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Episode #3 – Angie Toner

- Gary: [00:00](#) Welcome to today's Rebel Five podcast. I'd like to introduce today's podcast guest. She has been at Roncalli for 33 years. She's presently a math teacher. She's the former department head of the math department. She graduated from IU. She holds a BS degree in math education and a master's in secondary math education. She's married to Dave who is a Chartrand grad. She has one child Cole and couple of step kids. Lisa and Chris and I don't have to go any further. Welcome, Angie Toner to the podcast. Great to have you here today. Thanks, Gary. Appreciate it. It's fun to be here. We will jump right in and a, as we've done with everybody so far. Talk about your first job. I used to cut grass with my dad. I think probably a lot of kids growing up. Did that turn a little bit of money and it was fun.
- Angie: [00:51](#) It was outside and my dad and I did that together, so that was my first job. After that. Then my mother owned a bridal shop in Columbus, Indiana. So my high school years, I worked there on the weekends and in the summers. And so that was a lot of fun to work at a bridal shop. It was also a very stressful, very stressful time for, for brides. And I realized after about three years that I didn't want to take the business over. I felt like so much of what we did was dependent on other companies doing their job with getting things in on time. And I decided I just, I want to do a job where it's, it's up to me and that's how teaching kind of unfolded. So if we have good days and bad days, it's because of me. It's not because another company trying to, you know, hone in.
- Gary: [01:37](#) When you were a student at Columbus High School?
- Gary: [01:41](#) Columbus North. Okay. I wasn't sure that the division had happened. Yeah, absolutely. Okay. So you were a bulldog?

Angie: [01:48](#) I was a bulldog. All right. And what the, what were you involved in it? Sure. Okay. So I, played volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter and I played tennis in the spring. And then, we did not have fastpitch softball in Columbus at that point in time. And so in the summer I played on a slow pitch softball team and did a lot of traveling. Right. Our teams won some state championships and so it was a lot of fun, but I didn't, I was not introduced to it to a fastpitch softball until I got here to a Roncalli.

Gary: [02:16](#) Well, you graduated from Columbus North and then you were off the IU. Correct. Tell us why you and were you, what were you involved in it?

Angie: [02:27](#) I, I really wanted to play sports in college, but, the amount of money I could get a say at Franklin College, Franklin College, which was interested in me, but and both basketball and volleyball. Okay. But the amount of money they could offer me to play at that point in time, it was not going to be enough for my parents to, to, you know, fund the rest. So off to IU, you so state school, state tuition and it was fine. I played intramural sports there and enjoyed it. And, and I think many kids will tell you that are college athletes, they were saying they could have done college with, you know, twice one time. They were an athlete one time just to be students. So I enjoyed being a student at IU While I was there, they won some big games and so I remember celebrating, you know, running down the middle of the street, giving high fives to people climbing trees. And it was, it was fun time to be at IU, but I was also a math major and I recall several times when I was at the library studying and a lot of my friends were partying, so, but IU was a great place. I was a big IU fan for a long time. Now I'm just kind of a fan of all college sports.

Gary: [03:36](#) You and I talked the other day, we were talking about the podcast and you said at one point in time that you really weren't a fan necessarily, right? Right. You played sports, right? When did you become a fan?

Angie: [03:55](#) Just when I was in college the basketball games were huge. So getting tickets to the basketball games was difficult. We had to stand in line and the people who, wanted tickets, you know, you had to be all there together at a certain time. And so I was, I was a big college basketball fan, but mostly IU and then, Did you ever make road trips to anywhere else? Nope. and then so football, IU was not very good at football, so I remember going to two football games and you know, we just kinda walked down there, saw a quarter and left. It was not, I was never a fan. And I think about now all the different sports that I could have been watching, you know, baseball and just as I should've been as a fan lot earlier, right? I don't think till I got more mature, out having a job here at Roncalli, realizing how great sports are, that did I really appreciate athletes and how hard they work. And then just the competition. College, College sports are just so much fun. And I didn't really appreciate that when I was there, I was in, I was thinking I was just too immature. I was just, you know, studying and

Gary: [05:06](#) having fun. Do you have a favorite IU moment?

Angie: [05:10](#) Whether it's academic? I would say definitely the, when they won, I forget what year it was, but I vividly remember cars lined up in the streets honking their horns and me and a friend running out in the middle of the street giving every person in the car high five. There's a pretty good sized fountain over there.

People were in the fountain. It was just, it was a lot of fun. I also remember one time going to an IU basketball game and wanting to carry in a big sign and not knowing where to carry it in because they, they didn't want you to do that. And so I stuffed it under my belt and I was suddenly a pregnant woman coming to the basketball game and people were escorting me to my seat. So that was, you know, there was a lot of fun. But yeah, college was called, it was a good time. It was.

- Gary: [05:58](#) You graduate from IU with a degree in math. Was teaching always a part of the equation?
- Angie: [06:10](#) I went to IU thinking I'd be in the business school? Like most people who go to IU and then I kind of realized that I didn't really see myself, in a big city behind the desk job. And I thought I really want to coach. And so I thought, what the best avenue there I was, I'm going to have to teach. Then inside I sought some counsel and they said, okay, you know, what, what are you going to teach PE? Well, yeah, of course, there's a million PE teachers, you have to take something else. So my next favorite was math. Right. And so, I got into the school of education with math, I really didn't know how much I was going to like the teaching.
- Angie: [06:46](#) I always have liked coaching, but I didn't realize how much I was going to like the teaching. And so, but getting the job at Roncalli was kind of a kind of a fun story. I had graduated, I graduated in December because I changed majors and so I had an extra semester of student teaching and I graduated in December and took over maternity leave at Center Grove high school. And then that summer I started my master's degree because if you would start it right away, then you could get your license for life, which is how I slipped in. Okay. So I'm at Butler taking a class and it's a three-week course. People are introducing themselves and every person there said, I am the department chair at North Central. Been there for 30 years, the next person on the department chair at Center Grove High School, just on and on.
- Angie: [07:30](#) And I'm just said, I just got out of college, I need a job. And so, Mary Riehle who was department chair at Roncalli at that point time was there and she said, we need a math teacher. Let's go down and call our principal here at our first break. And so we did, we called and Pat Cox said bring her in this afternoon. And at that point in time that I had two or three more offers. Right. But Roncalli was offering me, classes, to teach to teach that were more fun. I was going to be able to teach some upper level classes as opposed to Martinsville. I had an offer there as well and they were all going to be Algebra 1 classes and I thought it sounds okay, but you know, Roncalli sounds more fun. Did you have any history at all of what the heck Roncalli was any kind of association, I mean you were, you grew up in Columbus, you weren't that far away.
- Gary: [08:17](#) Not that far. Never heard of Roncalli. Never heard of Roncalli and you know what I'm at IU they won the state championship in girls' volleyball, the first, first State Championship. And then, you know, Suzanne, Scheele then came to IU and played. Thank you. Yeah. She came to IU and I, you know, I, if I'd been a fan, I would have gone to the volleyball games and seen her and, you know, notice Roncalli. But, no, did not know of Roncalli until graduating. And like I said, Mary Riehle offering me a, you know, interview here.

Gary: [08:47](#) When you started that first fall, did you sense that this was a place for you or how did that work?

Angie: [08:55](#) Yeah, Coming in, Pat Cox, the Principal then asked me if I wanted to coach and I said, yeah, I love to coach and I told her I felt like a very comfortable with volleyball or basketball or either one. She said, well, we need a volleyball coach. And, she said, I'm going to just say you're hired. And so that was my interview. And so that point in time I'm like, okay, I didn't want to think it was that big of a deal. Like go, you know, go meet these girls and you know, there's a ball. But then I, then I walked into the volleyball office. At that point in time, there were probably 30 volleyballs hanging from the ceiling all with city champs, city champ, Sectional champ, Regional champ. And I'm like, oh my gosh, what have I gotten myself into? No, I had no idea. And so then I'm thinking this coach who has no clue who I am, you know, doesn't know me from Adam. Right? She was as gracious as could be. She cleared out an area for, for me to have a desk inside this, this office, this shrine. You know, she cleared some room out and gave me a file cabinet and just was glad to have me onboard. At that point in time Columbus north volleyball was not very good. Columbus East volleyball was pretty good kind of up and coming. So I am really convinced she was thinking that I came from Columbus East and therefore knew a lot about volleyball. And so as it turns out, you know, we hit it off and I was with the volleyball program I think for 17 or 18 years. So a lot of special memories that sure.

Gary: [10:24](#) Tell who that person was that you were sharing for us.

Angie: [10:29](#) Yeah. So Kathy Nally Schembra. Yeah. Who is one of my best friends. She just like I said, the first meeting, very gracious, open, kind of gave me full reign then with the, you know, coaching the JV Kids and she was coaching the Varsity kids. My volleyball team my first time, you know, doing volleyball, we would do things just a little bit different than she would when you have JV kids, you, you just coach things a little bit differently. You got to plan on weird things happening and, and practice weird things. You know, the ball's going to be flying over and somebody's going to have to, you know, send it back. So we would, we would practice some strange things because they occur for JV. And I ran a, a streak of a 52 wins in a row. And so, it was a lot of fun, you know, knowing that I was never going to get beat. And so then exactly. Okay. 52 wins in a row. That's over a couple seasons. It was, it was, is my third season until I got to, we've got til I got beat 52 from, from the get go. Yes, absolutely. Oh my gosh. Okay. I am sure Kathy, appreciated it. Absolutely. Yeah. You Bet. You Bet. Talk about that. We just had some incredible athletes and so when, thinking back a minute ago, what, you know, when, when I first got here, coaching sports, I could not believe the dedication that the kids had. I just could not believe how motivated, this the summer practices, out on a cinder track when it was 90 degrees and they'd be doing all kinds of drills and I, I couldn't believe it. Everybody showed up all the time. And I just remember, coaching when I was student teaching at Columbus East in both volleyball and basketball kids saying, "I have to stay home and clean the house today. I can't be at practice." And so I look back and think, wow, that was nothing like here. It was just, it was so much fun. And so being here, coaching these kids and then you know, having them in the classroom, it's the same as this. It goes the same way. They're just, they're just great kids. But I could not believe how, how dedicated motivated the kids, were as athletes and I just, I fell in love with that. That was the first thing I fell in love with.

Gary: [12:37](#) Sand Court. Did we have a sand court then?

New Speaker: [12:39](#) It was right after that. Yeah. Cause Lakeshore was, the place they would go to do that. It was right after that, right after that.

Angie: [12:46](#) So I remember as a student here, the sand court and I'm sure any of the volleyball alumni would be listening absolutely in our era would remember that. And I just remember those girls were crazy. They were because they worked their tails off. Playing in the sand is incredible. As anybody knows who tries to run in the sand or, you know, jogging in the sand. I'm setting up Bingo and volleyball, you know, that was every Tuesday. We had no, no home games on Tuesdays because we set up being in the hallways. And so that was a big thing.

Gary: [13:19](#) We had a podcast with Bob. Tully. Okay. Last week and we touched on the Bingo and the craziness that Bingo was. Talk a little bit about, not being able to have the gym cause that's one one day a week. Yes. That wasn't going to be available.

Angie: [13:39](#) Well, this early on you, you see the sacrifices that, that the kids make, being here and realizing that not having two gyms, missing a day, you know, or not a day of practice because we practice, you know, for an hour, usually on Tuesdays and then we had to stop. But when you go to other schools and you know, people say, you know, is this where we're playing today? I know this is our, this is our freshman gym. Find another gym. You know, so you just realize how, how lucky other people are and yet it didn't affect our wins and losses. So I think our kids worked hard in spite of the fact that they couldn't practice on Tuesdays. But I remember when you, first of all you had to put something on the floor. We had these, these, these huge planks, probably a four by eight sheets. Yes. And so that was the first thing to set those down carefully. So they matched up on the floor and then you would take these tables and you had to flip the tables over, get the legs down, put them up. Then the chairs behind them. It was, it was a craft. Your team did? Yes. Every volleyball team set up in the gym. And then there was, I don't know who set the hallways up because we had, you know, bingo in the hallway, it was like a satellite operation and then the next day, everywhere in the building smelled like smoke, you know, everywhere in the building smelled like smoke.

Gary: [15:00](#) It was just a guarantee. Bingo. That's exactly what it was talking to Bob. That's kept the doors open for a long, long time. We're actually very lucky to have had that or you and I might not be sitting here today.

Angie: [15:14](#) Okay. I'm grateful for having to set those tables up. Thank you for reminding me of that.

Gary: [15:19](#) Oh, so that was your volleyball coaching debut. When did you start coaching basketball?

Angie: [15:23](#) I actually, I actually coached basketball still at Columbus East for three years while I was teaching here because there was not an opening on the girls' basketball program. And then when somebody left, when I'm Deanne Ramy left and went to at North Central, that's when I, when Bob asked if I wanted to coach the Jv basketball team. And so I did that for several years. It was a lot of fun. He actually had his own, varsity staff and I would sit on the bench and be more of a

cheerleader for the varsity kids cause he was the one doing instructing and he was the heavy. And then I was the cheerleader, you know, pat the kids on the back tell them good job. And he had his own staff. And so, I, you know, but he let me run my Jv team basically separate from that. We practiced separate and would come together and scrimmage and yeah. Kirkhoff, Bob Kirkhoff and I have a great rapport. He's, you know, he and Kathy Schembra are two of my favorite people here at Roncalli. I, I feel so blessed that I'm to call them friends. And then, I guess the other part with that is, is, when I see in the hallway the pictures that they're on the, on the, on the wall that they've been inducted to the hall of fame. And I was a part of that. I was a part of getting them that hall of fame. Not that I did anything except for make the application affiliate application out and, you know, but I just feel, I feel a part of their success too, so, and that, that's, that makes me feel great.

Gary: [16:39](#) I'm sure that they are very thankful that you were a part of their success. I hope so. I'm sure they recognize that.

Angie: [16:44](#) I would say mostly for just for the friendship. You know you won 52 games in a row in volleyball. Did you have some more success in basketball? No streak like that. No streak like that. But we were successful and we want some, we were back in the city, we want some city championships and I, I think, yeah, one of my favorite moments I think that you asked me before about-about the woodshed is, for a city championship game, we were playing cathedral and both the varsity and the JV girls were playing cathedral. And that was always a battle, always about they were the, they were the other best team in the, in the city at that point in time. And so, just to, to be in the city championship game was, you know, pretty neat thing. And then we got to host, we hosted this yet we did. And we beat cathedral on a, on a specific date. And then the second game, the Varsity beat Cathedral. And so I went out in the hallway and grabbed a broom and brought it into the gym and started waving the broom around. And so it's that. So you realize, and so, you know, Bob Kirkhoff, you know, laughing and he's like, put that away, you know? And because of that point in time, I'm still, I don't know, 25, 26 too immature to realize, you know, can't be doing stuff like that. But you knew the significance of the rivalry. I did. How quickly did that come? I'm like, well, you know, when in came to volleyball Chatard was actually the better team, for a while, Chatard was the best team. And so that was a huge, a rivalry to, to beat Chatard. Right. And I, and I remember that for a long time is that was our big game. And then, you know, then Cathedral got really good at volleyball too. But, also when you play these teams so fiercely, next thing you know, you're pretty good friends with, with these coaches that you play against. And I, and I remember being at, you know, at, places and seeing them at other places and like, hey, how you doing and how's your team? And you develop a great relationship. As a matter of fact, when my father passed, I remember there were four or five Cathedral coaches who came to the funeral, I was very touched, you know because we'd developed a friendship. So no matter how much of a rivalry have and how much do you want to beat them, you develop a great relationship with them.

Gary: [18:50](#) I've always said you could put Roncalli across the chest of all those Cathedral kids and you would root for them every bit as much. Right. Because they're great kids. Right. And so that's what makes the, it is a rivalry, a pretty special thing. Yeah.

Angie: [19:04](#) They're just like us, not coaching. Now when kids, you know, that I might have in class, they're going to play Cathedral, you know, I just tell them, it feels different. When you beat this team tonight, it's going to feel different. And it just does, it just feels, it feels better than beating another team.

Gary: [19:21](#) Right. We're going to take a quick break. We're going to listen to our sponsor for a minute and then we'll be right back with Angie Toner.

Gary: [19:35](#) Welcome back to the Rebel Five. We're visiting with Angie Toner. I still am stuck on a, I want to call you Angie Dutro. Anybody else? Does anybody call you Dutro?

Angie: [19:48](#) Schembra will every once in a while. Funny. Also, Gina Fleming will say that it is, and so it's good to hear that name, but somebody knows me that far back. It does. It does.

Gary: [20:02](#) So what are you most proud of in your life or career at this point?

Angie: [20:07](#) I would say the fact that I've, I don't know if the word is touched so many lives, but I've had so many kids that I've coached, so many kids that I've taught that, it's so, it's great for me to, to see them again and then them just say how much fun they enjoy or how much they enjoyed either my class or coaching. It doesn't have to be, you're my, you're my favorite teacher or my, you know, I loved that class. It was just, you know, I, you were fun. You were fun to be around. And so I think I'm most proud of, of, of kids who feel good about saying that. Right. Also, I'm old enough now where I, lots of kids of kids in class and so I'll see those parents in the hallway for back to school night and I just shake my head thinking, oh my gosh, I've been here a long time. But they, I just, I feel great that they want to bring their kids to Roncalli. I'm so proud of that, that they were affected enough by Catholic education. They want to spend a lot of money to send their kids to this institution.

Gary: [21:13](#) I think that's the case. I don't know if it's universally, but the teachers that demanded the most that you could tell they cared. And speaking from my own history here as a student at Roncalli, correct. A hundred years ago.

Angie: [21:32](#) Wait a minute. You're not going to say your age. Stop. Stop that. Not a hundred years ago.

Gary: [21:37](#) Oh, Tim Puntarelli. And I've told him this many, many times. Tim, was a, was a great teacher. He demanded that you do good work and he rewarded you for that. And I think you're the same way. I have had my own children who have you or had you for a teacher. I've never heard anybody say, boy, Angie Toner. She's just not a very good teacher. Never!

Angie: [22:04](#) well, always, always well thought of. And then I do, I would like to be thought of as somebody who demands a lot, but still we're going to have fun. Yeah. I mean, when you're taking a class that's called pre-calculus, it's not going to be all glamorous and a really a cake, a cake class. So, I, you know, I want to try and make it fun, but I'm going to keep pushing.

- Gary: [22:26](#) Well, I also know some of your, your sayings that you use in class I won't go into right now, but those are, those are legendary. Okay, good. Good stuff. Okay. Moving on. You coached volleyball, you coach basketball. you were our assistant athletic director for a number of years.
- Angie: [22:47](#) I think of a 17 or 19. I think it was 19 years.
- Gary: [22:51](#) And, you shared an office with a guy by name of Dave Toner. Yeah. So tell us a little bit about that.
- Angie: [22:59](#) Sure. It was actually my, a third year of being here at Roncalli that, the assistant athletic director job became open and Donna Smith, who was our longtime secretary and a great friend of mine, said, Angie, I think you'd be good at that. And I'm like, no, I didn't know what that is. And so the more I thought about and ask questions about it, I realized why not, let's give that a shot. And so, I was able to work it, work it out where I taught the first four periods of the day and then did the assistant athletic director job the rest of the day, which was great for me cause I had the best of both worlds. I can be in the athletic world for half the day and then, and then, and then teach also, which I, I I loved as well. So actually, Mindy Welch was the first AD that I, that I, worked with. And then, after that Frank Sergi came and I stayed the assistant AD then as well and, and I didn't apply or apply for the athletic director job because I really wanted to stay a math teacher when, you know, keep my hand inside the classroom. So I didn't ever do that. And then finally then Dave Toner came on board. And so, many people say, how in the world would you ever work with your husband? I never could, but it was wonderful. It was so much fun. He and I don't ever fight because he never fights with anybody. He is so level headed, so laid back may not be the word, but he just, he doesn't argue about things. The only time that we would ever bicker is when he and I coached JV basketball together. And then it was like, why did you put her in? Well, why don't you put her in, we should be doing this. And so that was the only time we ever would, would battle about it. It's just funny that at that point in time we would turn into, you know, little kids trying to yell at each other and, you know, make decisions. But as, as athletic directors, we work together great.
- Gary: [24:43](#) Who, when you coached together, you had a pretty good run there.
- Angie: [24:46](#) And what we did, we did same thing and he was, you know, we both, we both did. we both, I would say coach, coach equally now practices he couldn't always make because at that point in time when he first was here, he was, he was working outside of the building. Most of the practices and did all the practice planning. During games, when things would, things would occur and he'd say, we need to, we need to run a two, one, two right now against this one, three one. And I'm like, okay. And so, okay. And he, he would have really great ideas about doing things. So, I would say he was more of a logical, the brains, but I'd be the one, like, we're pressing this quarter, we're pressing right now. Get out there and let's go. So I'd be more, once again, screaming, yelling, more energetic than what he was. He was, he was more thinking through things and I was more of a, of a attitude, character, whatever, you know, like that.
- Gary: [25:44](#) Again, I talked about you had a pretty good run. Any highlights between the two of you as far as a championships or streaks?

- Angie: [25:53](#) I wish I could tell you how many City Championships We won, but there were several. But I'm that a, if you look at the banners in the gym of all the times that the varsity team won something, you need to realize that I had those kids on the JV team too, because hardly ever, I mean, today's world, we have all kinds of freshmen, sophomores play up the varsity. But yeah, you know, 10, 15 years ago it was unusual for a sophomore or freshman to be up on the varsity team. They'd have to be a phenomenon. So I had so many good athletes. Oh my gosh, it was so fun because I had so many good athletes and then we had no excuses of forever, you know, forever getting beat a lot and we should always have a winning record. And we did. We always had a winning record. I felt like that, putting the athletes that we had, through good practices and, and good coaching prowess of Dave or myself, it was going to, we were going to have some victories and we did. It was, it was a lot of fun.
- Gary: [26:51](#) Sure. Good memories. I'm sure. Speaking of good memories, there's a young man who is one of our esteemed alums by the name of Cole Toner. Talk a little bit about Cole and, maybe a Roncalli highlight involving Cole. Sure. And where Cole went to school. Okay. And where he is today. So that's a lot to talk about. But there you go.
- Angie: [27:15](#) Cole went to Our Lady of the Greenwood played every sport there was, there had some success, towards the end of, like sixth, seventh grade a is when the little Rebels started. So he got to be a part of the little Rebels, which, for people who don't know are these teams that, kids got to play on. They get it, they try it out and they were from different, the different deaneries and, and they were coached by Roncalli staff and, and, I got to wear a Rebel uniform for the first time, you know, so that was a lot of fun. And he finally got to meet some of the kids he'd been playing against and knew that he was gonna, you know, play with when he got here.
- Gary: [27:50](#) So how much time did he spend in the building while you were teaching?
- Angie: [27:53](#) Forever. I, yes, forever. I have a lot of stories of him being little, which wasn't very long. No. One of my favorite stories about that would be that when cause Dave and I were both here then as the athletic directors and one of us was always here, or if there was a sporting event here and, one time somebody said they were going to stay and, and, run the JV or run a freshmen basketball game for us. And so Dave and I were like, yeah, let's, let's go. We're going to go out to dinner. And Cole said, are we going to have concessions? Because that's all he ever knew go, you know, we were having concession, so we were going to go after there and somewhere to have concessions, but, oh, what a great place for him to grow up. But I have pictures of he with little Kaley Schembra when, you know, she'd be running out of the gym, coaching basketball and he, you know, or volleyball, any kid that was injured was the, was the, was the babysitter that day. So if you're got injured, you were in charge of Cole. He learned how to drink through a straw here because he drank everybody's water bottles. Just would go along if somebody told him to do that. Just, I, I can't tell you how grateful I am for that. He got to grow up here around all these kids because our kids are wonderful. Just wonderful. So what a great place him to grow up. So yeah, I came to Roncalli played, football, freshman football, played freshman basketball, played freshman baseball. I really felt like he was going to be a, football baseball person because he was really successful in baseball in the summer. But, he really

worked hard at basketball and, he, that became his next love. And so he played those two sports than for the rest of the, the rest of his career here at Roncalli. Probably my favorite Sporting, memory was when, in the sectional, we, we, we're with Cathedral and Lawrence. What is it? Why does Cathedral keep coming up and everybody a common thing. They had beaten us during the year, probably 30 points where they, they played defense against us. They were in our face the entire time. We were trying to screen on the ball, which just brought another no defender right there with them. And so we just, they just stole the ball for layups, and so it was just a trap. It was terrible. And so then the sectional, we're playing them and we've got a new, we got a new, Michael Wantz figured out a new way to play. We spread the floor and took the ball to the hoop and, and the first, first play of the game, Cole sets a screen for somebody and the kid from Cathedral hits him and go straight down and it erupted the crowd. It was just, it was, you know, and no foul was called cause it wasn't. He was just standing his ground. The kid kind of ran into him. But then the game, we were down six points with, I'm saying less than a minute left and Brad Fey hit two threes in a row, to go into overtime. And we went up and over time and I met you just, I'm just, whenever I'm in a, whenever I'm in a, like a, a funk, I will get out the CD of that game. And, Rob Brown, Michael Wantz gave us this as a gift. So Rob Brown's doing the audio and, and, we're playing them and it's, it's, it just changes your whole day watching that and it, you know, it happened to be Cathedral. Now, the next night we had to play Lawrence Central, who, Kyle Guy who's now for Virginia, was on the team and, and, we just couldn't beat, we've stayed in the game played a great game, good game. You know, you even had a chance to win. But yeah, we were right there. Just, you know, it's just a tough, tough battle for two, two big two big wins in a row and Lawrence won it. But that was probably my favorite, favorite Roncalli memory of him playing sports here. Then he's off to off to Harvard, right? I, yeah, when we had discussions about where it was going to go, cause he wanted to play sports somewhere, we went to several camps and I said, Cole, four hours, you can go four hours away. That's all I want. Okay mom. So then, he ends up scoring a perfect score on the ACT and now he's getting looked at from Ivy League. And so I'm like, what's, what's the Ivy League? We've all heard of Harvard, but I already know, but you know, in several schools were starting to call and, and come visit him here at, at Roncalli. And then, you know, he took visits out there and I just remember sitting in, coach Murphy, Murphy Murphy's office at, at, at Harvard, at him saying, Cole, when you're 26 years old, don't say, God, I could've gone to Harvard and then not have gone. And I'm like, yeah, well you're right. So, and then talking to their coaches, you know, there said you'll make it work, you'll figure out how to get here to watch him play. And we did. We did. Yeah.

Gary: [32:18](#) Let's take a break and we'll come back and we'll finish up with the Rebel Five. Okay. Welcome back to the Rebel Five

Gary: [32:40](#) We're visiting today with Angie Toner. Angie, we've just talked about Cole and his college choice and obviously a lot of success at Harvard. talk about where Cole is today.

Angie: [32:53](#) Okay. All right. He was a, as a senior, he was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the fifth round, so it was probably the highlight of my life was seeing that occur because, you know, my son's dreams were coming true. Right. Anyway, he was with Arizona for a year and then he went to Cincinnati and then he went to the Patriots and then he got injured, the Patriots. And, as soon as his injury was,

when he when he healed, he was taken immediately by, the Los Angeles Chargers. And so I finished off last year, more than half the year with the LA Chargers and then he made the team again this past year. And, we've learned a lot about, you know, NFL and, and, what it means to be on a practice squad, what it means to make the 53 man roster, what it means to make that 53 man roster. And yet they only dressed 47 on Sundays. So we've learned a lot about that. So right now, he is a preferred free agent, which means that LA has the right to ask him back in the spring when they start doing their workouts again. And by all accounts, that's, you know, that's what he's planning on doing good. And, and he'll have a chance to work out and, and try it again then, you know, next fall. Right now he's, he's home and he's working out with St. Vincent's. So how lucky I am that he, wants to come home for a little bit and you know, visit with family and friends here in town for a month and, and then his, his agent asks and make some personal appearances in Connecticut and he'll fly back to LA after that.

- Gary: [34:25](#) Well, I'm sure that, whatever happens in the NFL, he's got something to fall back on. He's going to fall back.
- Angie: [34:34](#) But he, he really enjoys what he's doing right now, but likes to La Chargers hopes he can make that team again. How bad can it be? He's in LA. That's right. That's right.
- Gary: [34:45](#) All right, we're going to jump into the Rebel Five questions just like we've done in the past podcasts. I'm going to throw these out at you and just whatever comes to your mind. Sure. In another life, what would you want to be or do?
- Angie: [34:58](#) So I guess I should say I love what I'm doing right now and everyone's doing now, so I'll say that first. But if I couldn't do this, if I couldn't do this, because I do love my job, I'd be a professional golfer. I'd be on the PGA.
- Gary: [35:12](#) Yeah. You're a mother was a golfer. Yeah. My mother.
- Angie: [35:17](#) Well, father and your brother for my brother's a golfer. Yeah. My whole family. I grew up right around golf. Yeah. Yeah. My grandfather was actually a city champion in Columbus. Nice. So, yeah.
- Gary: [35:26](#) And how much do you get a play?
- Angie: [35:28](#) not enough expensive and it takes a little time. But, with Dave being retired, that same thing that he and I like to do together a lot. So, I'm going to say in the summer, once or twice a week. When you're in Florida, you have a favorite course or, I really don't know. We're not in Florida and here I do like to play the legends. That's one of my favorite places to play at the Legends. So I like that. I think the tees are fair. The ladies and I, you know, it's good. Do you want to share your handicap? I don't really have a handicap but I shoot in the 80s, usually.
- Gary: [35:57](#) Okay. Very good. What is the funniest thing that has happened to you recently?
- Angie: [36:02](#) So I laugh hard every day about something that my students make me laugh and everything. But, most recently Dave and I were out in, in LA visiting Cole and the game they were playing was on a Saturday. So Dave and I flew out there on a, on

a Friday night. So we always try to hit a church, you know, a Mass at a church there. So we get up after being there landing on Friday the next morning and he and I go to the church and like there were no cars and we've checked our phones Mass is at nine o'clock. So we're, we're there like quarter till waiting around and there are maybe two people in the church and it's about 10 minutes, find the lights aren't on and we realize it's Saturday morning and no, it's not Sunday morning when we're out there, usually it's Sunday morning. We're trying to get to before we go to the game on Sunday afternoon. So we sat there for a while and after that, the day just went on. We went back and we were in a rental car. We, both of us got into the wrong car, opened the door, the alarm went off. Yeah. Yeah. So it was just, you know, the whole day was about like that.

- Gary: [37:03](#) Favorite time or place when you have run into a Roncalli person, just say anywhere outside of school.
- Angie: [37:08](#) And what's neat for me is people will come say hi as opposed to when I was a little kid and if I would see a teacher in the store, I would like, oh my God, there's, Mrs. Smith. I don't want to see that person. I'd run away. And so I feel great about how, and there's a, a great relationship, a great rapport between, I feel like myself and the students, they, you know, I appreciate them and they appreciate me. It's like, oh hey. You know, it's, it's, it's neat to see. So anywhere outside, Roncalli is fun.
- Gary: [37:35](#) What advice would you give your younger self?
- Angie: [37:38](#) My younger self. As an athlete I would tell myself, you've got to be meaner. I am just tender hearted. I would rather pick somebody off the floor then push them down and, and I think I would have been a better athlete. I would have, I wouldn't be able to play at a higher level if I would have been meaner. I would just, you know, just a nice kid. And I, you know, once you, I don't know, I think it's, you just grew up realizing that, you know, gimme that ball, give me that ball as opposed to here you can have it. Right. So I think that would be a meaner person as an athlete. That's an interesting of viewpoint is I would I be a meaner athlete? I also feel like that a lot of things occur in life. You're going to have ups and downs, you have problems. And so, try to not worry about things you can't control. And that's one thing that Dave Toner has taught me. So, we all have worries, but sometimes if you can't control them, you gotta stop. You gotta Stop.
- Gary: [38:32](#) Life Advice. Give us, do you have any life advice? And after that we'll, we'll finish up.
- Angie: [38:36](#) I think you gotta work hard. You gotta play hard, you gotta be thankful, thankful for what you have.
- Gary: [38:43](#) That's good advice. We're going to take one last break and we're going to come back and ask for some, last thoughts with Angie.
- Gary: [39:02](#) Thank you for tuning in today for the Rebel Five podcast. Angie Toner, thank you so much for joining us. We really, really appreciate it.
- Angie: [39:09](#) It has been my pleasure. How Fun is it? Talk about yourself for, you know, 40 minutes.

Gary:	39:13	Well, it's a part of the history of Roncalli and the last 50 years have been pretty amazing and you've been a big, big part of it. And so we're very thankful that you are here to share some of your thoughts.
Angie:	39:28	How Fun is it that I've been around for such a great time at Roncalli?
Gary:	39:32	You, have any final thoughts? The floor's yours.
Angie:	39:34	Thank you for what you're doing here. And for your lovely wife Darla who's helping out. And I just, I'm so blessed to be a part of Roncalli. It was kind of an accident at first. And once you're here, you never want to leave. It's just a wonderful place to be. I'm grateful that my, you know, my son grew up here and, I love this place. I don't want to be anywhere else.
Gary:	39:54	We know you do and it shows and we're very thankful that you've been such a big part of it, so thank you. Thanks, Angie. Appreciate it.
Angie:	40:01	Thanks a lot.
Gary:	40:01	All right. Take care.