball program on the rise, Avel helped to escalate his teams to several State titles over the next four years.

Avel came from a very well established Chandler family and he was the second sibling of a family of six to graduate from Seton Catholic. Over his four years of high school, Avel played football basketball and baseball. Of the three sports he played, he excelled in the sport of baseball.

Avel was a four year varsity letterman in the sport of baseball where he became a significant contributor to his team winning the State Championship all four years of his high school career. As a pitcher, Avel started in 4 State Championship games. He had a 25-2 carrier record on the mound. During his last three years, he was 23-0 on the mound during Seton's 43 wins over a three year period. Avel went 22 games on the mound without giving up a base on balls. Avel was not one dimensional, at the bat; he was the "Batting Crown Winner" three of his four years with a carrier batting average of 378. Avel went on to play at the collegiate level at both NAU and Phoenix College.

Freshman year

- Member of the State Championship Baseball team
- Batting average : 318
- Football & Basketball

Sophomore year

- Member of the State Championship Baseball team
- Batting average : 388
- All State Baseball
- Football Letterman, Top Offensive Lineman award.

Junior year

- Member of the State Championship Baseball team
- Batting average : 298
- All State Baseball
- Football Letterman, starting Quarterback passed for over 1200 yards.
- Basketball Letterman, Member of the '77 State Championship team.

Senior year

- Member of the State Championship Baseball team
- Batting average : 511
- All State Baseball
- Football Letterman, starting Quarterback passed for over 1200 yards once again.
- Basketball Letterman.

After Avel's collegiate experience, he returned to Seton to assist Coach McCarthy to another State baseball title in 1983. Avel and his wife moved to Arkansas where they raised their family. Avel's love of baseball kept him active as a coach of three youth State Championship teams.