

SANTA MARIA HIGH SCHOOL Athletic Hall of Fame 2024



Recognizing the value of our high school legacy in athletics by honoring our high school athletes, coaches, and competitive spirit of our athletic teams



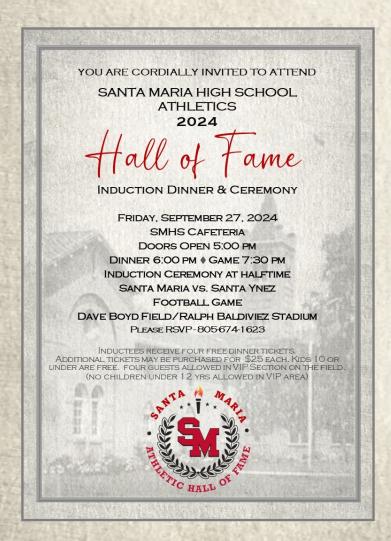
SANTA MARIA HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations

INDUCTEES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024
SMHS CAFETERIA
DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM
DINNER 6:00 PM / GAME 7:30 PM
INDUCTION CEREMONY AT HALFTIME
SANTA MARIA VS. SANTA YNEZ
FOOTBALL GAME
DAVE BOYD FIELD/RALPH BALDIVIEZ STADIUM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - STEVE CAMPBELL, PRINCIPAL GUEST SPEAKER - KIM ALAN KIRCHHOF



Inductees AQUATICS EUGENE "GENE" LENZ (1951-55) SOFTBALL ANN (VAN DORTRECHT) NAIDAS (1984-88)WRESTLING BRAD DRUKTENIS (1963-67)MULTI-SPORT HENRY "HANK" CURAZA FOOTBALL/BASKETBALL (1947-51) THOMAS EUGENE "TED" DAVIDSON (1953-57) BASEBALL/WATER POLO MARK HICKS (1967-71) FOOTBALL/BASEBALL GEOFF "JEFF" MURO (1969-73) FOOTBALL/WRESTLING KIM ALAN KIRCHHOF (1970-74)FOOTBALL/BASKETBALL JARED ZIMMER (2002-06) SWIMMING/WATER POLO **CAPPY HARADA** (1936-40) FOOTBALL/BASKETBALL/TRACK/BOXING/WRESTLING



Time fades everything... except what we collectively value... *and choose to recall.*

Welcome to the 2024 Santa Maria High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductee celebration. Thank you for joining us on a historic journey back in time as we collectively reflect on our athletic legacy. We appreciate your support as we gather to honor our current inductees and look forward to future inductee celebrations.

MISSION

To inspire future athletes, coaches and teams to reach higher levels of athletic achievement.

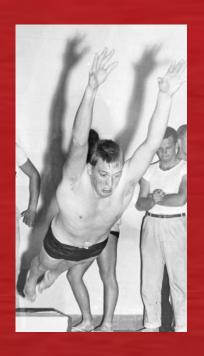
BELIEF

As a core foundation of the athletic legacy of our school and communities, we reflect on our athletic tradition that is built to last. As the Santa Maria High School Hall of Fame committee, we collectively believe that participating and coaching in high school athletics, has life-long benefits with lessons that become core elements in the development of our personalities and commitments to our families and careers. We believe that athletic training, competition and related experiences, regardless of the level of success or achievement, will never stop transforming our lives and contributing to who we are as individuals. For coaches and athletes who reach a high level of athletic achievement, there is a level of responsibility to model and set examples for others to follow. As time passes, it gets easier to forget our past success and harder to recall the amazing pathway of our athletic legacy. We believe it is vital to our future success in athletics, to recall, highlight and honor the athletic achievements that we all commonly respect. Understanding the level of commitment that leads to a high level of athletic achievement will guide our evaluations leading to future inductees. We are committed to the evaluation and selection process that leads to celebrating the athletic achievements and related legacy of our athletes, coaches and teams.

INTENT

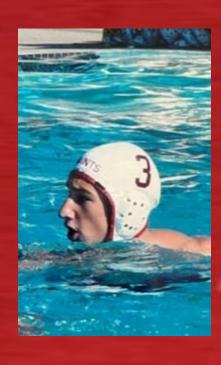
The intent of Santa Maria High School Athletic Hall of Fame is to honor and reflect the success and achievement surrounding our school's athletic legacy of the past 130 years, and to tell the stories that highlight the journey and contribution of our individual athletes, coaches, teams, cheerleaders and community supporters. Our vision is to leverage the story of each Athletic Hall of Fame inductee to inspire others to set a higher level of commitment, leading to a higher level of athletic achievement. The opportunity to pay it forward to those who are inspired by the Santa Maria High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, is the core intent and purpose of recognizing and honoring individuals and team achievements.

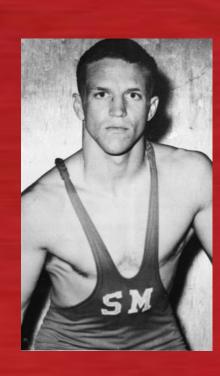






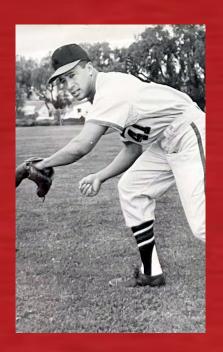
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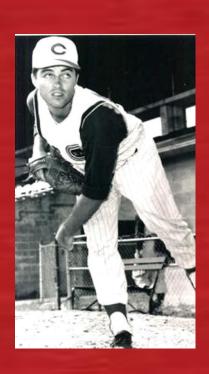




HLETICS FAMOUR AND THE STREET OF THE STREET









ANN (VAN DORTRECHT) NAIDAS

1984 - 1988













Ann played four years of varsity softball as a pitcher. Her first year on varsity she was named League MVP. During her sophomore, junior, and senior years. Ann was league Co-MVP. All four years she made 1st Team All League and her high school team made it to the CIF playoffs four straight years.

In her junior year she pitched a no hitter in a playoff game, but still lost the game. She made All CIF 1st team that year. During her senior year the Saints were League Champions. Ann also threw a no hitter and hit a solo home run that year against Morro Bay High School, striking out 20 of 22 batters in a 4-0 win. She was named Athlete of the Week for this impressive feat. During her four years of pitching for the Saints she averaged 17 strikeouts per game.

Ann also played 4 years of varsity volleyball. In her junior year she made 1st Team All League and the team took first place in the Northern League.

Ann was awarded a full scholarship to play softball at California State University at Fullerton. Her team was ranked #1 each year she played at Fullerton and they won a Big West Conference title.

In Ann's sophomore year she was 32-6 with a .16 ERA and was named All-American. Her team made the playoffs each year but never qualified for the College World Series Tournament.

After Ann's softball days ended she returned to Santa Maria and became an assistant coach and then head varsity softball coach at SMHS. She was also an assistant softball coach at Righetti high school.

Ann made a cross country move to Omaha, Nebraska in 2005 and became an assistant softball coach at Millard South High School. Her team took four State Titles. Ann went on to coach and 18U team that won the nationals and is currently an assistant coach for a 14U softball team.

HENRY "HANK" CURAZA

1947 - 1951

Deceased



Hank was a true four sport athlete for SMHS. He played four years of varsity football at the position of quarterback and made 1st team all league in 1951. Hank also played four years of varsity basketball and made it to the CIF Finals. He was coached by Joe White and made 1st Team All CIF.

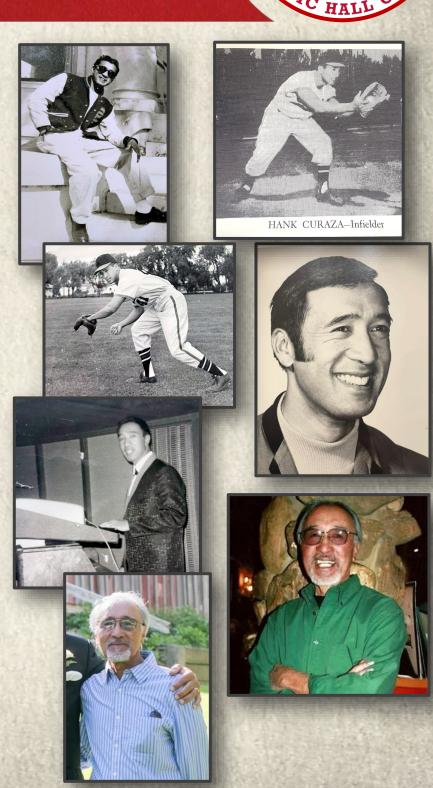
Hank's baseball team won a CIF Championship in 1949. He was the team's shortstop and he was selected 1st Team All League that same year. Again, he was a four year varsity letterman in baseball

Hank's sports didn't stop with baseball, football and basketball. He was was also a valuable member of the Saint track and field team. He participated in the 100 yard dash, long jump and relay teams, earning four varsity letters. Hank's athleticism has made him the only 16-time letterman from SMHS.

After graduating from SMHS, Hank attended Hancock College and played baseball. He transferred to Cal Poly SLO and played baseball. Hank moved on from Cal Poly and played with the Santa Maria Indians for 14 seasons under coach Butch Simas.

Hank's biggest sports contributions came while employed by the Santa Maria Department of Parks and Recreation. He was an assistant to Parks and Recreation Director Joe White. Hank was a committee member that developed after school youth playground programs. He supervised these youth programs at the old recreation center on Broadway and Cook St.

Under Joe White's supervision, Hank was involved in the start of biddy league basketball as well as the little league baseball program in Santa Maria. Hank Curaza served as a role model to the youth in the community by heading up city youth and young adult recreation programs. Hank also coached top Santa Maria athletes like Miles Moore and Terry Hermeling.





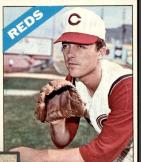
THOMAS EUGENE DAVIDSON

1948 - 1951











6-0, 192lb (183cm, 87kg) Born: October 4, 1939 in Las Vegas, ied: September 1, 2006 (Aged 66-332d)

in Bullhead City, AZ High School: Santa Maria HS (Santa Maria, CA) School: Allan Hancock College (Santa Maria, CA)

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TED DAVIDSON

Ted played baseball in Santa Maria from the start of Little League in 1950 all the way through Junior College. While attending SMHS he played baseball and water polo, though he really excelled in baseball. Ted played for SMHS Hall of Fame coach Don Wilson and was the Saints number 1 starting pitcher.

During Ted's senior year he had a won-loss of 16-0 and didn't lose a game until the first game of the Northern Division CIF playoffs. That years the team won 27 games and lost only 3 and had 17 straight wins going into CIF. Ted lettered in baseball all four years at SMHS. In 1956 he was a 1st Team All CIF Pitcher and the lefthander was awarded CIF Player of The Year the same year.

Ted then attended Alan Hancock Junior College where he pitched for the Bulldogs. After Hancock, he attended a tryout at Elks Field that was sponsored by the Cincinnati Reds. At the completion of the tryout he was signed by the Reds as an amateur free agent.

Ted reported to his first minor league assignment in Florida in 1960. He spent time in Rookie League, A, AA and AAA minor league affiliates from 1961-1965. He was mainly used as a middle relief pitcher and occasional starter. On July 24, 1965 Ted made his Major League debut for the Reds against the Houston Astros. He pitched 2 2/3 innings and gave up no runs and struck out four batters in a 4-2 loss.

Ted Davidson retried from Major League Baseball in 1968 after nine years in the minors and four years at the Major League level. At the time of his retirement he had pitched in 114 Major League games, threw over 195 innings and posted 11-7 win loss record with a 3.69 ERA.

BRAD DRUKTENIS

1963 - 1967



Brad started wrestling at SMHS his sophomore year. He was 8-0 on JV and moved up to varsity and went 7-3. His junior year he was 26-5 and #1 in league and placed 3rd in CIF. During Brad's senior year he was 29-0 and #1 in league. He placed 1st in CIF at 145 and was the first SMHS student athlete to win CIF in wrestling.

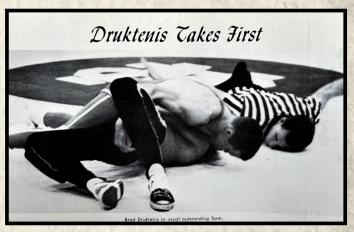
During Brad's senior year, he also won the Morro Bay Tournament of Champions, Cal Poly Tournament, Santa Barbara League Champion and winner of the Cal Poly Take Down Tournament. He was named SMHS Athlete of the Year. Brad also played football at Santa Maria High School.

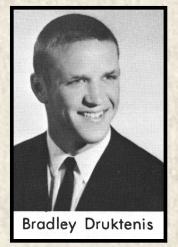
Brad then wrestled at Alan Hancock Junior College, going 28-4 his freshman year and was the Central California Junior College Athletic Association (CCJCAA) Champion, Runner-up at the Cal Poly Tournament and placed 4th in the State JC Tournament. He was named the Outstanding Wrestler in the 1968 State CCJCAA Tournament, Outstanding Wrestler from the Booster Club and Athlete of the month (February) by the Santa Maria Times.

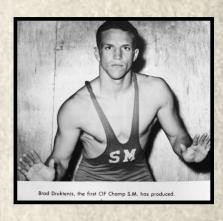
Brad was was 27-2-2 as a sophomore and the CCJCAA Champion. Brad also placed 3rd in his weight class at the Long Beach Junior College Tournament. Brad also played football at Allan Hancock College.

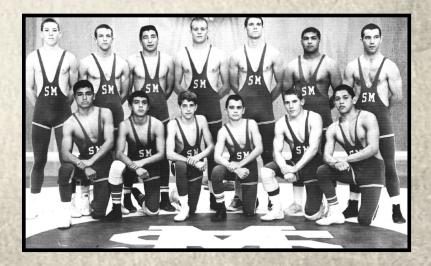
Brad had several scholarship offers after wrestling for Alan Hancock JC but joined the Air Force where he was stationed overseas. When he returned to the US he applied for and was selected to wrestle for the Air Force at 149. He took 2nd in the Inter-service Wrestling Tournament. Due to a knee injury, Brad was unable to finish his Air Force wrestling career.

Brad rehabilitated his knee and was recruited by UC Berkeley coach Bill Martell. He went on to win the Big Hawaii tournament and the 4th Annual California State University Hayward Tournament. In his junior year at Berkeley he beat Stanford All-American Chris Hopel. Brad graduated UC Berkeley with a degree in engineering.











CAPPY HARADA

1936 - 1940

Tsuneo Paul "Cappy" Harada was an outstanding athlete at SMHS. He lettered three years in football, four years in basketball, one year in track and two years in boxing and wrestling. Cappy's post high school athletic career came to a halt with the start of WW II. He joined the military intelligence service, where he served for ten years.

During WW II much of Japan was destroyed. After the war, Cappy was assigned to work under Major William Marquat. Cappy was put in charge of rebuilding Japanese sports programs, mostly baseball, to help rebuild the morale of the Japanese people. Later Cappy became the special assistant to Tokyo Giants manager Shigeru Mizuhara. He helped guide the Giants to four straight Japanese Baseball League (JBL) championships and pioneered a two-league format and World Series-style playoffs in the JBL.

In 1965, Cappy was named general manager of the Lodi Crushers, a Class A minor league team in the California League. This was a first for a US born person whose parents were immigrants from Japan. Cappy was named Executive of the Year in 1966.

Cappy worked for the San Francisco Giants for 23 years as a special assistant in scouting and player personnel. His work in player development, business operations and Trans Pacific scouting made him instrumental in introducing Japanese professional baseball players into America's Major League Baseball. He is credited with signing the first Japanese player to a Major League Baseball contract, left-handed pitcher Masanori Murakami. He also referred several college age Japanese ballplayers to Alan Hancock Junior College baseball team. In 1979 Cappy was appointed Washington State Athletic Commissioner.

Locally, Cappy was heavily involved in the Annual Alan Hancock Junior College "Hot Stove" dinner fundraisers. This fundraiser brought many pro athletes together to raise funds for the Alan Hancock Junior College baseball team. Some of Cappy's personal friends that attended this fundraiser were Pete Rose, Fred Lynn, Joe DiMaggio, Dusty Baker and long time coach and player Leo Durocher.













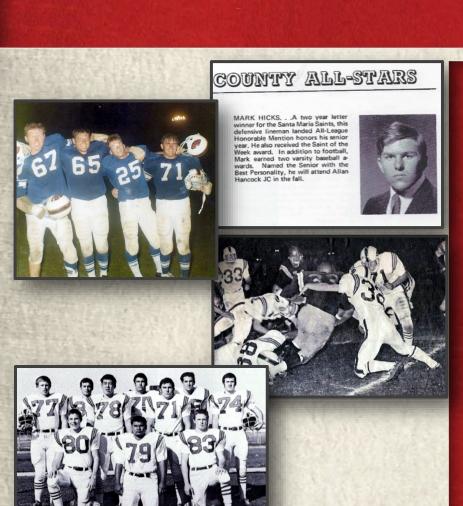
Shepner, Corey, Hicks, Pane First-Teamers

10 CSU Wildcats Honored

MARK HICKS

1967 - 1971





Mark played football and baseball at SMHS. He started at offensive and defensive lineman for SMHS and played under SMHS Hall of Fame coach Tom Hawkins. During Mark's senior year he was named Honorable Mentioned DL and was invited to play in the annual Santa Barbara vs. Ventura County All Star football game.

During the lead up to the All Star game, Mark was moved from defensive line to offensive line. He played so well on the offensive line he was voted the games Top Offensive Lineman.

Mark attended Allan Hancock Junior College, where he played for another SMHS Hall of Fame member Barney Eames. While at Hancock he was an alternate starter his freshman year. He was one of the Bulldog's starting Offensive guards his sophomore year and was named 1st Team All League OL. Mark was also a member of the 1972 Allan Hancock State Championship Baseball Team

After playing at Hancock College, Mark followed several of his Bulldog teammates to the campus of California State University Chico. Mark stepped right in to a starting roll for the Wildcats at Offensive Guard. Mark's outstanding play earned him 1st Team All League and 1st Team All Coast Division II.

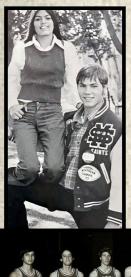
Mark recalls one of the best games he ever had. While playing for the Wildcats he lined up across the line from an All-American defensive lineman from Simon Fraser University and had one of the best games of his football playing career.

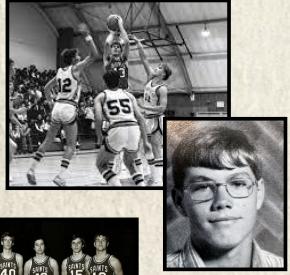
Mark Hicks was an undersized lineman. He was not very tall and only weighed about 200 pounds. One of Mark's long time teammates from SMHS all the way through Chico State described his playing ability like this, "Mark was shorter than most lineman but he was extremely fast and naturally strong. He could get up underneath the defenders pads and move them anywhere he wanted to."



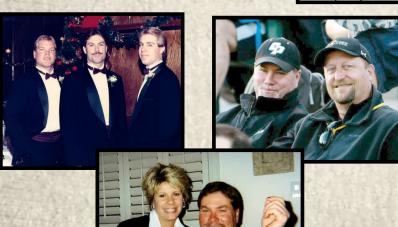
KIM ALAN KIRCHHOF

1970 - 1974









Kim played football and basketball at SMHS. He was a 1st Team All League selection his junior and senior year on the Saints basketball team. He was also team captain his senior year, where the Saints went on to win a league basketball championship.

Although a very good basketball player, most of Kim's athletic highlights would be made on the football field. During his junior year he was a member of the undefeated 1972 SMHS Saint football team that made it to the division championship game, only to lose 16-15 to Los Altos.

During Kim's senior year of football he was team captain and he was selected 1st Team All League defensive lineman and tight end. He was voted the leagues Most Outstanding Lineman. He was selected as an All CIF Defensive Lineman and was chosen to play in the Shriners All Star Football Game in the Rose Bowl.

Kim attended Alan Hancock Junior College. He was a two year starter at defensive tackle and was a 1st Team All Conference choice. From there Kim earned an athletic Scholarship to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. As soon as Kim became a Cal Poly Mustang he made and immediate impact to the team. He was a two year starter at defensive tackle and named Defensive Player of the Game against much larger opponents like Boise State and Fresno State.

After Kim's playing days were over he coached JV football and basketball at SMHS. He also coached defensive lineman at Alan Hancock Junior College and coached and played in four SMHS Alumni Football Games.

The Kirchhof family has a long sports history at SMHS and Cal Poly. Kim's father Alan Kirchhof was named Athlete of the Year in 1949. His sons Kim and Jan were given the same honor in 1974 and 1977.

Kim will now join his younger brother, Jan Kirchhof in the SMHS Hall of Fame.

ATTHLETTE

EUGENE "GENE" LENZ

1951 - 1955

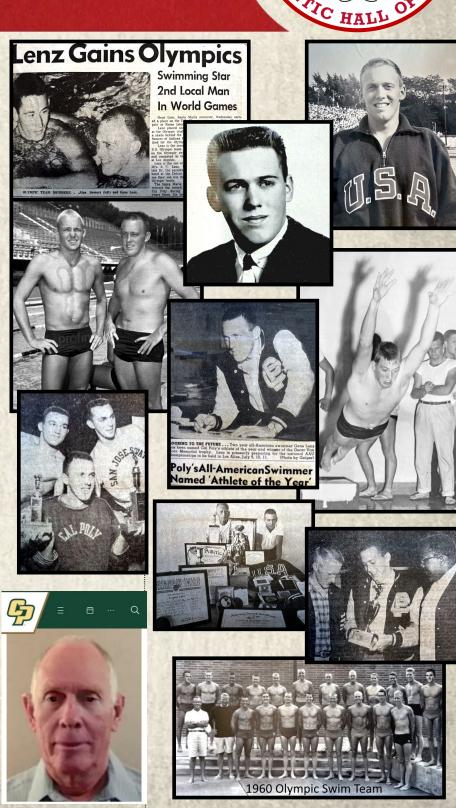


Gene swam for the Saints and was known as one of the areas top swimmers. He was a four year letterman for the swim team. He was a member of the 1954 Saint swim team that placed 5th in CIF. Back then CIF only had one division and it included all schools small and large, so a 5th place finish was a very high ranking for the SMHS swim team. In 1955 Gene was the teams high point man for the season. His teammate, SMHS Hall of Fame member Karl Bell said, "he, Gene and a couple other swimmers would always put in the extra work after practice, which paid off in their CIF finish."

Gene then attended Cal Poly and swam for the Mustangs from 1956 to 1959. He was a dominating force in the California State College Swimming Championships. Gene won titles in three different events for four consecutive years. Gene also held 14 individual records while at Cal Poly and became Cal Poly's first All-American swimmer.

Gene went on to compete in the 1959 Pan American Games and placed 3rd in the 400 freestyle. He also swam the 400 freestyle in the 1960 Olympic Games held in Rome, placing 7th. In 1987, Eugene Lenz was inducted as a charter member of the Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Fame and the Hall's first swimming inductee.

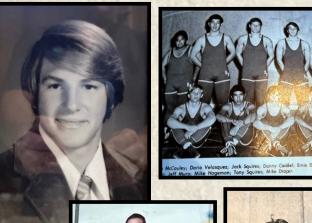
After his swimming days were over, Gene remained close to the Cal Poly aquatics programs in many ways. He was highly involved in fundraising for the Cal Poly swimming and diving teams. Some of the these funds were used in establishing the first ever scholarships to student athletes of Cal Poly's aquatics programs.



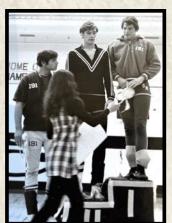


GEOFF "JEFF" MURO

1969 - 1973









Jeff Muro



Jeff played football and wrestled at SMHS. He started at fullback on the varsity team as a 15 year old sophomore. His junior year Jeff started at FB/LB and was chosen Honorable Mentioned All League. During his senior year Jeff started as offensive OG/LB and was All League 1st team both ways and voted the leagues Most Outstanding Lineman. His 1972 Saint football team was undefeated going into the division championship game where they lost to Los Altos 16-15. Jeff was chosen as an All CIF LB and was selected as the captain and starting linebacker for the Shriners High School All Star Football Game

Jeff was also a very good wrestler while at SMHS, where he wrestled varsity as a freshman and was 3rd in league at 178. He went on to being 3rd in league as a sophomore at 168, 2nd in league as a junior at the 194 weight class and 1st in league as a senior. He capped his high school wrestling career off finishing 3rd in CIF and 4th in state at the 194 weight class

After graduating SMHS Jeff received a scholar-ship to play football at UCLA, where he played for legendary coaches Dick Vermeil and Terry Donahue. He was a member of the 1975/76 Bruins Rose Bowl team that upset then undefeated Ohio State 23-10. Jeff was also a member of the Bruin squad that played in the 1976 Liberty Bowl against Alabama and the 1978 Fiesta Bowl against Arkansas. Jeff was the starting MLB for the Bruins during the 1977 and 78 seasons

At the end of Jeff's senior football season at UCLA, he was invited to play in the East/West All -Star Game known as the Japan Bowl in 1978, where he started at MLB.

Jeff was a walk on for the UCLA wrestling team and wrestled about 12 matches at the heavy weight class. He also walked on to the UCLA rugby team.

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JARED ZIMMER

2022-2006



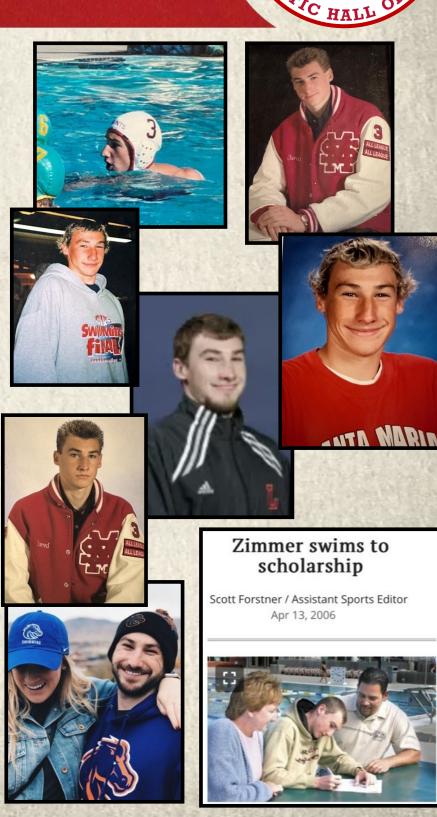
Jared attended SMHS from 2002-2006 and did not start swimming competitively until his freshman year. Over the next four years he earned four varsity letters in both swimming and water polo. He swam CIF qualifying times and made it to the California State Championships

During his high school days Jared was 1st Team All League in both swimming and water polo. He received the "Aquaman" award during his sophomore, junior and senior years in high school. The Aquaman man award goes to the student athlete that excels in water sports.

Jared also swam for the Santa Maria Swim Club where he held the record in the 1650 freestyle. Jared qualified for the Junior Nationals and swam in both Irvine and Florida. During the Florida meet he swam a blistering 1000 in just 9:35, which would have put him in the top three at the NCAA College Championships

Due to Jared's hard work and dedication in the pool he earned an athletic scholarship to swim for Lewis University just outside of Chicago. While swimming for the Lewis University Flyers, Jared had outstanding success as sprinter in the pool lanes. He was named Conference Athlete of the Week for his performance against Western Illinois University. He qualified for the NCAA Nationals in the 1650 and 1000

Jared went on to garner more success during his freshman and sophomore years at Lewis, where he attained All American status in the 1000 and 1650 freestyle.





2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

AQUATICS
DANTE DETTAMANTI (1957-60)
KARL BELL (1959)

BASEBALL DONALD WILSON (1952-63) BRYN SMITH (1969-73)

BASKETBALL
JOHN RUDOMETKIN (1955-58)
STEVE PATTERSON (1962-66)
TERRI READE-BRAMER (1974-78)
TAMI (MOELLER) ANDERSON (1972-76)
BOB MCCUTCHEON (1964-67)
BOBBY WHITE (1960'S)

FOOTBALL
TOM HAWKINS (1966-76)
WAYNE KING (1962-66)
MILES MOORE (1964-68)
JAN MARTIN KIRCHHOF (1974-78)
RICKY JOHNSON (1974-76)
EDDIE JOHNSON (1980-84)
TERRY HERMELING (1960-64)
DONALD GATEWOOD (1953-57)
BARNEY EAMES (1982-90)

MULTI-SPORT
MIKE DRAPER (1969-73)
CURTIS READE (1971-75)
JAMES STEELS (1975-79)
CRYSTAL (JOHNSON) SMITH (1976-80)
JOAN (CAROLE) EDWARDS (1970-78)
VINCE SILVA (1980'S)
RALPH BALDIVIEZ (1964-67)
MAURECIA (CLARK) REA (1996-99)



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