Selected as the most outstanding high school basketball player in Baltimore City (MD) in 1963, George Roderick was recruited to play basketball at Kilgore College under Coach Joe Turner.

The 1963-64 and 1964-65 Ranger basketball teams combined for a school record of 56-6, best in KC basketball history. The 1964-65 Ranger team is already in the KC Hall of Fame (Class of 2007) as it completed the regular season with a 29-0 record before losing in the national Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas, ending the season with a 31-2 record.

George was a two-year starter and played in all 62 games during the two seasons. He was the second-leading scorer behind All-American Donald Kruse. Roderick was also the team’s top rebounder and tri captain with Frank O’Brien and Donald Kruse.

After graduation from KC, George was recruited and played at The University of Denver. An All-Rocky Mountain Region selection and the team’s top rebounder, George completed two successful seasons at DU and was an assistant coach after graduation at DU for two seasons while earning a Master’s Degree.

Drafted in to the Army in 1970, Roderick was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska. After serving two years, George accepted a high school position and coached for six highly successful years.

In 1976, Roderick joined the staff at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, serving as an assistant coach for nine seasons and head coach for 11 seasons. During his tenure at UAF, George was instrumental in the transition from NAIA to NCAA D-2 status. He was also the founder of the Top of the World Classic, featuring seven Division 1 teams and with UAF hosting the classic.

After retirement from coaching and living in Alaska for 37 years, George and his wife Joanie moved to New Braunfels, Texas, and reside on a golf course and play as much as possible.

Today we are pleased to induct George Roderick into the KC Athletics Hall of Fame.