

Aptos High School

Sports Hall of Fame

Inductees' Biographies

Class of 2002 - inaugural class

Kevin Walters (class of 1978) – Kevin earned eight varsity letters, starring in football, basketball, and baseball. He was selected to an unprecedented seven 1st-Team All-League and All-County Teams, three times each in baseball and basketball, and once in football. When he graduated, he was the #2 career passer in AHS football history.

Along the way, Kevin led the Mariners to three consecutive SCCAL Basketball Team Championships, going 34-6 in league play in three years (15-0 in 1977-78). He was the SCCAL MVP in basketball his senior season, averaging 18.8 ppg. In 1978, he was also selected as both the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year and as the SC Sentinel Male Athlete-of-the-Year. Kevin's name is everywhere in the AHS record books in baseball, basketball, and football. He was selected onto the AHS Golden Anniversary Teams in both baseball and basketball. Not to be outdone in the classroom, Kevin was also the valedictorian of his senior class.

Kevin matriculated to Santa Clara University, where he was a four-year starter on the Broncos' baseball team. At Santa Clara, Kevin set school records for most games played in a career and for career hits. Kevin was drafted in the 18th round of the 1982 MLB draft by the Philadelphia Phillies, and he played five years in their organization.

Kevin received his B.A. in Accounting from Santa Clara, and he graduated from their Law School in 1993. Kevin has three children, Caroline, Gregory, and Kate.

Kevin was presented into the Hall by his brother, Matt.

Sarah Street (class of 1979) – Sarah was a remarkable all-star in three sports at AHS, dominating the SCCAL in volleyball, basketball, and softball. She earned 1st-Team All-SCCAL honors in every sport multiple times, and she was selected as the SCCAL MVP in both volleyball and basketball. She led her teams to seven SCCAL Team Championships, three in basketball, and two each in volleyball and softball. In the playoff years of only one-division, her teams qualified for the CCS playoffs six times, reaching four CCS Semi-Finals.

As a senior year, she was selected to play in the CCS All-Star Volleyball Classic. In 1979, she was also selected as the AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year. Sarah was rewarded for her all-around excellence by being selected to three AHS Golden Anniversary Teams, volleyball, basketball, and softball, recognizing her as one of the greatest three-sport

athletes in the 50 years of Aptos High. She is one of only two AHS athletes, male or female, to be selected to three Golden Anniversary Teams.

After high school, Sarah went on to star at Cabrillo College...in, no surprise, all three sports!...winning more championships and earning 1st-Team All-Coast Conference honors several times.

Sarah is now married to Ed Monroe, and they have three children, Brook, Kelsie, and Clarke.

Sarah was presented into the Hall by her husband, Ed.

Ellen Bugalski (class of 1982) – Ellen was a three-sport star at Aptos, earning varsity letters in volleyball, basketball, and track. In volleyball, Ellen was a three-time 1st Team All-SCCAL selection and the SCCAL MVP in 1981, but it was in basketball where she really shined in high school.

In basketball, Ellen was a three-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection and a two-time SCCAL MVP. She led the Martiners to three consecutive SCCAL Team Championships, and, in three years, her teams were 30-2 in SCCAL play, and 69-17 overall. They reached two CCS Semi-Finals, and the 1981-82 team was the first AHS team, in any sport, to reach the CIF Nor-Cal Playoffs. In 1981-82, Ellen was also selected to the All-CCS and All-Nor Cal Basketball Teams. As a senior, she averaged 13.7 points, 12 rebounds, and 3 assists a game. She remains one of the leading scorers and leading rebounders in school history. In 1982, she was selected as the AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year. Ellen was also selected onto the AHS Golden Anniversary Teams in both volleyball and basketball.

Ellen matriculated to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she switched gears. She was a four-year starter and a two-time All-American for the Mustangs in volleyball. After graduation, Ellen was drafted in the 2nd round of the Women's Major League Volleyball draft by the New York Liberties. In addition to the Liberties, Ellen also played professionally for the Arizona Blaze and the San Jose Gold Diggers.

Ellen is married to Carl Ferreira, and they have three children, Kyle, Chad, and Elsie.

Ellen was presented into the Hall by her brother, Bob.

Bryan Holt (class of 1984) – Bryan is one of the most distinguished athletes to come out of Aptos High, starring in both basketball and baseball. As a basketball player, Bryan was a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County selection, and he earned 1st-Team All-CCS honors in 1984. As a senior, he averaged 25.1 points a game, which remains an AHS record. He scored 64 points against North Monterey County. He is the 2nd leading career scorer in Aptos High history (1348 points), and his name is all over the record book. He led the Mariners to the 1982 SCCAL Team Championship, and the 1983 team

finished 2nd in CCS, losing to Menlo 59-54 in the championship game. His squads went 32-6 in SCCAL play over the span of three years.

In baseball, Bryan was also a two-time 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection. He also earned 1st-Team All-CCS and All-Nor Cal honors. He led the Mariners to two SCCAL Team Championships, and into the CCS playoffs every year. He hit .422 his senior year, and he led the Mariners into the CCS Finals for the first time in school history, where they lost to WCC powerhouse Serra HS 5-3. As a senior, he was selected as the SCCAL MVP. When he graduated, he was #1 in homeruns, #2 in RBI's, #2 in triples, #3 in batting average, and #3 in runs scored. In addition, as a pitcher, he was #1 in wins, #1 in strikeouts, and #6 in ERA. He remains in the Top 10 in most categories.

Bryan was selected as the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year in 1984. After Aptos, Bryan attended San Jose State University, where he was selected as the men's basketball Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year. The next year, Bryan transferred to Cabrillo College, where he starred in basketball and earned All-Conference and All-State Academic Honors. After Cabrillo, Bryan matriculated to Westmont College, where he was an NAIA Academic All-American. Bryan is married to Rose Marie.

Bryan was selected onto two AHS Golden Anniversary Teams, basketball and baseball, recognizing him as one of the very best athletes in the first 50 years of Aptos High.

Bryan was presented into the Hall by his brother, Warren.

Trent Dilfer (class of 1990) – Trent is the most successful football player in Santa Cruz County history. He is a Super Bowl winning quarterback, leading the Baltimore Ravens to 34-7 victory over the New York Giants in Super Bowl XXXV. Trent threw for 153 yards and a touchdown in that game. He was also a 1998 Pro Bowl selection, and he threw for over 20,000 yards and for over 100 TD's in his 14 year professional career.

At Aptos, Trent was a 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection in football, basketball, and golf, and he led all three teams deep into the CCS playoffs. Trent still holds many school records in football and basketball, and he helped the golf team win two SCCAL Team Championships. In 1990 he was selected as both the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year and the SC Sentinel Male Athlete-of-the-Year. Trent was also selected to two AHS Golden Anniversary Teams, football and basketball.

Trent matriculated to Fresno State University, where he was an All-American quarterback and winner of the Sammy Baugh Trophy, which is given each year to the outstanding college quarterback in the nation. Trent led the Bulldogs to back-to-back-to-back WAC Championships, and a stirring 24-7 victory over USC in the 1991 Freedom Bowl his sophomore year. Trent threw for 164 yards against the Trojans, and that game remains Fresno's only victory over USC in school history. As a junior, Trent was the WAC Offensive Player-of-the-Year, and he set an NCAA record for consecutive passes without

an interception (271). In his career as a Bulldog, he threw for almost 7000 yards and over 50 TD's.

Trent declared for the NFL after his junior season, and he was the 6th player chosen in the 1994 NFL draft, selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Trent led the Bucs to their first playoff appearance in twenty years, and he was selected to the 1998 Pro Bowl. In addition to Tampa Bay and Baltimore, Trent also played for the Seattle Seahawks, the Cleveland Browns, and the SF 49ers.

Trent is married to Cassandra, and they have four children, Maddie, Trevin, Tori, and Delaney.

Trent was presented into the Hall by his step-father, Frank Lynch.

Ray Tanimoto (coach) – “Coach T” assisted Coach Warmerdam for twenty-five years. He coached lightweights, frosh-soph, junior varsity, and varsity basketball from 1969 until 1993. Ray's teams won twelve JV league championships. Much of Warmer's success, as he will attest, is directly attributable to Ray's (and Steve Mile's) efforts. Ray was also the co-director of the Aptos Youth Basketball Association (AYBA) from 1972 to 1994, where hundreds and hundreds of boys and girls got their start playing basketball. One of the most popular teachers on campus, Ray retired from Aptos in 2003. In 2015, AHS re-named the JV basketball MVP Award the Ray Tanimoto Award. Ray is married to Peggy, and they have two sons, Tom and Brian.

Ray was presented into the Hall by Steve Miles and Dan Gruber.

Bill Warmerdam (coach) – Warmer, as he is fondly called, is widely considered one of the greatest basketball coaches and innovators in northern California basketball history. He was the boys basketball coach at Aptos from the school's opening in 1969 until 1992. Bill's teams won ten league championships, including six consecutive titles. His teams reached five CCS Semi-Finals and three CCS Finals. His 1986-87 team was the Nor-Cal runner-up, and his 1985-86 team was the CCS and Nor-Cal Champion, losing in the CIF State Finals to Wilson HS and future NBA star Scott Williams 72-46. No other AHS boys basketball team has ever reached the state finals, and only three others have reached the Nor-Cal playoffs. Bill's overall record is 393-232.

Despite not having the three-point line until 1987, his teams still hold several CCS and Nor-Cal scoring records. Playing a fast-paced offense in front of packed gymnasiums, Warmer's teams put Aptos High School on the map. Bill also coached track and field, baseball, cross-country, girls basketball, and football. Bill retired from Aptos in 2000, but you can still see him on the road teaching driver's training. The varsity MVP Award is the Bill Warmerdam Award, and the original gym on campus is Warmerdam Gymnasium.

Bill is married to Patricia, and they have eight children and thirteen grandchildren.

Bill was presented into the Hall by Bobby Salazar.

Class of 2003 Bob Williams - Keynote Speaker

Rick Downey (class of 1975) – Rick is one of the hardest-hitters to ever play football at Aptos High. He was a three-time 1st-Team All-MBL selection at both guard and linebacker, and he was the 1974 MBL Lineman-of-the-Year. He also earned 1st-Team All-CCS honors, and, as a senior, he won the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholarship for Santa Cruz County. He was also selected to the SC Sentinel's 25th Anniversary All-County Team, and he was selected to both the AHS Silver Anniversary Football Team and to the AHS Golden Anniversary Football Team.

Rick was also an exceptional golfer, leading the golf team to three MBL Championships, and he was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Team in golf too. When he graduated, Rick held several course records at the Seascape Golf Course. In 1975, he was selected as the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year.

Rick matriculated to Santa Clara University, where he was a starting linebacker for the Broncos for three years. Rick is married to Kelly, and they have a son Bret.

Rick was presented into the Hall by longtime sportswriter, Ed Vyeda.

Leslie Bugalski (class of 1978) – Leslie was a dominant athlete in three sports, volleyball, basketball, and track, earning nine varsity letters. In basketball, Leslie was a three-time 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection, and she helped the Mariners win two MBL Team Championships, including a perfect 10-0 MBL season in 1977-78.

In volleyball, she was a two-time 1st-Team All-MBL selection, and she led the volleyball team to two more MBL Team Championships. The 1977 team went a remarkable 27-2 overall, and 8-0 in league play. In 1977 she also helped the track & field team win their first league championship, bringing her total number of team championships to five.

In 1978, she was selected as both the AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year and the SC Sentinel Female Athlete-of-the-Year. She was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Teams in both basketball and volleyball.

Leslie matriculated to San Jose State University, earning a volleyball scholarship and becoming a three-year starter for the Spartans.

Leslie was posthumously presented into the Hall by her brother and sister, Bob and Ellen.

Ernie Cooper (class of 1980) – Ernie was an outstanding three-sport standout at Aptos, starring in football, basketball, and baseball. In each sport, he played the coach-on-the-field position, the brains of the operation. He was the starting point guard on the basketball team, the QB and free safety on the football team, and the catcher in baseball. It should come as no surprise that Ernie became a very successful high school coach.

Ernie was an All-League and All-County athlete in both football and baseball. In football, he was selected as the 1979 Golden Helmet Award winner for SC County, and he also received the 1979 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholarship for the county. He was also selected onto the AHS Silver Anniversary Football Team.

However, baseball was Ernie's best sport. He was a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection, and he was the 1980 SCCAL MVP. He led the baseball team to its first league championship in school history, and to its first CCS playoff berth too, losing to eventual CCS champ Terra Nova HS 6-0 in the CCS Semi-Finals. You can find Ernie's name throughout the record book. When he graduated, he was #1 in RBI's, #2 in batting average, and #3 in homeruns. Ernie was selected as the 1980 AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year, and he was also selected onto the AHS Golden Anniversary Team in baseball.

Ernie matriculated to Santa Clara University, where he played catcher on the Bronco's baseball team. Ernie's impressive leadership skills have carried over into his teaching and coaching careers. Ernie has coached football, baseball, and basketball for twenty-three years, including seven years as Aptos football's Defensive Coordinator, and two years as Aptos baseball's head coach. Ernie is currently the head football coach at Granite Bay High School. With the Grizzlies, he has won several league championships, two section championships, and, in 2000, he was selected as the California Coach-of-the-Year.

Ernie is married to Carol. They have a daughter, Miko.

Ernie was presented into the Hall by his former coach, Mark Dorfman.

Shannon Hocom (class of 1984) – Shannon is one of the finest swimmers to ever come out of Santa Cruz County. She was the SCCAL MVP all four years in high school, and she led the Mariners to the 1982 SCCAL Championship. Shannon still holds several school and league records. In 1981, during her sophomore year, Shannon represented the USA in a dual meet against the Soviet Union. Shannon earned a swimming scholarship to attend UCLA, where she eventually received her teaching credential in Special Education. Shannon is married to her high school sweetheart, Jim Corbeau.

Shannon was presented into the Hall by her husband, Jim.

Noah Hall (class of 1995) – Noah was an outstanding football and baseball player at Aptos High. In football, Noah was a 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County running back, and in 1994 he was selected as the SCCAL Offensive Player-of-the-Year. As a senior, he led the SCCAL in rushing (1282 yards), and he remains one of the leading rushers and scorers in AHS history.

In baseball, Noah was a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County selection, and he also earned All-CCS honors. He was the 1995 SCCAL MVP. When he graduated, he was #1 in hits, #1 in runs scored, #2 in batting average, #5 in RBI's, #6 in doubles, and #7 in homeruns, and his name is still everywhere on the top lists.

Noah was the SC Sentinel Male Athlete-of-the-Year in 1995. He was also selected to AHS Golden Anniversary Teams in both football and baseball. In 1995, Noah was drafted by the Montreal Expos in the MLB draft. Noah played many years in the Expos' organization. He has also played for the Cincinnati Reds' organization, and for the Blue Jays and the Yankees. Noah is currently playing for the Harrisburg Senators in AA ball in Pennsylvania.

Noah was presented into the Hall by his wife, Jade.

Chaska Potter (class of 1995) – Chaska was a dominant three-sport athlete. In volleyball, few before or after have crushed the ball as hard as Chaska. In basketball, she was the preeminent post-player of her era, and in track & field she was an SCCAL medalist in the discus.

In basketball, despite taking her junior year off in order to play on the Junior National Volleyball Team, she is one of the leading career scorers and rebounders in AHS history. She still holds the single season rebound record (441 rebounds). In 1995, she was honored by the SCCAL as the Senior-of-the-Year.

However, volleyball was her passion. She was a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County selection, and a two-time All-CCS selection. As a sophomore, she was one of the key players who led the Mariners to SCCAL, CCS, and Nor-Cal Championships, losing in the CIF State Championships 3-0 to Newport Harbor HS and future Olympian Misty May. The 1992 season is the finest season in AHS volleyball history. It was our first league championship in 14 years, and our first-ever CCS and Nor-Cal championships. Chaska's teams qualified for CCS every year, reaching another finals in 1994. In addition, as a junior, Chaska played for the Junior National Volleyball Team at the World Games in Puerto Rico.

Chaska was selected as the 1995 AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year, and she was also selected to both the volleyball and basketball AHS Golden Anniversary Teams.

Chaska matriculated to UCLA, earning a scholarship for the nationally-ranked Bruins. She was named to the Pac-10 All-Frosh Team her first year, and as a senior was chosen as

co-captain of the Bruins. Today Chaska is a musician and has, with her band, Raining Jane, recorded several CD's. Chaska and Raining Jane have also toured the globe several times with Jason Mraz.

Chaska was presented into the Hall by her sister, Serena.

Jim Triplett (coach) – Jim has been the head swim coach at Aptos since 1981, and he has been the head coach of the Cabrillo Threshers since 1975. Jim has won fifteen SCCAL team championships in girls swimming, and placed in the top twelve at CCS six times. He has coached fifteen high school All-Americans (nine boys, six girls). Over twenty of his athletes have gone on to swim in college, including Arizona State, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

In 1995, Jim was selected as the girls Coach-of-the-Year by the California Coaches Association, and that same year he was also presented with the prestigious “George Haines Award” as the Pacific Association’s Men and Women’s Senior Coach-of-the-Year. In 1997, Jim was selected as the CCS Honor Coach in girls swimming.

Jim was presented into the Hall by Paul Bailey.

Bob Williams – Honorary Member (class of 1971) – Bob played basketball for Coach Warmerdam at Aptos, but gained most of his fame after high school. After having an outstanding playing career at Cabrillo College, Bob graduated from San Jose State in 1976. After coaching stops at SLV, Santa Cruz, Cabrillo College, and Lincoln HS, Bob returned to Cabrillo in 1980 as the head coach, replacing Bob Bugalski. He had great success at Cabrillo, setting the school record for wins in a season and leading the Seahawks into the playoffs for only their 2nd time.

In 1983, Bob moved to Menlo College, adding another successful head-coaching stint to his resume, helping the Oaks transition from two-year community college into a four-year NCAA Division III program.

Then, after an additional two-year stint as an assistant at Pepperdine University, Bob, in 1990, moved to UC Davis. At UC Davis, Bob led his 1998 Aggies’ team to the NCAA Division II National Championship, beating Kentucky Wesleyan 83-77. That ’98 team finished 31-2. Bob’s overall record at UC Davis was 158-76, and 90-22 in conference play (including two 14-0 perfect seasons). He won four NCAC Championships, and he remains one of the most successful coaches in UC Davis history. Bob is currently the head coach at UC Santa Barbara, where he has already won two Big West Conference Championships. His UCSB teams have also consistently earned berths in both the NIT and NCAA postseason tournaments.

Bob was mentored by some of the legends of Santa Cruz County, Bill Warmerdam, Dave Mercer, Pete Newell, and Bob Bugalski, and now his name can be added to the list.

Bob was presented into the Hall by Jim LaTorre.

Class of 2004 Trent Dilfer - Keynote Speaker

Mike Gruber (class of 1970) – Mike was Aptos High’s first Mr. It, our first BMOC. He was our first AHS Athlete-of-the-Year. He was a three-sport star, playing football, basketball, and baseball. He was our first quarterback in school history, our first All-League basketball player, and a dominant baseball player. As a QB, in 1969, he threw for 773 yards and 7 touchdowns, which are still some of the top marks in AHS history. In basketball, he averaged 19.9 ppg, still #7 on the all-time list. Unfortunately, 1970 baseball stats are unavailable. Mike was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

Mike went to Cabrillo College next, where he was selected as the team captain and team MVP in men’s basketball, and where he earned 1st-Team All-Coast Conference honors. In addition, adding another sport to his resume, Mike placed third in the half-mile at the Coast Conference Track and Field Championships.

Mike matriculated to Gonzaga University. He was named the basketball team’s Most Inspirational Player and, in 1974, he was selected as Gonzaga University’s Scholar-Athlete. Mike graduated from Gonzaga in 1974 Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. in Biology. Subsequently, he attended UCLA’s School of Dentistry, graduating in 1979. Mike returned to Aptos and, while maintaining his dental practice in Aptos, he has been the head varsity boys basketball coach at Harbor High School for the past 21 years.

Mike resides in Aptos with his wife Sally and their four children, Shaun, Erin, Quinn, and Colin.

Mike was presented into the Hall by his brother, Dan.

Amy Huyck (class of 1976) – Amy was a pioneer in girls high school sports. Title IX was passed in June of 1972, and two years later, Amy was a CCS champion, one of the first CCS champions in section history. Amy was a two-time CCS Champion in the 880 yard race, winning in 1974 (2:24.7) and in 1975 (2:19.9). She also finished 2nd in the mile in 1974 (5:31.7). Her 1975 mark still stands as one of the top marks in CCS history for 880 yards.

In 1974, Amy was the first county athlete, male or female, to ever qualify for the CIF State Track & Field Championships, where she finished 5th in the 880 yard run (2:18.4). That makes her the first State Meet medalist in county history, another landmark. She also qualified for, but did not place at, the State Championships in 1975. In addition,

Amy was the 1974 MBL Cross-Country Champion. Amy went on to run at Cabrillo College. Amy is currently a teacher.

Greg Bailey (class of 1983) – Greg was a three-sport athlete at Aptos, starring in football, soccer, and baseball. In football, Greg was a 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County punter/kicker, and he helped the Mariners to only their third league championship in school history.

In soccer, as the leading scorer in the SCCAL with 17 goals, Greg was named the 1983 Offensive Player-of-the-Year. He also led the boys soccer team to the 1982-83 SCCAL Championship, the first, and only, boys soccer league championship in school history. The Mariners went 11-0-1 that season.

If you can imagine it, Greg was even better in baseball. He was a three-year starter, 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County in 1983, and helped the Mariners win two SCCAL Championships. That brought his total of team championships to five, including three in one year. In the days of a single playoff division, the Mariners baseball team made the CCS playoffs every year. Greg was named the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year in 1983. In addition, he was selected onto two AHS Golden Anniversary Teams, soccer and baseball.

Greg moved-up to Cabrillo College next and continued to play baseball. In 1985, he earned 1st-Team All-Coast Conference honors. Greg matriculated to San Francisco State University, and he became an All-NCAC shortstop and team MVP in both 1986 and 1987. In 1987, Greg signed with the Montreal Expos.

Today, Greg owns Aptos Pizza, and lives in La Selva Beach with his wife Amy and their two children. Olivia and Casey.

Greg was presented into the Hall by his former coach, Larry Hebert.

Jessica Johnson (class of 1986) – Jessica is the most accomplished sprinter, male or female, in AHS history. She was a four-year varsity athlete in track and field. She won ten individual SCCAL championships. She won the 100 meters an unprecedented four years-in-a-row. She was a three-time CCS medalist, and the CCS champion in the 200 meters in 1983. She still holds four school records, the 100 and 200 meters, and the 100 and 300 meter hurdles.

Jessica matriculated to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she continued to run (fast). She earned double All-American Honors as a frosh. However, following her coach, Jess transferred to the University of Arizona her sophomore year, where she qualified for the Pac-10 Championships. Missing the coast (and looking to escape the desert heat), Jessica ultimately transferred to San Francisco State University, where she set several school records in the hurdles. At San Francisco, Jessica also earned her third All-American Honor. In 1991, she finished second in the nation in the 100 meter hurdles at the NCAA

Division II National Track and Field Championships. In 1999, Jessica was inducted into the San Francisco State Hall of Fame.

Jessica has her B.A. in Human Movement, and her M.Ed. in Athletic Counseling. Jessica, a burgeoning writer, is a full-time mom to three year-old Maya.

Jessica was presented into the Hall by her father, Bill.

Mark Ruelas (class of 1990) – Mark has few peers in the pool. Earning seven varsity letters, Mark was a varsity swimmer for four years and a varsity water-polo player for three. In swimming, Mark was a double All-American in both his junior and senior years, and he was the SCCAL MVP for three straight years, as a sophomore, junior, and senior. In 1990, Mark had the eight fastest times in the SCCAL in every event, and when he graduated, he held seven SCCAL records, and even more AHS records.

In water-polo, Mark was a two-time Team MVP. Mark matriculated to Arizona State University, where he continued to swim for the Wildcats. He also played on their club water-polo team.

He has been married for three years to Becky.

Mark was presented into the Hall by his former coach, Jim Triplett.

Nicole Silva (class of 1995) – In a county known for producing great runners, Nicole is one of the very best. Earning eight varsity letters, Nicole won 9 individual SCCAL championships and 3 individual CCS championships.

In cross-country, Nicole was a three-time individual champion and a two-time CCS champion. At the CIF State Cross-Country Championships, Nicole placed sixth and seventh, respectively, in 1993 and 1994. In addition, Nicole's cross-country teams were the SCCAL and CCS champions for an unprecedented three straight years, 1991, 1992, and 1993, and they finished 4th in the state for three straight years too.

In track, Nicole was a six-time SCCAL individual champion, including a remarkable four-straight times in the 3200 meters, and twice in the 1600 meters. In 1995, she was the CCS champion in the 3200 meters, and she was a three-time CCS medalist. Nicole's track teams also won three consecutive SCCAL championships, 1992, 1993, and 1994. Nicole recorded several impressive victories at the CCS Top-8 Meet and at the Stanford Invitational, and, as a sophomore, she finished seventh at the 1993 Wharf-to-Wharf Race.

In 1995, Nicole was a KCCN Athlete-of-the-Week, and she was selected as the SC Sentinel Female Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year. She was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Cross-Country Team. Nicole went on to run at Tulane University, where she earned dual degrees in Biology and Psychology. Nicole is currently a science teacher at

Aptos Junior High School, and she coaches the Sea Dragons' cross-country and track teams. Nicole is engaged to marry her high school sweetheart, Robert Culbertson.

Nicole was presented into the Hall by her former head coach, Bill Hotchkiss.

Gay Finch (coach) – Gay grew-up in Grosse Point, Michigan, where she competed in tennis, field hockey, and basketball. She attended the University of Michigan, majoring in P.E. In 1974, Gay moved to Malibu, where she started teaching tennis to the neighborhood children and coordinating youth tournaments. That was the beginning of a tremendous coaching career. Among her students were Rob and Chad Lowe, and Sean and Chris Penn.

Gay moved to Santa Cruz in 1984, where she continued teaching youth tennis. Gay became the girls tennis head coach at Aptos in 1986, at which time she also started her annual summer tennis camps for kids. She also developed an inter-club junior tennis league. In 1990, Gay became a USPTA certified professional.

At Aptos, Gay's teams have won thirteen SCCAL Team Championships, and many, many more individual singles and doubles titles. Gay has been the SCCAL tennis representative for fourteen years, and she has been honored three-times as the USPTA Nor-Cal High School Coach-of-the-Year. Gay was also honored as the USPTA Nor-Cal Regional Director-of-the-Year in 2002, and she was recognized as the CCS Honor Coach in girls tennis in 1995.

Gay was presented into the Hall by her husband, Bill.

Paul Bailey – Honorary Member (class of 1971) – In 1979, Paul, and a group of friends and business partners, created the Aptos Sports Foundation. The Foundation was created to help Aptos sports. Today the Foundation is the second oldest booster group still associated with the high school, and one of the oldest in the county. Paul is the only active original member, having served as president for the past twenty years.

Over the past 25 years, the Foundation's annual golf tournament has raised more than \$500,000.00 for Aptos sports, and this money has benefited every sport on campus. Some of the larger projects include the remodeling and reconstruction of the baseball field, the installation of the all-weather track, drainage systems for the athletic fields, lane lines and wrestling mats, annual field maintenance, uniforms, and much, much more.

As a student at Aptos, Paul was a member of the swim team, specializing in freestyle and breaststroke. He went on to swim at Cabrillo College. In 1975, Paul became co-owner of Bailey Properties, along with his brother Robert, and his father Bob. Paul and his wife, Lyn, have two children, Lisa and Joe, who are both Aptos graduates.

Paul was presented into the Hall by Athletic Director, Mark Dorfman.

1985-86 Boys Basketball Team – Legendary. Iconic. Trend-setting. The 1985-86 boys basketball team, playing in packed gymnasiums night after night, put Aptos High School on the map. No longer a sleepy beach town, Coach Warmerdam and the '85-86 boys turned Aptos into a basketball mecca. Fans from all over the county and all over the central coast would line-up hours before the games hoping to get a seat in the gym. Playing fast-break basketball from the opening tip to the final buzzer, this team amassed an incredible 2483 points without the benefit of the 3-point line. This team still ranks among the Top 10 scoring teams in state history.

Winning a league championship in 1984-85, and losing in the CCS semi-finals, lit a fire under this team. Led by the sharp-shooting Holt brothers Craig and Warren, the slashing Jeff Jones, and the low-post warriors Cris Warmerdam and Eric Knudsen, and with significant contributions from the entire roster, the Mariners won the SCCAL, CCS, and Nor-Cal Championships. They beat San Mateo HS 42-41 in the CCS Championship game, and they beat Mt. Eden HS 75-71 in the Nor-Cal Championship game. The first AHS team to play for a State Championship, they lost in the finals 72-45 to Wilson HS of Hacienda Heights and future NBA star Scott Williams. They finished with an overall 32-2 record.

Jeff Jones and Warren Holt were 1st-team All-SCCAL selections, and Jeff was the SCCAL and CCS MVP. The members of the team are Bob Bugalski, John Castillo, Derrick Fisher, Craig Holt, Warren Holt, Jeff Jones, Eric Knudsen, Kirk Knudsen, Larry Rogers, David Scofield, Andy Sloane, Bryan Smith, Craig Sugimoto, and Cris Warmerdam.

The 1985-86 boys basketball team played themselves into the record book as one of the finest basketball teams in SC County history, and they inspired a generation of boys and girls to play basketball.

The team was presented into the Hall by Jim LaTorre, and accepted by Jeff Jones.

Class of 2005 Diane Burbank - Keynote Speaker

Steve Glaum (class of 1973) – Steve was a three-sport standout at Aptos, earning seven varsity letters playing football, basketball, and baseball. In basketball, Steve was a key member of the 1972-73 team that won our first basketball league championship in AHS history. In football, Steve was a 1st-Team All-MBL ball-hawking, hard-hitting defensive back.

However, baseball was his showcase. He was a three-time 1st-Team All-MBL selection. A right-handed pitcher, lead-off hitter, and left fielder, Steve did it all. As a senior, he hit

.393 and won 3 games on the mound. As a junior, he won 6 games with a 1.10 ERA. He won 5 more games as a sophomore.

Steve's next stop was Cabrillo College. As a frosh, Steve helped the Seahawks win the 1974 Coast Conference Championship with a 1.73 ERA. In the State Tournament, against Merced JC, Steve struck-out 9 batters and scattered 6 hits with no runs. As a sophomore, Steve led the charge for the Seahawks to win another conference championship, and Steve was named the MVP of the Coast Conference. He had a 0.64 ERA and struck-out 108 batters. He was also a 1st-Team All-State selection.

From Cabrillo, Steve matriculated to UC Riverside. At UC Riverside, Steve and the Highlanders won the 1977 NCAA Division II College World Series, beating Eckerd College of St.Petersburg, Florida, 4-1. In the championship game against Eckerd, Steve threw a complete game, and finished the season 13-4. Steve was named the National Tournament MVP. Steve was later selected to the NCAA Division II 30th Anniversary All-Time Baseball Team. He is also a member of the Division II Baseball College World Series Hall of Fame.

Steve was drafted by the San Diego Padres in 1976, and by the Detroit Tigers in 1977, for whom he played AAA baseball. Steve was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Team in baseball.

Steve eventually returned to Aptos, where he has managed, coached, and served on the board for Aptos Little League. Steve also provides private pitching and batting instruction to young players.

Steve is married to Janelle, and they have three children, Courtney, Chase, and Aaron.

Steve was presented into the Hall by his former head coach, Paul Barrington.

Karen Stakkestad (class of 1979) – Karen was born to Jim and Claire Stakkestad, and her father was one of the original Cabrillo College faculty members. At Aptos, Karen was a four-year varsity athlete in basketball, softball, and tennis, earning twelve varsity letters. Her teams won an incredible total of eight SCCAL Team Championships, three each in tennis and basketball, and two in softball. She is one of only two athletes, male or female, to be named to three AHS Golden Anniversary Teams.

Karen was 1st-Team All-League and All-County three times in basketball and once in softball. In 1979, she was selected as the SC Sentinel Female Athlete-of-the-Year. She was also valedictorian of her senior class. Her basketball team achieved two perfect 10-0 league seasons, and went 9-1 in the other. In the era of a single playoff division, they reached two CCS semi-finals. Karen remains one of the top scorers in AHS history.

As a hard-hitting 1st baseman/outfielder in softball, Karen was third in the SCCAL in batting during her senior year with a .453 average. In addition to winning back-to-back

league championships, the softball team also reached two CCS semi-finals, and they won the CCS Region IV Championship in 1978.

In tennis, her doubles team lost only one match over a two-year span.

Karen matriculated to Pacific Lutheran University, where she starred in both basketball and tennis. She played in three NAIA National Tennis Finals, and earned Academic All-American Honors in tennis. After graduating from Pacific Lutheran in 1983, Karen completed graduate school at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Today she is a math instructor at College of the Desert in Palm Desert. She is married to Steve Dostal, and they have two children, Claire and Erica.

Karen was presented into the Hall by her husband, Steve.

Karen Cantoni (class of 1983) – Karen was a three-sport star, excelling in cross-country, basketball, and track. Karen's teams won four SCCAL Championships, and she was named both the AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year and the SC Sentinel Female Athlete-of-the-Year.

In basketball, Karen was a three-year starter, and she led the Mariners to three consecutive SCCAL championships. In 1983, the basketball team won the school's first CCS Championship in any sport, defeating Menlo Atherton HS 44-40. Karen scored 14 points in the championship game. In the Nor-Cal Tournament, Aptos beat Campolindo HS, the #1 team in the state, 53-49, but lost in the finals 52-45 to Anderson High.

That 1982-83 team went 28-3, winning the most games in school history, and they went 11-1 in the SCCAL. In three years, Karen's team went 73-15, 31-3 in the SCCAL. Karen was a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection and the 1983 SCCAL MVP. She also received 1st-Team All-CCS and All-Nor-Cal honors. Her 16.4 ppg still ranks #7 in AHS history, and she is still one of the top career scorers in school history too. She was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

In cross-country, Karen helped the Aptos harriers win their first SCCAL championship in school history. In track, Karen was a five-time SCCAL champion, and she won the Region IV Championship in the 800 meters and the mile.

After graduating, Karen moved-on to Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where she played four years of Division I NCAA Basketball for the Mustangs. She was a team captain at SMU for two years, and was named to the Southwest Conference All-Academic Team.

Karen now lives in Fresno with her husband Bill Hahey and their two daughters, Kristen and Regan. She coaches girls volleyball, basketball, and softball.

Karen was presented into the Hall by her former head coach, Dan Gruber.

Jeff Jones (class of 1986) – Jeff was a superstar. He was an All-League performer on two SCCAL championship basketball teams, and he led the 1985-86 team to our school's first and only CCS and Nor-Cal Championships in boys basketball. Jeff was the MVP of the Nor-Cal Tournament, scoring 33 points in a 75-71 victory over Mt. Eden HS in the championship game, and scoring 23 points in games against both Chico and Roseville High Schools in the quarters and semi's.

During his senior year, after averaging 19.4 ppg, Jeff was also selected as the MVP of the SCCAL, and as the CCS Division II Player-of-the-Year. Jeff is #1 in Single Season Post-Season Scoring, #2 in Career Post-Season Scoring, and #5 in Career Scoring. He was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

In track, Jeff was an SCCAL champion in the 300 meter hurdles, an event in which he also held the school record for ten years. He is still #3 on the Top 5 List, and #3 as well in the 100 meter hurdles.

After Aptos, Jeff earned a basketball scholarship to the University of Alaska at Anchorage, where he led the Seawolves to a Top 5 NCAA Division II national ranking. Jeff averaged 11 points a game at Anchorage, was selected as an All-Great Northwest Conference athlete, earning All-Academic Honors as well. After coaching at Anchorage for two years, Jeff received his B.A. in history.

Today, Jeff teaches history and coaches basketball at Lompoc High School, and he is the proud father of a beautiful baby girl, Bellina Jewell Jones.

Jeff was presented into the Hall by his former teammate, Bob Bugalski.

Mike Allshouse (class of 1992) – Mike was a three-sport athlete at Aptos, starring in football, soccer, and track. In track, Mike was a league medalist and CCS qualifier in the sprints and long jump, and, in soccer, he was a scoring threat in soccer every time he touched the ball.

But it was in football where he dominated. Mike was a two-year two-way starter and team captain. A rare combination of strength and speed, Mike was a ferocious linebacker and an elite running back. He could run you down, or out run you, depending on which side of the ball was on the field. He led the Mariners to the 1991 SCCAL Championship, our first in nine years, and to a second-place finish in the CCS, losing to Palma in the finals 14-12. This was our first trip to the finals, and only our fifth trip to CCS.

Mike was 1st-Team All-League and All-County on both sides of the ball, and he was selected as the MVP of the SCCAL. As a senior, he rushed for 1609 yards, the second most in SCCAL history, and 21 touchdowns. He ran two kickoffs back for touchdowns, a school record. He led the league in rushing and scoring, set an SCCAL record for Most

Yards in a Game (292 yds. vs. NMC), and he set fourteen school records, including rushing, scoring, and special teams records.

Mike was selected as the 1992 AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year and as the SC Sentinel Male Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year. He was selected to the AHS Silver Anniversary Football Team and to the AHS Golden Anniversary Football Team.

Mike matriculated to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he was a team captain and won the Most Inspirational Award Winner for two consecutive years. He set a school record for Most Points Scored in a Single Game (26 points vs. Sacramento State). Mike is also #3 in Career TD's and #5 in Season TD's.

Mike earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Cal Poly, married his high school sweetheart Katie Bruce, and now lives in Arroyo Grande with Katie and their three children, Emma, Jason, and Molly.

Mike was presented into the Hall by his former head coach, Bill Garrison.

Tegan Lynch (class of 1995) – Tegan was a two-sport star at Aptos, excelling in both basketball and volleyball. She was an elite defender and rebounder in basketball, but volleyball was her first love. She is one of the finest AHS volleyball players to ever step on a court.

Tegan was a three-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County selection, and she was the 1994 MVP of the SCCAL. As a sophomore, she was one of the key players who led the Mariners to SCCAL, CCS, and Nor-Cal Championships, losing in the CIF State Championships 3-0 to Newport Harbor HS and future Olympian Misty May. The 1992 season is the finest season in AHS volleyball history. It was our first league championship in 14 years, and our first-ever CCS and Nor-Cal Championships. Tegan's teams qualified for CCS every year, reaching another finals in 1994.

Tegan also received 1st-Team All-CCS and All-Nor Cal Honors, and she was picked as a high school All-American. Volleyball Magazine selected her as one of the Top 50 prep players in the nation. She was selected to play in the West vs. United States All-American All-Star Classic. Tegan was also captain of her club team, Team Mizuno, which won the National Championship in 1994. In addition, Tegan was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Volleyball Team, recognizing her as one of the 20 greatest players in school history.

Tegan matriculated to the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she continued to play volleyball. She earned multiple All-Big 12 Honors and All-Big 12 Academic Honors. In 1998, Tegan was named to the NCAA All-American Volleyball Team. Tegan holds several NCAA tournament records, as well as virtually every University of Colorado record for a right-side hitter. She was selected to the NCAA All-Regional Tournament Team in both 1997 and 1998.

Tegan graduated from Colorado with a degree in Architecture and Design. She is married to NFL player Brody Liddiard, and they have one child, Mia.

Tegan was presented into the Hall by her father, Frank.

Norm Hagen (coach) – Norm was born in Seattle in 1939, but he grew-up in L.A. He graduated from Hawthorn High School and Loyola University. In 1962, he married Lois, and they have three sons, Roger, Paul, and Gary, all Aptos High graduates.

Norm began teaching English in L.A., but he transferred to Watsonville High School in 1966. When Aptos High School opened its doors in the fall of 1969, Norm came here as one of the original faculty members. Jim Beacom, Aptos' first Athletic Director, hired Norm in 1970 to lead the boys golf team, which Norm did successfully for the next seven years.

From 1972 to 1976, Norm's teams won five consecutive MBL Championships, including our first league championship in any sport in school history. Norm was also an assistant basketball coach for many years. In 1974, Norm (official scorekeeper), along with Dave Lawrence (announcer) and David Bruce (official timekeeper), took-over the scorer's table for home basketball games, and the three worked the table together at every home basketball game for the next 22 years. Norm retired in 1997, after teaching for 34 years.

Norm was presented into the Hall by fellow coach and English teacher, Jamie Townsend.

Jim LaTorre – Honorary Member – Jim's career began at Aptos in 1986. He held the dual roles of Athletic Director and Activities Director for many years. He was also an assistant football and baseball coach. Subsequently, Jim also served as an Assistant Principal at both Aptos High and at Aptos Junior High.

In 1997, Jim took over as our public address announcer from the legendary Dave Lawrence. The Voice of the Mariners, Jim has announced football, boys and girls basketball, baseball, and several other sports. Eventually, Jim also added announcing for the Cabrillo College football program, for SCCAL and CCS league playoff games, and for the KRUZ/Comcast Game-of-the-Week telecasts. Even when Jim isn't announcing, his ubiquitous presence is seen at almost every home event.

Jim says, "I'm lucky to have been supported and critiqued by my loving wife, Cathy, and by my terrific sons, Tyler and Garret!" Jim's announcing career has also enabled him to closely follow Tyler and Garret's athletic careers. In 2002, Jim was selected as the Man-of-the-Year by the Aptos Chamber of Commerce. Jim is currently the Assistant Principal at R.J. Fisher Middle School in Los Gatos.

Jim was presented into the Hall by his sons, Tyler and Garret.

1978 Football Team – After 10 years of futility and 7 losing seasons, the 1978 football team broke the mold. Capturing the hearts of the Aptos community, these hard-workers won our first SCCAL football championship and put Aptos football on the map. Along the way was a season of firsts - our first league championship, our first victory over Soquel (15-13), our first tie-breaker, and our first CCS playoff game. The team went 6-2-1, the most wins in a season. We won a tie-breaker over Harbor in a 7-7 game with the most net yards gained.

The Mariners were led by the SCCAL Lineman-of-the-Year Eric Smith and the SCCAL Offensive Player-of-the-Year Joe Garbini. All-County quarterback Scott Ramsey was protected by all-league linemen Bill Belsey, Mike McAnerney, and Joe Nairn. The defense was anchored by all-league performers Johnny Clifton and Scott Perry. Joe Garbini rushed for a school record 1160 yards. Scott Ramsey threw for the 4th most yards in school history (894 yards), and Mike Riedeman caught 24 passes.

The team was led by head coach Frank Lynch and his assistants, Jamie Townsend, Jim Mikaelson, Gary Sakamoto, and Kevin Phariss, and included Hall of Fame member Ernie Cooper.

The team was presented into the Hall by Frank Lynch, and accepted by Eric Smith.

Class of 2006 Mark Dorfman - Keynote Speaker

Dan Gruber (class of 1973) – Dan is the only Hall of Fame member inducted as both an athlete and a coach. As an athlete, Dan starred in cross-country, basketball, and track. In basketball, Dan was a starting guard on the school's first MBL Championship team, but it was in running where Dan really made his mark.

Dan was the school's first SCCAL and CCS track & field champion, winning three individual SCCAL championships and two individual CCS championships. In 1973, Dan was selected as an All-American by Track and Field News. In 1973, Dan was also selected as the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year. Thirty-three years later, several of Dan's track records still stand.

In cross-country, Dan was the CCS Small School Champion in 1971, and he came in 2nd in 1972. In addition, he set several course records around the central coast, including shattering the Torro Park record by over 5 seconds in 1971. He was named to the All Nor-Cal Cross-Country Team in both 1971 and 1972. Dan was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Team in cross-country.

Dan matriculated to San Jose State University, where he developed into the Mountain West Conference Champion in the 5000 and 10,000 meters. At San Jose, Dan was also

selected as an Academic All-American. Dan continued to run after college, and for many years, he was one of the most sought-after distance runners in the nation.

Dan started coaching at Aptos in 1979, when he led the girls basketball team to four consecutive SCCAL Championships, culminating with the 1983 CCS Championship, which was the school's first CCS Championship in any sport. Dan eventually switched to the boys basketball team, replacing the legendary Bill Warmerdam. Dan coached the boys from 1991 until 1995, and he was twice-named the SCCAL Coach-of-the-Year. Today, Dan is the boys and girls cross-country coach. His boys and girls teams have combined to win six SCCAL Championships, four CCS Championships, and our school's only CIF State Championship. Dan has also coached eighteen individual CCS Champions and nine individual state-meet medalists.

Dan was presented into the Hall by Athletic Director, Mark Dorfman.

Stu Walters (class of 1977) – Stu earned eight varsity letters at Aptos, three each in baseball and basketball, and two in football.

As a junior, Stu was a 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County quarterback, and he was selected to the AHS Silver Anniversary Football Team. Stu's name is all over the record book. He is #1 in Single Game Passing Yards (and #3, #7, #12, and #14). He is #2 in Single Season Passing Yards, and, despite missing most of his senior season because of a knee injury, he is #4 in Career Passing Yards and #7 in Career TD's.

One of the top point guards to ever play basketball at Aptos, Stu was a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County selection. He led the Mariners to three consecutive SCCAL Championships and to a three-year 32-13 record in SCCAL play.

In baseball, Stu was a three-year starter as a pitcher and wide-ranging shortstop. In 1977, Stu was selected as the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year.

After Aptos, Stu went on to play both football and basketball at Cabrillo College, and he was selected as a captain for both teams his sophomore year. Stu matriculated to Chico State University, where he continued to play football.

Today Stu teaches P.E. and coaches boys basketball at Soquel High School. Stu and his wife Val live in Soquel, and they have four children, Sam, Alli, Maggie, and Max.

Stu was presented into the Hall by his brother, Kevin.

Andrea Bruno (class of 1980) – Game, set, match. Andrea played varsity tennis for four years, leading the Mariners to four consecutive SCCAL Team Championships. She played number 1 singles for three years, and, as a senior, won the SCCAL Singles Championship. Andrea also won the SCCAL Doubles Championship as a frosh. Andrea's

record as the number 1 singles player during her three years was 50-5, and this includes CCS post-season play.

In addition, playing in the Northern California Tennis Association, Andrea was ranked in the Top 10 of NCTA players throughout her high school years. In her final year of NCTA play, Andrea was ranked number 4 in singles and number 1 in doubles.

After Aptos, Andrea went on to play tennis at UCLA. During her four years at UCLA, the Bruins were never ranked lower than fourth nationally, and, in Andrea's frosh year, they won the NCAA Women's Tennis Championship. At UCLA, Andrea also represented the women's tennis team on the Athletic Advisory Council for three years. Andrea received her B.A. in math and Computer Science from UCLA, and worked in high tech for twelve years.

Today Andea is a stay-at-home mom in Austin, Texas, living with her husband Rich and their two sons. She is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Tennis Team.

Andrea was presented into the Hall by her mother and father.

Mark Fairchilds (class of 1981) – Mark was a varsity tennis player for four years, and he led the Mariners to two consecutive SCCAL Championships in 1980 and 1981, including the first boy's tennis championship in school history in 1980. On the road to their first championship, Mark was instrumental in helping the team defeat Santa Cruz and break the Cardinals' 56-match SCCAL win-streak.

As a junior, Mark and his partner Rich Wilkinson won the SCCAL doubles championship, and they were the first players in the history of the SCCAL to reach a CCS finals. As a senior, Mark played number 1 singles and was the SCCAL MVP. The 1981 team finished third in CCS, and Mark and his partner Miguel Olvera won both the SCCAL Doubles Championship and the CCS Doubles Championship, the first CCS Championship for any SCCAL tennis player. Mark is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Tennis Team.

Mark matriculated to the University of the Pacific, where he was the number 1 singles player and team MVP for the Tigers for three consecutive years. After UOP, Mark turned professional, and was ranked as high as number 562 in the world. Mark married Jill Bowers in 1997, and they live in Modesto, where Mark is Director of Tennis at the Modesto Racket Club, and where he serves as vice-president on the USPTA National Board of Directors.

Mark was presented into the Hall by his sister, Kirsten.

Warren Holt (class of 1986) – Warren was a three-year varsity baseball and basketball player, earning six varsity letters. In baseball, he was a 1st-Team All-SCCAL and

All-County pitcher and third baseman, and he helped the Mariners win the 1984 SCCAL Championship. Winning four CCS post-season games in '84, the Mariners reached the CCS Finals for the first-time in school history, ultimately losing 5-3 to Serra HS. In the CCS semi's, Warren pitched 5 innings of shut-out baseball to beat the Carmel Padres.

In basketball, Warren was a two-time 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection, and he was a key member of Coach Warmerdam's 1985-86 SCCAL, CCS, and Nor-Cal Championship team. Warren was selected three-times to the Dad's Club All-Tournament Team, and, in 1986, he was selected to the All-CCS and All Nor-Cal Basketball Teams. Warren is the #1 all-time scorer in AHS history, and the #2 rebounder. He is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

In 1986, Warren was selected as the U.S Army Scholar-Athlete scholarship winner.

Warren was drafted twice by the Toronto Blue Jays, first in 1986, and again in 1988. However, Warren elected to pitch for Cabrillo College and CSU Sacramento. Warren graduated from Sacramento in 1993 with a degree in Civil Engineering, and, in 1997, he earned his professional engineer's license.

Warren is married to Santa Cruz High grad Diedre Nitzberg, and they have three children, Jordan, Brennan, and Summer. Warren owns and operates Central Valley Engineering and Asphalt, Inc., a heavy civil construction business in Roseville, and in his spare time he coaches baseball, softball, and soccer for his kids' teams.

Warren was presented into the Hall by his brother, Bryan.

Lisa Crouch (class of 1993) – Lisa ran varsity track and cross-country all four years, earning eight varsity letters, and ushering in an era of dominance for AHS running. After an eight-year drought, Lisa's cross-country teams won back-to-back SCCAL and CCS Championships, and they finished 4th in the state both years. As a frosh, Lisa placed third in CCS, and qualified individually for the State Meet. For the next three years, she and the team qualified together for the State Meet.

In track, Lisa was even more dominant. She was a six-time SCCAL individual champion. She was a five-time CCS medalist, and she was a three-time CCS champion. She won back-to-back CCS titles in the 800 meters in 1992 and 1993, and the 1600 meters in 1992. Lisa's 800 and 1600 meters times still rank in the Top 5 in Aptos history, and she was also a member of three record-setting relay teams. After a fifteen-year drought, Lisa also led the Mariners to consecutive SCCAL Team Championships and to two Top 6 finishes at CCS.

Lisa matriculated to UC Davis, where she continued to run track and cross-country for the Aggies. At Davis, she earned degrees in Exercise Physiology and Psychology. Lisa stayed in Davis, where she lives with her boyfriend Warren, and where she continues to run in road races and triathlons. Lisa works as a personal trainer helping others to attain

their fitness goals. Lisa is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Cross-Country Team.

Lisa was presented into the Hall by her former head coach, Kim Horn.

Samantha Schacher (class of 1998) – Samantha is the most dominant swimmer in AHS history. She was a four-year varsity swimmer, and she never lost an SCCAL race in four years. Sam won multiple SCCAL and CCS individual championships, and she also led the Mariners to four consecutive SCCAL Team Championships. Including relays, Sam still holds eight out of eleven Aptos High swim records, and most of the SCCAL swim records too. In addition, Sam still holds a Pacific Association record for the 100 meter backstroke.

Sam was a four-year All-American in high school in the 100 yard backstroke and 50 yard freestyle, and she was also a Scholastic All-American. Sam concurrently swam at national and international meets. Her highest finishes at the National Championships include a second in the 50 yard freestyle, a second in the 100 yard butterfly, and a third in the 100 yard backstroke.

While in high school, Sam was selected, along with a small group of other elite swimmers, to train at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Sam matriculated to UCLA on a swim scholarship, and, as a world-ranked swimmer, she helped the Bruins win the 2001 PAC 10 Championship. Sam graduated from UCLA in 1992 with a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Theatre. Sam is currently working as an actress in Hollywood, and as a writer/producer.

Sam was presented into the Hall by her former head coach, Jim Triplett.

Gary Passinisi (class of 1998) – Gary was the first individual state champion in AHS history, winning the 3200 meters at the the 1998 California State Track & Field Championships in a school record 9:05.74.

As a cross-country runner, Gary was a two-time individual SCCAL and CCS champion. He was selected as the CCS Cross-Country Runner-of-the-Year in 1996 and 1997, and he was also a two-time selection to the All Nor-Cal Team. He is one of ten runners on the AHS Golden Anniversary Cross-Country Team.

In track, Gary was even more dominant. He was a six-time SCCAL individual champion and a two-time CCS champion. As noted above, in 1998, he won the CIF State Championship in the 3200 meters. He remains the only individual state champion from Aptos High in any sport, and only the third state track and field champion in Santa Cruz County history.

In 1998, Gary also led the boys track and field team to their first SCCAL team championship in 16 years. The boys team beat SLV High School by half a point, 123½ to 123. Gary won the 3200 meters, but, determined to make-up for a disappointing second place finish in the 1600 meters, Gary entered himself in the 800 meters, an event in which he was not originally scheduled to run. Gary won the 800, and Aptos won the championship by ½ point.

Gary was a two-time team MVP in track, held four school records (including breaking his coach Dan Gruber's 3200 meter record), and one county record. He was the SC Sentinel Male Athlete-of-the-Year in both 1997 and 1998, one of only three boys in county history to win the award twice. He was also the Aptos High Male Athlete-of-the-Year in 1998, and the TCI Cable TV Athlete-of-the-Year in 1998.

Gary currently lives in Fresno with his girlfriend Jennifer and their new son Kai. Gary works for Cambridge Homes, a construction company.

Gary was presented into the Hall by good friend, Loren Goodwin.

Class of 2007 Joe Fonzi - Keynote Speaker

Mark Nipp (class of 1975) – Mark played football, basketball, and baseball, earning seven varsity letters in the process. He also earned 1st-Team All-SCCAL honors four times, one in every sport and two in baseball. In addition, as a senior, averaging 11.6 ppg, he was selected as the 1975 MVP of the MBL in basketball. Mark led the Mariners to three MBL basketball championships, compiling a 36-9 record in MBL play. He also received several All-CCS honors.

In addition, Mark was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Baseball Team.

After he graduated from Aptos, Mark was selected in the MLB draft by the St. Louis Cardinals, but, instead of signing, he chose to play baseball at the University of Oklahoma. At Oklahoma, as a pitcher, Mark was a two-time All-Big Eight selection and a two-time All-American. In 1977, Mark led the nation with a .72 ERA.

After his junior year at Oklahoma, Mark was drafted by, and signed with, the Los Angeles Dodgers. He played three years in the Dodgers AA and AAA system, achieving an overall record of 22-15 and an ERA of 3.52.

Today, Mark and his family live in La Grande, Oregon. He and his wife Kathy recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary. They have three children, Ashley (24), Matthew (20), and Kayla (17). Mark is an avid golfer trying to qualify for the Champions Tour.

Mark was presented into the Hall by his sister, Vicki.

Yousseff Abed (class of 1978) – A wrestling icon, Yousseff is the most successful wrestler in AHS history. He was a two-time CIF State Meet wrestling finalist. In 1977, he finished second in the state at 154 lbs., and in 1978, he finished second at 165 lbs. He was a three-time SCCAL Champion, a CCS Region Five Sub-Section Champion, and a CCS Champion. He is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Wrestling Team.

Yousseff finished fifth at the Junior World Championships his senior year, and he was also a Freestyle and Greco-Roman State Champion. At Aptos, Yousseff had a career record of 132 wins and only 29 losses. His senior year his record was 39-4, with a stunning 36 pins.

After graduating from Aptos, Yousseff matriculated to San Francisco State University, where he was a scholarship wrestler, and he played water-polo too, earning honors in both sports. Yousseff graduated from SFSU with a BS in Business Administration. He also met his wife, Lauri, at SFSU.

Today Yousseff and Lauri live in Martinez, and they have two children, Stephanie and Jordan. Yousseff is a computer scientist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, and he coaches wrestling at Alhambra High School.

Yousseff was presented into the Hall by his former coach, Gordon Leighton.

Sam Kennedy (class of 1982) – Sam owns a Super Bowl ring! As a linebacker and special teams star for the San Francisco 49er's, Sam was a member of the 1989 Super Bowl XXIII Championship Team that defeated the Cincinnati Bengals 20-16 at Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami. During the 1989 season, Sam was the leading tackler on the Niner's special teams with 24 (and one fumble recovery), but his success in football started long before that.

At Aptos High, Sam was an 1st-Team All-League and All-County linebacker, and one of the hardest-hitters to ever step on the field. His next stop was Cabrillo College, where, ranging from one sideline to the other, he was an All-Coast Conference linebacker. From Cabrillo, Sam matriculated to San Jose State University, where he was a two-year starter, and from where the 49er's signed him as a free-agent in 1987.

After retiring from the 49er's, Sam took-up race car driving. He is a past winner of the Watsonville Speedway Stock Track Championship. Today Sam lives in Watsonville, and he continues to race with his brother Wally.

A bit of trivia, Sam is the only Super Bowl winner to be born in Ireland. Sam is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Football Team.

Sam was presented into the Hall by his former coach, Jim Mikaelson.

Sep Wolf (class of 1993) – Sep was a three-sport athlete at Aptos, playing soccer, water-polo, and football, and earning seven varsity letters in the process. In football, Sep was one of the top kickers in the SCCAL and one of the league's leading scorers. In water-polo, Sep was a three-year starter, team MVP, and a 1st-Team All-SCCAL performer. In 1991, he was also selected as the SCCAL Sophomore-of-the-Year.

However, it's in soccer where Sep made his biggest mark. Prior to 9th grade, Sep was chosen for the Olympic Development Program and was a member of the California State Select Team. In high school, Sep was a three-year starter, team captain, and a three-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection. In 1992, he was selected as the SCCAL Outstanding Midfielder. He also led the Mariners into the CCS playoffs for only the second and third times in school history, reaching the semi-finals in 1992.

During his senior year, Sep was selected to the US Under-20 National Team. In addition, his club team, the Mountain View/Los Altos Shooting Stars, won the National Youth Soccer Championship. Also, as a senior, Sep was selected as the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year. Sep is a member of two AHS Golden Anniversary Teams, water-polo and soccer.

Forgoing several soccer scholarship offers after graduation, Sep instead moved to Germany and played professional soccer. After one year of playing internationally, Sep returned to California and continued his soccer career at Westmont College, where he led the Warriors to three National Tournaments. In 1997, Sep was named to the GSAC All-Conference Team and to the NAIA All-American Team. In 1997, he was also named to the NAIA All-Tournament Team.

After graduating from Westmont with a BA in Kinesiology, Sep returned to Germany for another year of soccer, then returned again to California to play two years of soccer for MLS. Today, Sep is married to his college sweetheart, Brynn, and they have a daughter Kasia (2) and a son on the way. They live in Santa Barbara, where Sep is a partner in a commercial real estate investment and management firm.

Sep was presented into the Hall by his father, Joe.

Allison Lovell (class of 1994) – Allison began her competitive swimming career at the age of eight, and she won many local and regional championships before she reached Aptos High. At Aptos, Allison went undefeated through all four years of SCCAL competition, and she won many SCCAL individual championships in many different events. She also led the Mariners to four straight SCCAL Team Championships.

At the CCS level, Allison was a three-time runner-up in the 100 backstroke, and she was a two-time All-American. Allison was the team MVP for four years, and, in 1994, she was selected as the TCI Athlete-of-the-Year in swimming.

Allison earned a scholarship to Arizona State University, but a serious shoulder injury kept her out of the pool. She returned to Aptos, rehabbed her shoulder, and eventually got back in the pool. Allison returned to competitive swimming at Cabrillo College in 1997, and she became a six-time All-American and a state champion in the 100 backstroke. She was also a two-time state runner-up in the 50 backstroke. She broke four school records at Cabrillo and was the team MVP both years. In both 1997 and 1998, she was selected as the Cabrillo College Outstanding Female Athlete-of-the-Year. Allison still competes at the Masters level, and last year she placed at the Masters World Championships.

Allison was presented into the Hall by her former high school coach, Jim Triplett.

Coresta Salas (class of 1999) – A league MVP in two sports, Coresta has few athletic peers. She played volleyball and softball at Aptos, earning seven varsity letters

In volleyball, Coresta was a three-year starter, and a two-time 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection. In 1997, she was the SCCAL Junior-of-the-Year, and in 1998, she was both the SCCAL Player-of-the-Year and the SC Sentinel County Player-of-the-Year. She was also the team captain, and voted Mariner-of-the-Year by her teammates. In three years, her teams went 32-8 in SCCAL play, and reached the CCS playoffs every year.

In softball, Coresta was a four-year starter, four-year team MVP, two-year captain, and a remarkable four-year 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection. She was Freshman-of-the-Year, Sophomore-of-the-Year, and Junior-of-the-Year, and after her senior season, she was selected as the SCCAL MVP and the Sentinel Pitcher-of-the-Year. In 1999, she led the Mariners to their first SCCAL softball championship in over ten years, and to only their fourth trip to the CCS playoffs, losing to eventual CCS champ Gilroy HS 3-2 in the CCS semi's.

When she graduated, Coresta held season records in RBI's, runs scored, triples, and home runs, and was #4 in doubles and #7 in stolen bases. As a pitcher, she still has the best record in school history, going 21-8 in 1999, and she remains in the Top 10 in ERA, strikeouts, and shutouts

As a senior, Coresta was selected as the AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year and as the TCI Female Athlete-of-the-Year. She is also a member of two AHS Golden Anniversary Teams, volleyball and softball.

Coresta matriculated to Santa Clara University, where she continued to star in softball. Coresta holds the Santa Clara records for career and single-season triples. She is #5 for career at-bats and #3 for career hits. She received the "Ms. Clutch" award her sophomore year, and was selected as Bronco-of-the-Year her senior year. She graduated from Santa Clara in 2003 with a BS in Psychology.

Coresta was presented into the Hall by longtime friend and teammate, Brooke Holmquist.

Karen Ziglar (coach) – Karen coached the Aptos High school cheerleaders for thirteen years (1989-2002). In addition to many regional and Nor-Cal Championships, Karen led the Mariner cheerleaders to four State Championships. Her teams also placed well at several national competitions.

With the active support of her husband Bob, Karen worked tirelessly to create a program built on the fundamentals of teamwork, mutual respect, school leadership, community service, and high academics. She introduced rigorous athletic training and character development to her year-round program. Her program produced several All-Americans, and many girls continued to cheer at the college level, often on scholarship. Her philosophy, “Excellence comes from hard work and dedication”, remains a legacy for all her cheerleaders. Karen was also selected as the Mariner-of-the-Year in 2000.

Karen and Bob have three children, Caryn, Krista, and Stephanie, and are the proud grandparents of Emma.

Karen was presented into the Hall by her daughter, and former AHS cheerleader, Caryn.

1982-83 Girls Basketball Team – Coached by Dan Gruber, this team won the first CCS Championship, in any sport, in school history, beating Menlo Atherton HS 44-40 in the CCS Finals. And, to this day, the ‘83 team remains the only girls basketball team in county history to reach the Nor-Cal Finals.

En route to compiling a remarkable 29-3 record, and led by future Hall of Fame members Karen Cantoni and Char Reber, the Mariners upset Campolindo HS, the #1 team in the state, 53-49, in the Nor-Cal Semi-Finals, before losing to Anderson HS 52-45 in the Nor-Cal Finals.

The team earned a final #3 ranking in the state. As Coach Gruber says, “When you talk about that team, the whole really was greater than the sum of its parts.” The members of the team were Karin Alstad, Sue Brown, Cara Hurley, Tara Locke-Paddon, Kathy Ludeman, Patty McNulty, Vickie Pelich, Char Rocha, Leanna Suggs, Denise Verch, Bonnie Wickwire, and 2005 Hall of Fame inductee Karen Cantoni.

The team was presented into the Hall by Dan Gruber, and accepted by Karen Cantoni and Tara Locke-Paddon.

Class of 2009 Jim Tunney - Keynote Speaker

Kjell Stakkestad (class of 1973) – Kjell played four sports at Aptos, football (two years), cross-country (two years), baseball (four years), and basketball (four years). In the 1972 cross-country season, Kjell was All-League, finished third at the CCS Regionals,

and finished tenth at the CCS Championships. Kjell also played three-years on the varsity baseball team, and he never batted below .300.

However, it was in basketball where Kjell really made his mark. Kjell was 1st-Team All-MBL all four years, twice for Lightweights and twice for varsity. He was the MBL's leading scorer in 1972-73, averaging 19.3 ppg, and he was named the MVP of MBL. He led the Mariners to a 25-5 record, 14-1 in the MBL, and to their first basketball league championship. We also earned our first CCS playoffs run, going 3-1 in the playoffs. Thirty-six years after graduating, Kjell remains one of the top career scorers in AHS history. Kjell was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

Kjell was co-valedictorian of his graduating class, and he matriculated to U.C. Davis. During his frosh year at Davis, he was the leading scorer on the JV basketball team, and he led them to an undefeated league season. He graduated from U.C. Davis with a Bachelors and a Masters degree in mathematics.

In 1975, he married Erin Fitzgerald (AHS class of 1975), and today they live in Phoenix with their three children, Celia, Kirsten, and Connor. Kjell "flew satellites" for thirteen years at Lockheed before co-founding KinetX, an engineering consulting firm. Kjell is currently President and Chairman of KinetX.

Kjell was presented into the Hall by his wife, Erin.

Mark Ramos (class of 1980) – Mark was one of the top tennis players to ever hit the courts at Aptos High School. He was the SCCAL Individual Champion both his sophomore and his senior year. During his senior year, he never lost one SCCAL game or set. In 1980, Mark lost in the CCS Semi-Finals, and no AHS or SCCAL singles player before or since has gone so far in CCS. He is a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Tennis Team, and he is considered one of the finest high school tennis players in county history.

During high school, Mark also competed at the club state and national level. He became the #5 ranked junior in Northern California. He was also a member of the Junior National Team. Mark earned a tennis scholarship to U.C. Irvine, a Division 1 program, where he received a degree in Economics. At Irvine, Mark helped the Anteaters to win three Big West Conference Championships and a #9 national ranking. In both 1983 and 1984, he and the Anteaters beat the #1 ranked team in the country.

Mark earned a #6 national ranking in the U.S. Amateurs, and he had victories over several nationally-ranked tennis players, including some who eventually were ranked in the Top 50 in the world as professionals.

Mark became the head tennis pro at several clubs before achieving his dream of becoming a fireman. Today, Mark is a Division Chief for the Santa Cruz City Fire

department. He is married to Wanda, and they live in Aptos. Their son, Domonick, is also an Aptos High grad, and he is a firefighter in San Jose.

Mark was presented into the Hall by his brother, Paul.

Matthew King (class of 1982) – Matt was a two-sport athlete at Aptos, starring in football and baseball. In football, Matt was a two-year starter and the 1981 Santa Cruz County winner of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholarship.

However, it was in baseball where Matt made his biggest mark. Matt was a three-year starter at shortstop. He led the Mariners to three consecutive SCCAL Championships, and to our first three CCS playoff runs in AHS history. Along with his twin brother Marc, he was selected as co-captain of the baseball team for both his junior and senior seasons.

Matt was twice 1st-Team All-league and All-County, and, in 1982, he was selected as both the SCCAL MVP (by the coaches) and the SC County MVP (by the sportswriters). When he graduated, Matt held season records in batting average (.468), RBI's (46), triples (4), and homeruns (7), and he was #2 in hits, runs scored, and doubles. He also had a 22-game hitting streak and three homeruns in one game. His name remains in the Top 10 for most records, and he was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Baseball Team.

Matt went on to play baseball, first at U.C. Berkeley, and then at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Matt homered in his first collegiate at-bat for U.C. Berkeley. He graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in Business, but he continued in baseball as a professional scout for many MLB teams, including the Florida Marlins, with whom he won a World Series championship ring in 1997.

In 2007, Matt returned to Aptos HS as a hitting coach, and he helped the Mariners to win back-to-back SCCAL Championships in 2007 and 2008. Matt married his high school sweetheart, Donya (Hocum), and today they live in Aptos with their two sons, Haydn and Brennan, where Matt owns and operates King Insurance and Financial.

Matt was presented into the Hall by his son, Haydn, and by former coach, Larry Hebert.

Marlene Henderson (class of 1987) – Marlene was a three-year starter on the basketball team and a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County selection. In three years, her teams went 26-10 in SCCAL play. In a game against RLS, she had 29 points and 29 rebounds in a single game. In her junior year, Marlene averaged 20.8 ppg and 18.2 rebounds per game, and as a senior, she averaged 20.5 ppg and 16.1 rebounds per game. All four marks led the SCCAL, and her scoring averages are the two highest averages in AHS history. Marlene is also #4 in career scoring, and #2 in career rebounds.

The summer after her junior year, Marlene played on an All-Star team that travelled to Australia and New Zealand. After graduating from Aptos HS, Marlene accepted a full scholarship to Howard University in Washington. After two years at Howard, she transferred to the University of San Francisco. At USF, she was a two-time All-WCC first-team selection, and a two-time USF MVP. She was just the third Lady Don in school history to lead the team in scoring and rebounding for two consecutive seasons, and, in her senior season, she also led the WCC in rebounds.

After graduating from USF with a degree in marketing, Marlene played basketball professionally for Team Nitia in Bettembourg, Luxembourg. After finishing her basketball career in Europe, Marlene earned her MBA from Clark University in Atlanta. She has subsequently worked as a marketing manager for a company that produced apparel for the 1996 Olympics, as a marketing consultant for a company that represented professional athletes, and as a basketball coach and clinician.

Today, she lives in Oakland with her two sons, Alonzo and Joseph, and owns her own apparel company, Design Elevations, which specializes in clothes for tall women. In 2007, she was inducted into the USF Athletic Hall of Fame for her success on the basketball court. She is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

Marlene was presented into the Aptos Hall by her former high school coach, Shevy Schindler.

Brannon Schell (class of 1996) – Brannon’s swimming career kicked into high gear his sophomore year when he won both the SCCAL and the CCS championships in the 550 yard freestyle, and he continued to earn many, many more titles in distance and relay events. He earned high school All-American honors in 1994, 1995, and 1996. During high school, Brannon also competed for the Cabrillo Threshers, qualifying in distance events at several Junior Nationals.

Brannon’s excellence in swimming contributed to his successful water-polo career. He was a four-year starter, team captain and team MVP, and a 1995 1st-Team All-League selection. He also received several All-CCS honors.

After high school, Brannon swam for the University of Washington. As a Huskie, Brannon placed tenth at the PAC 10 Championships in the 1000 yard freestyle. He also qualified for the U.S. Senior Nationals and for the 2000 Olympic Trials.

In 2001, Brannon earned his Paramedic License from the UCLA-Daniel Friedman School in Los Angeles. His career highlight so far has been deploying as a paramedic with AMR within sixty hours of Hurricane Katrina’s landfall and working in the flooded parishes of New Orleans. Brannon has also worked as a California State Lifeguard, an EMT, and as a firefighter. Today, Brannon works as a paramedic and field-training officer with American Medical Response in both Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties.

Brannon was presented into the Hall by his high school swimming coach, Jim Triplett.

Anne-Elyse Smith (class of 1998) – Transferring to Aptos for her junior year, Anne-Elyse participated in three varsity sports, cross-country, soccer, and track & field. She was a two-year starter in soccer, but running was her ticket.

In her two years at Aptos, she led the cross-country and track teams to four SCCAL team championships. In cross-country, Anne-Elyse was a two-time individual SCCAL Champion. In 1996, she was the CCS runner-up, and in 1997, she was the CCS Champion. In 1997, she also finished fourth in the state at the CIF Cross-Country Championships.

In track, Anne-Elyse won six individual SCCAL titles, two each in the 800m, 1600m, and 3200m. She was a four-time CCS medalist, and a two-time CCS Champion, winning the 1600m both years.

At the 1997 CIF State Track & Field Championships, Anne-Elyse finished fourth in the 1600m, and at the 1998 State Championships, she finished sixth. Anne-Elyse is the only two-time State Meet medalist in school history. When she graduated, Anne-Elyse held three school records and was second in another. She scored the third-most CCS points in school history.

In 1997, Anne-Elyse was selected as the SC Sentinel Female Athlete-of-the-Year. In 1998, she was the AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year, the TCI Cable TV Female Athlete-of-the-Year, and the winner of the Wharf-to-Wharf Scholarship. She is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Cross-Country Team.

After high school, Anne-Elyse accepted a full-ride to the University of Texas, and she was a member of the Longhorns 1999 NCAA Women's Track & Field Championship team. At Texas, Anne-Elyse also competed in cross-country and indoor track. After one year, Anne-Elyse retired from competitive racing and returned home to complete her B.A. in Art History at U.C. Santa Cruz.

Anne-Elyse was presented into the Hall by her mother, Patty.

Carlos Torres (class of 2000) – Carlos played football, basketball, and baseball for four years each, earning seven varsity letters. In the spring of his senior year, he also doubled-up with track and was an SCCAL medalist in the 110m hurdles, earning his eighth varsity letter.

Carlos, one of the most intense competitors to walk our campus, led five teams to the CCS playoffs, baseball and basketball twice each, and football once. Plus, the boys basketball team ended a fourteen-year drought and won the 2000 SCCAL Championship. In addition, as a sophomore, Carlos played on the 27-0 JV basketball team.

As a two-year starter on the football team, Carlos led the Mariners to a 16-5 overall record (9-2 in 1998, and 7-3 in 1999). The 1998 defense only gave-up one-passing touchdown all year. In 1999, Carlos was 1st-Team All-League and All-County as both a quarterback and a defensive back, and he was selected as the SCCAL Player-of-the-Year. In four years of football, Carlos never lost to Watsonville, which is one of Carlos's favorite accomplishments.

Carlos was also a two-time 1st-Team All-League and All-County baseball player, and, as a dominant pitcher, he was the school and league-leader in several categories. He remains one of the top pitchers in AHS history. In 2000, Carlos was selected as the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year. He is also a member of two AHS Golden Anniversary Teams, both football and baseball.

After high school, Carlos accepted a scholarship to play baseball at San Diego State University, and, after two years, he transferred to San Jose State University. After San Jose, Carlos was drafted by the Chicago White Sox. He is currently pitching for their AAA team in North Carolina. Carlos has a daughter, six-month old Ava Ayn, who is already showing promise as a pitcher.

Carlos was presented into the Hall by his brother, Jose.

Ali Hinga (class of 2000) – A multiple All-League and All-County volleyball and basketball selection, Ali was also a multi-SCCAL medalist in track & field, competing in the high jump, 400m, and 300m hurdles. She helped the Mariners win four consecutive SCCAL track & field titles, and earned ten varsity letters in the process.

In volleyball, Ali was the starting middle blocker for two years, creating a wall that opponents could not hit past. In her senior year, she helped the Mariners to an undefeated 14-0 league season and an SCCAL Championship. Her teams also reached the CCS semi's for three straight years. In three years, her teams went 69-33, and 37-5 in SCCAL play.

However, it was on the basketball court where she had her most notable achievements. As a four-year varsity starter, Ali scored over 1000 points and grabbed over 1000 rebounds. She is the charter member of the AHS 1000/1000 Club. In 1997, Ali was the SCCAL Frosh-of-the-Year, and she was a 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection as a junior and a senior. In 2000, Ali was also selected (along with her then high school sweetheart and now husband, Brian Nevitt) as the SCCAL Player-of-the-Year, and as the SC Sentinel Female Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year. She was also a 1st-Team All-CCS selection. In addition, she was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

Ali matriculated to the University of San Diego on an academic scholarship. At USD, Ali played on the Torero's basketball team, on their club volleyball team, and she rowed for the USD crew team for one season. After graduating *magna cum laude* from USD, Ali

and Brian spent a year travelling through Central and South America. Subsequently, Ali has graduated from the U.C. Davis School of Law, where she was the National Moot Court Champion. Today, she works as a federal law clerk for Judge John A. Mendez in Sacramento.

Ali was presented into the Hall by her husband, Brian Nevitt.

Mark Dorfman (coach) – In Mark’s thirteen seasons as head track & field coach, his teams won 21 league championships. No Aptos coach, in any sport, has won more. The girl’s team has not lost a dual meet since 1996, and their record is 85-1 under Mark’s direction. The boy’s record over that same span is 80-6. CalHiSports called him “one of the best track-and-field head coaches in CCS history.”

Over the past thirteen years, Mark’s teams have won every major track & field invitational in the CCS, including the West Valley Relays, the Bill Kearney Invitational, the Top 8 Meet, the CCS Frosh-Soph Classic, the Doc Raymond Relays, the Wildcat Relays, the Avis-Kelley Invitational, the Quicksilver Classic, the St. Francis Track & Field Carnival, the Alisal Invitational, and many more.

His athletes have broken over 50 school records and 7 county records. With over 130 schools competing in the single-division CCS Track & Field Championships, Mark’s teams have had 12 top-ten finishes. Mark has seen over forty of his athletes go on to compete successfully at over twenty different four-year colleges and universities, including U.C. Berkeley, Stanford, UCLA, U.C. Irvine, U.C. San Diego, University of Texas, Arizona State, the Naval Academy, Tulane University, Cal Tech, San Francisco State, Chico State, Long Beach State, Biola University, and many more.

In 2006, Mark received the CCS Honor Coach Award in track & field, and he is a two-time AHS Teacher-of-the-Year. Mark attributes his success to the tremendous assistants with whom he has worked over the years, and to his outstanding athletes.

Mark was presented into the Hall by fellow coach, Dan Gruber, and by former runner, Erin Loftin.

Jim Mikaelson (coach) – While serving in the USMC, working as an engineering draftsman, Jim raised a family (Mark and Nicki) and put himself through college. In the process, he earned three California lifetime teaching credentials.

Jim started and ended his thirty-one year educational career at Aptos HS, teaching P.E., drafting, math, and water-skiing (in summer school!). Jim also served as a mentor teacher, Assistant Athletic Director, and P.E. Department Chair, as well as a member of the Instructional Council. Jim was also a class and club advisor many times, including the Athletic Club, the Bowling Club, and the Weight-lifting Club. He also founded the famous Early-Morning Iron Club.

Jim coached many teams and sports at AHS. He was the head football coach and an assistant football coach, the head boys golf coach and the head girls golf coach, and an assistant baseball and girls basketball coach. Gym (as he spells his name now) had many championship teams and honors. His teams won eleven SCCAL Championships (ten in boys golf, one in football) and the 1992 CCS Championship in boys golf. Jim has been selected as the AHS Teacher-of-the-Year, the CCS Honor Coach in boys golf, the CCS Championship Coach, and as the SCCAL Coach-of-the-Year in both golf and football.

Gym married AHS grad and former AHS staff member Elaine Treanor, and today they live in Lincoln, where retirement has not slowed him down. Gym competes in Senior Golf, has won several weight-lifting gold medals at the California State Senior Games, and his over-65 softball team has won many prestigious tournaments, including the California state championship and a gold medal at the World Senior Games.

Jim was presented into the Hall by former colleagues, Jamie Townsend and Bill Warmerdam.

Class of 2010 Father Ron Shirley - Keynote Speaker

Doug Glaum (class of 1981) – Doug was a three-sport athlete at Aptos High School, earning eight varsity letters (three in basketball, three in baseball, two in football), and he helped his teams win four SCCAL championships in three sports.

In football, Doug was a two-year starter at slot-back, and earned All-League Honorable Mention as a senior. He was also a member of the 1979 SCCAL Championship Team, and he is one of the top receivers in AHS history.

In baseball, Doug was a three-year starter, a 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection, and he helped the Mariners win our first two SCCAL baseball championships in school history. Doug lost the SCCAL batting championship on the last at-bat of his senior season (he batted .404 for the season).

However, it was in basketball where Doug really stood-out. A three-year starter, Doug was a two-time 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection, a two-time team MVP, and the 1981 SCCAL Player-of-the-Year. As a junior, he set the AHS and SC County single-game scoring record (49 points), and as a senior he led the league in scoring, averaging 16.6 ppg. He also led the Mariners to the 1981 SCCAL Team Championship. For his career, Doug scored 1057 points, and he shot 92% from the free-throw line. He is one of only nine AHS players to score over 1000 points. He was also selected to the CCS North-South All-Star Game as a senior, where he led the South in scoring.

In 1981, Doug was selected as the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year. He was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team. Today, Doug lives in Aptos with Erika,

his wife of twenty-one years, and his four children, Marli, Mikayla, Gunnar, and Gavin. They own and operate the Palm Deli, and Doug, together with his siblings, runs the Glaum Egg Ranch.

Doug was presented into the Hall by former coach, Steve Miles.

Char Reber (class of 1983) – Char participated in track, softball, and volleyball at Aptos High School, but it was in basketball where she earned her greatest fame. She was a three-year varsity starter for the Mariners, and helped the Mariners win three consecutive league championships. In three years, her teams went 73-15, 31-3 in SCCAL play.

In her junior year, the basketball team went undefeated in league and won the SCCAL Championship. They lost in the CCS Semi-Finals to Lynbrook HS by one-point, but they made their first appearance in the Nor-Cal Championships at the Oakland Coliseum.

The next year, they repeated as SCCAL Champions, and then won the school's first CCS Championship in any sport, defeating Menlo-Atherton HS 44-40 in the CCS Division II Championship at Independence High School. The Mariners returned to the Oakland Coliseum for the Nor-Cal Championships, losing in the Finals to Anderson HS 52-45. The Mariners finished the season ranked #3 in the state.

Char was a two-time 1st-Team All-County player and a three-time 1st-Team All-League player. She was also selected to the All-CCS and All Nor-Cal teams. During her senior year, she averaged 16 points, 11 rebounds, and 3 assists per game, and she was voted Co-MVP of the team. She also played in the CCS North-South All-Star Game in Santa Clara, and she helped the South to win by scoring 14 points. In addition, Char was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

After graduating from AHS with a 3.86 GPA, Char matriculated to St. Mary's College in Moraga, where she played basketball for four years for the Gaels, earning team MVP honors her senior year. In the summer of 1986, on a travel team representing the USA, Char and her sister Chris played basketball in Hawaii, New Zealand, and Australia.

Char graduated from St. Mary's with a degree in Business Administration. Today, she is married to Rob Rocha (WHS '83 grad), and they live in Aptos with their six children, Ryan (AHS class of '09), Jordan, McKenna, Madison, Camryn, and Quinn. Char remains active in basketball. For the past eleven years, she has been a board member and coach for G-Ball.

Char was presented into the Hall by her sister, Chris.

Bill Sendell (class of 1986) – Bill was a standout wide receiver on the Mariner football team. He was a two-year starter, earning 2nd team All-League honors as a junior and

senior, and 1st team All-County honors as a senior. He #11 on the AHS career receiving list.

However, he is best known for his accomplishments in golf. As a sophomore, his best friend, Kenny Woods, encouraged him to try-out for the golf team. After barely winning a playoff for the seventh and final roster spot, Bill made the JV golf team, and from that day forward, Bill was infected with “golf fever”.

Bill earned 1st Team All-SCCAL honors both his junior and senior seasons, and was a key member of the Mariner teams that lost only one head-to-head match in two-years, winning two SCCAL team championships in the process. The depth and strength of those teams is evident by the fact that four of the six starters became golf professionals.

Bill matriculated to Wake Forest University in North Carolina, and he played golf for two seasons for the powerhouse Demon Deacons. Bill graduated from Wake Forest with a degree in English, and minors in Psychology and Philosophy, and he returned to California.

In 1991, at Spyglass Hill, Bill won the Northern California Public Links Championship. He also tied the course record at his home course, Seascape, shooting a 10-under-par 62. After playing on the Mini-Tour for several years, Bill accepted a position as the Assistant Professional with the Pebble Beach Company at Spyglass Hill. He served as the First Assistant Golf Professional during the 2000 US Open, and subsequently was named the Head Professional at Spyglass Hill. In 2008, Bill was selected as the Director of Tournaments for all Pebble Beach Resorts, and he oversees all of the golf events run there.

For the past thirteen years, Bill has also directed the AT&T Pebble Beach Junior Golf Association, and in 2007 he won the Northern California PGA Section’s award for Junior Leadership. Bill is married to Stephanie Gerrish, whom he met after college at the Seascape Golf Course. He credits Stephanie for getting him his first job at Spyglass Hill, where she was working when she met Bill. Stephanie and Bill live in Pebble Beach with their two sons, Brad and Jack, who love playing anything that involves a ball.

Bill was presented into the Hall by his former high school coach, Jim Mikaelsen.

Gavino Mosqueda (class of 1992) - Gavino was one of the most physical and dominant football players in Aptos history. As former Sentinel sportswriter Ed Vyeda once said, “Gavino is the only offensive lineman I’ve ever gone to a game to watch.”

Gavino was a three-year starter at guard and a two-year starter at inside linebacker. As a guard, he was known for his punishing pancake blocks, and he was selected 1st-Team All-County three times and 1st-Team All-SCCAL twice. As a linebacker, it was like running into a concrete wall, and he was selected 1st-Team All-County and 1st-Team All-SCCAL twice as an inside linebacker.

As a sophomore, Gavino protected Trent Dilfer as Trent led the team to a 2nd place finish in league and to the CCS quarterfinals. As a senior, Gavino was co-captain of a team that won our first SCCAL Team Championship in nine years, and which lost in the CCS Finals to Palma in the final seconds. Gavino and his linemates bulldozed the way for AHS career, season, and single-game rushing leader Mike Allshouse, and on film, Gavino could often be seen making two, and sometimes even three, blocks on a single run.

Gavino was a team MVP, the Hard Rock Winner, and a two-time Inner Circle Weightlifter-of-the-Year (the only two-time winner). He was also selected to the 1st-Team All-State Strength Team. Eighteen years later, Gavino still holds the school record in the bench press (365 lbs.). In addition, Gavino was selected to both the AHS Silver Anniversary Football Team and the AHS Golden Anniversary Football Team.

Gavino was also an SCCAL medalist in the shot-put. After high school, Gavino played football at Cabrillo, where he was a starting inside linebacker for two-years, a unanimous 1st-Team All-Coast Conference pick in 1993, and a member of the 1993 All-State Team.

Today, Gavino lives in Hollister with his wife Victoria and his two sons, Alejandro and Joaquin, where he regularly volunteers as a youth coach for his sons' teams.

Gavino was presented into the Hall by his former coach, Mark Dorfman.

Gina Casares (class of 1993) - As a freshman in 1989, Gina was moved from the JV soccer team to the varsity soccer team early in the season. She never went back. Gina was a four-year varsity starter and a two-time 1st-Team All-League selection. An amazing scorer, Gina once scored on a laser-shot into the goal from 35 yards out on an upside down scissors kick. Jaws dropped. Her teams won two SCCAL Championships, in 1990 and 1992, and they qualified for the CCS playoffs all four years, reaching the quarter-finals in 1992. In 1992, Gina was selected as the SCCAL Offensive Player-of-the-Year, and, in 1993, she was the team captain and team MVP. In 1993, she was also received the KRUZ Cable TV Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award in soccer.

As a junior, Gina also started participating in track & field. She was a multi-league medalist, a CCS medalist, and set the school record in the discus, breaking a twelve year-old mark set by Char Sugar back in 1981. She also helped the Mariners earn their first two SCCAL Team Championships in fifteen years. As a senior, Gina was selected as the track & field MVP, and she was also selected as the AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year. She is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Soccer Team.

After high school, Gina played professional soccer with the Santa Cruz Monarchs, but injuries shortened her career.

Today, Gina is a Deputy Probation Officer in Santa Cruz County working with at-risk youth. She goes into schools and prisons to warn young men and women about the dangers of gangs and drug/alcohol abuse. Determined to unite rival gang members in a common goal by combining their love of soccer and their positive strengths, she founded the Aztecas soccer team in 2008 for at-risk youth. In 2009, Gina was awarded the Central Coast Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community Service, and she was flown back to Washington DC to meet President Obama. She was also selected as the 2009 Santa Cruz County Public Employee Silver Medalist.

Gina currently coaches two Aztecas soccer teams for at-risk boys, and she is also an assistant coach for an under-nine competitive girls team and an under-eight recreational girls team. Gina owes her success in life to the tremendous support she received from teachers like Ms. Magaffin, and from her coaches, especially Mark Dorfman. Gina lives in Watsonville with her husband, Patricio, and three daughters, Samantha, Jazmin, and Alexa.

Gina was presented into the Hall by her former coach, Mark Dorfman.

Natasha Gordon (class of 1999) - The sport for which Natasha is best known would depend on when you watched her compete. Natasha played volleyball, basketball, and track & field, earning ten varsity letters. She was the SC Sentinel's Athlete-of-the-Week many times, and, in 1999, she was selected as the SC Sentinel Female Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year. She was also the 1999 AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year. In addition, Natasha was the AHS Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year in all three sports her senior year.

In volleyball, Natasha was a two-year varsity player, 1st-Team All-County her senior year, and team captain. In basketball, she was a four-year starter, again an All-County selection, a two-time team MVP, and a two-year team captain. She was also selected as the MVP of the Santa Clara Basketball Camp and of the Wildcat Invitational, and selected to play in the North-South All-Star Basketball Classic.

Despite her successes on the basketball and volleyball court, Natasha cast her biggest shadows in track & field. As a high and low hurdler, and as a shot and discus thrower, Nastasha is one of the most elite multi-event athletes in AHS history. In four years of varsity track, Natasha was a three-time SCCAL champion, in three different events, the 100mH in 1997, the shot put in 1998, and the discus in 1999. And if she wasn't winning, she was busy placing 2nd or 3rd. As a multi-league medalist and team MVP, Natasha helped the Mariners win three consecutive SCCAL Team Championships. At the 1998 SCCAL Track & Field Championships, Natasha scored a remarkable 28 individual points, which would have placed her 5th if she competed as a team, beating Santa Cruz, Watsonville, and MVC High Schools. In addition to accumulating over sixty medals in four years, in 1999 Natasha also set a school record in the shot-put, breaking a twenty-one year old record set by Katie Brown in 1979. She was also a member of three record-setting relay teams.

Natasha also competed in the Youth National Track & Field Invitational in Hawaii, earning a gold medal in the shot-put and a bronze medal in the 100 meter hurdles. After high school, Natasha attended UC San Diego. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, went on to law school, and today is a practicing attorney in Orange County.

Natasha was presented into the Hall by her former coach, Mark Dorfman.

Tyler LaTorre (class of 2001) - Tyler was a three-sport varsity athlete at Aptos High School. He played football, basketball, and baseball, earning six varsity letters.

As a hard-hitting linebacker, Tyler was a 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection in football. He was also the Hard Rock Award winner in football, and the team's Defensive MVP. Tyler was also an important member of the 1999-2000 boys basketball team, which won the SCCAL team championship after a fourteen-year drought.

However, baseball is Tyler's best sport. A two-year starter and 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection, Tyler led the Mariners to two CCS playoff runs. As a senior, he hit .378, and he was one of the school and league leaders in every batting category, as well as developing into one of the best defensive catchers in AHS history. As a senior, he was also the 2001 KRUI-TV MVP in both football and baseball. and he received All-CCS recognition in baseball. Tyler is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Baseball Team.

Upon graduation, Tyler matriculated to U.C. Davis, where he played four years of baseball for the Aggies. He was a key member of their 2003 College World Series team that finished 5th in the country. As a sophomore, he was selected to the 3rd Team All-CCAA, and, as a senior, and he was selected to the All-Independent First Team.

After receiving his Bachelor's Degree in 2006, Tyler signed in June with the San Francisco Giants. This season will be his fourth season catching for the Giants organization. Last year he played Double A ball with their affiliate, the Connecticut Defenders. Throughout his professional career, everyone of his teams have reached the post-season, highlighted by the 2007 Northwest League Championship won by the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes. Today Tyler resides in Tempe, Arizona, where he is training for the upcoming season.

Tyler was presented into the Hall by his father, Jim.

Bobby Salazar - Honorary Member - Robert Salazar (Bobby to all of us) has worked, and lived, at Aptos High for 34 years. He is a fixture in our school community, greeting students and ex-students by name, and greeting strangers with a smile and a "Welcome to

Aptos High School, the best high school in the county!” He opens the gate at 5:30 a.m. every day, and locks it up each night when everyone finally leaves.

In addition to his duties as Head Custodian, Bobby was an assistant frosh football coach for ten years, an AYBA coach for ten years, an announcer for boys and girls basketball games, a two-time Mariner-of-the-Month, and the CSEA Chapter President for five years. Bobby has also served on the SITE Council and the Home-and-School Club, and has been an advisor for the Key Club and for the Skate Club. He’s been a regular contributor to the Albatross, emceed Grad Night, and chaperoned senior trips to Disneyland and the Bay Cruise. He has been selected many times by the seniors to hand-out roses at graduation. He’s fiddled for the school play, sung at school assemblies, and given staff in-services on gangs.

Bobby has also changed every light bulb on campus, oiled every hinge, vacuumed or mopped every floor, lined every field, dug ditches, planted sod, cleaned sewers and gutters, painted walls, answered phones, fixed toilets, and cut, burned, sprained, strained, and shocked himself too many times to count in the cause of Aptos High School. If you knock on his door at five in the morning or at 11:00 o’clock at night, he’ll greet you with the same smile and ask how he can help.

Just as importantly, Bobby has counseled every student that came to him for help and guidance, and has treated every student over the past 34 years with friendship, kindness, and the utmost respect.

Bobby has been happily married to Rebecca for the past 33 years. They have three wonderful children, Cynthia, Melissa, and Robert, and an adorable granddaughter Diandra.

Bobby was presented into the Hall by friend and colleague, Jamie Townsend.

1992 Girls Volleyball Team - The 1992 girls volleyball season played-out like a Disney movie. In the 80’s and early 90’s, Aptos High School was not known as a volleyball powerhouse. Soquel and Harbor were the perennial top-dogs, and Harbor had won outright, or shared, the previous twelve SCCAL championships. Aptos’s last championship was in 1979.

Coming into the final week of the 1992 regular season, the Mariners were 10-2, and having already lost to Soquel and Harbor, they needed to beat both schools in their last two games in order to qualify for the playoffs. On a Tuesday night in November, Aptos defeated Soquel in 4 games. On Thursday, at Harbor High School, a gym where Aptos had not won in the past ten years, and in front of a boisterous crowd, Aptos defeated Harbor in 5 games, 15-2, 2-15, 15-10, 7-15, 15-12. The Mariners were tri-champs of the SCCAL, earning their first SCCAL championship in 13 years.

In order to determine the league’s two automatic CCS qualifiers, Aptos again defeated Harbor and Soquel in a special playoff on back-to-back nights. In CCS, the Mariners

defeated Sacred Heart Cathedral and King City to earn a spot in the CCS Finals against league-rival Soquel, who came through the other bracket. Playing at Santa Clara High School, Aptos won the CCS championship in 5 games, 15-7, 15-8, 8-15, 8-15, 17-15.

In Nor-Cals, after defeating Rio Americana in 3 games and defending Nor-Cal champion and #1 seed Granada in 4 games (Granada had not lost a home game in 7 years!), the Mariners qualified for the Nor-Cal Championship Game against, once more, league-rival Soquel.

On Tuesday night, December 1, the crowd in the packed, standing-room only Warmerdam Gymnasium was estimated at over 900 people. More than 200 were turned away at the door. The Mariners, wearing their blue-and-white striped playoff jerseys, and the Knights, went two complete service rotations before the first point was scored. In a tense and evenly-played two-and-a-half hour match, in front of a raucous and screaming crowd, the Mariners finally prevailed 7-15, 15-13, 15-3, 11-15, 15-7, winning the school's first and only Nor-Cal Championship in girls volleyball, and only the second in any sport in school history.

The Mariners lost in the state championship game to future Olympian and two-time gold medalist Misty May and her Newport Harbor team, but the magic never ended. The members of the 1992 team, the greatest volleyball team in Aptos history, were Charla Brewer, Rachel Brown, Erin Greene, Erin Grizich, Trisha Grizich-Van Lanen, Sara Hagins, Tegan Lynch, Meredith Mayeda, Terra McCourt, Chaska Potter, Pam Rigor, Cindy Staka, and coach Christa Cook. As a post-script, seven of the girls went on to play college volleyball (and to further illustrate the strength of SCCAL volleyball that year, Harbor won the state title in Division II, and SLV lost in the D-IV CCS Championship game).

The team was presented into the Hall by Mark Hull, and accepted by Cindy Staka.

Class of 2011 Mike Gruber - Keynote Speaker

Tim Gruber (class of 1978) - Tim was a three-sport athlete at Aptos, lettering in cross-country, basketball, and track & field. He earned All-CCS honors in cross-country and track & field his senior year, and was the starting point guard on the 1978 SCCAL championship basketball team.

Tim won individual SCCAL and Region IV titles in cross-country during his senior season, and SCCAL Titles in track & field in the 1600m and 3200m. Tim earned Santa Cruz County Prep-of-the-Week honors three times during his senior campaign, and he was selected to the All-Northern California Cross Country Team in 1978. During his senior cross-country season, Tim broke five different course records. Tim was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Cross-Country Team.

Tim went on to San Jose State, where he made the PCAA All-Conference team in both cross-country and track & field during his freshman seasons. After another All-Conference cross country effort during his sophomore season, Tim transferred to Cabrillo College for one year of track & field. At Cabrillo, he earned All-State and All-American honors in the steeplechase, and won two Coast Conference titles (5000m & 3000m steeplechase). During his single season at Cabrillo, he broke the school records for both the 5000m and the 3000m steeplechase, records that still stand today.

From Cabrillo, Tim went to Humboldt State, where he won two NCAC conference titles in the 3000m steeplechase and one in cross-country. During his two years at Humboldt, he earned NCAA All-America honors three times, and in 1982-83 he was selected as the NCAC Male Athlete-of-the-Year.

Tim married AHS Alumni and SCCAL softball MVP Teresa Fujishin in 1983. They recently moved back to the Santa Cruz area with their son Brandon, who will attend Aptos as a freshman this fall. Tim earned his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism/Public Relations from Humboldt State University in 1983, and his Master of Arts in Physical Education from Saint Mary's College in Moraga in 1991. Tim works as Group Human Resources Manager for Granite Construction Company in Watsonville. Tim enjoys writing and coaching youth sports in his spare time, he and recently published his first book titled Voices from the Water.

Tim was presented into the Hall by his brother-in-law, Randy Fujishin.

Ken Woods (class of 1986) - Ken is the first pure golfer inducted into the Hall of Fame. He didn't dabble in other sports, and he is considered one of the finest high school golfers in SC County history. He was a varsity golfer at AHS for all four years. During his four years, Ken was a sixteen-time match medalist, with 10 of those wins scoring under par, and he was selected as one of the Top 3 players in the county by the Santa Cruz Sentinel in both 1985 and 1986. As a senior, in 1986, Ken tied the Aptos Seascape course record of 64.

Ken was also named as one of the five members of the "All Aptos High School Golf Team" along with other players from the 70's and 80's, and he was named to the AHS Golden Anniversary Golf Team. Ken's high school teams won three consecutive SCCAL Team Championships.

Ken went on to play collegiate golf at Cal State Stanislaus, where he was selected as an All-American in 1989. In 1989, Ken also led the Warriors to the NCAA Division III National Championship in Des Moines, Iowa. Ken is currently the Head Golf Professional at Pasatiempo Golf Club in Santa Cruz.

Ken was presented into the Hall by his former teammate, Bill Sendell.

Paul Ramos (class of 1988) - Paul earned five varsity letters, two in football and three in baseball. In 1987, Paul was a 1st-Team All-League and All-County defensive back, but baseball was his passion.

Paul was a three-year starter as a catcher under Coach Bob Beach. He was a two-time 1st Team All-League and All-County selection. He was the team and SCCAL MVP in 1988, and he led the Mariners to the 1988 SCCAL team championship. Paul set several hitting records at Aptos, including most home runs in a season (10), a record that still stands 23 years later. When he graduated, he was also #1 in hits, #2 in RBI's, #3 in runs scored, #3 in batting average, and #3 in triples. Not surprisingly, Paul is a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Baseball Team.

From Aptos, Paul moved-on to Cabrillo College, where he was a 1st Team All-Coast Conference selection in 1990. Next, Paul matriculated to UC Santa Barbara, where he was a two-year starter for the Gauchos.

After graduating from UCSB with a degree in Geography, Paul continued to play semi-pro ball for the Santa Barbara Foresters. After graduating from Santa Barbara, Paul also started coaching. He was the head coach at Carpinteria HS before moving home and taking the reins of the Aptos team in 1996.

One of Paul's favorite accomplishments as head coach, with the help and support of the AMAZING Aptos community, was the rebuilding of the Aptos baseball stadium. Paul resigned as head coach in 1999 to become a Deputy Sheriff. However, Paul has recently returned to coaching, he serves as an assistant baseball coach at Cabrillo College, and he also coaches youth sports that involve his children. Paul is married to a former Mariner, Megan Castro, and they have two boys, William (10) and Matthew (6).

Paul was presented into the Hall by his brother, Mark.

Craig Holt (class of 1988) – Craig was a two-year varsity baseball player, helping the Mariners to win the 1988 SCCAL Championship, but he buttered his bread in basketball.

As a three-year varsity basketball player, Craig was a 1st-Team All-League and All-County selection in 1988, and he was a key member of the 1985-86 Mariner squad that won the SCCAL, CCS, and Nor-Cal Championships. His team also returned to the CCS and Nor-Cal Finals the next year, coming in second in both. He averaged 18.1 ppg that year. The '86 and '87 teams are the only teams in AHS history to go to back-to-back Nor-Cal Finals.

As a senior, Craig led the SCCAL with a 24.2 ppg average, second highest in school history. In addition, Craig has school records for Most Points in a Season (795) and Most Career Playoff Points (232), and he is #3 in Most Career Points (1338). In 2019, Craig was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

After graduation, Craig attended West Valley Junior College, where he still holds many basketball records and where he and his Viking teammates won the 1990 California Junior College State Championship.

From West Valley, Craig received a basketball scholarship to Loyola Marymount University. At LMU, despite only playing two-years, Craig is still 11th all-time in 3-point field goals and 6th in 3-point field goal percentage. Craig also participated in LMU's 1991 NCAA record-setting game where they scored 186 points (LMU 186, US International 140).

Craig received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Minor in Mathematics from LMU. Craig is married to Jamie and has three daughters, Brianna, Malia, and Kenna. Craig owns and operates Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc., a heavy civil construction business located in Reno, Nevada. Craig is currently the Head Girls Basketball Coach at Bishop Manogue High School. He still enjoys running, hunting and participating in his girls sporting events.

Craig was presented into the Hall by his brother, Warren.

Sierra Richmond (class of 1997) – Sierra was a varsity swimmer all four years at Aptos High School. As a much-anticipated 8th grader, she recorded times that would have won multiple events at the SCCAL Championship meet.

In Sierra's very first high school meet, as a freshman, she broke the AHS record in the 100 yard breaststroke. Sierra won both the 100 yard breaststroke and 200 individual medley at the SCCAL Championships for four straight years, and she also placed in the Top 8 at CCS in both events all four years.

Sierra still holds two individual school records, as well as being a member of two record-setting relay teams. As a sophomore, she broke a 9 year-old SCCAL record in the 200 individual medley. She was honored as an All-American for three straight years, 1995, 1996, and 1997. She helped lead the girl's varsity swim team to four consecutive SCCAL Team Championships.

Sierra also swam for the Cabrillo Threshers, competing in many junior national and international meets. After graduating from AHS, Sierra earned a swimming scholarship to UC Santa Barbara. She graduated from Santa Barbara in 2001 with her B.A in Sociology, and graduated again in 2002 with her Masters in Education and a Teaching Credential. She went on to teach kindergarten in Southern California for five years and one year in Colorado.

Sierra currently lives in Colorado Springs, and is married to her high school sweetheart Paul Alexander. She is a stay-at-home mom with two beautiful girls, Taylor and Madison.

Sierra was presented into the Hall by her former coach, Jim Triplett.

Jessica Stafford (class of 1999) - Jessica transferred to Aptos HS her junior year from Poway HS in San Diego. At Aptos, she was a two-year varsity member of both the basketball and track teams.

In basketball, Jessica was one of the leading scorers and rebounders in the SCCAL, but she was most notably regarded for her outstanding defense. She was a shut-down defender, always drawing the other team's most potent scorer. Jessica was a team captain and recipient of the 1999 Mariner Award for outstanding sportsmanship, attitude, & coachability. In both 1998 and 1999, Jessica received the Outstanding Defender Award and was an Honorable Mention SCCAL selection.

However, Jessica was best known for her achievements on the track. In her two years at Aptos High, Jessica won five league titles (two times in both the high jump and triple jump, and once in the long jump). She also finished 2nd three times (400m twice and long jump once). In both 1998 and 1999, Jessica won the Bob Enzweiler Award for being the leading individual scorer at the SCCAL track and field championships. She scored 38 points her junior year and 36 points her senior year. If Jessica had scored as her own team in 1998 and 1999, she would have placed 5th in the team standings, beating Watsonville, Harbor, and Santa Cruz single-handedly both years.

She led the Mariners to the SCCAL team championship both years, and she set the school record in both the high jump (5'4 1/4") and the triple jump (37' 1 1/2"). At CCS, she was a four-time medalist. Jessica was selected as the Santa Cruz Sentinel's Athlete-of-the-Week on numerous occasions, and she was also selected as the 1999 TCI Channel 3 Outstanding Athlete in Track & Field. In addition, she was the team MVP in both 1998 and 1999, team captain in 1999, and won over 50 medals in her two years at Aptos HS.

During the summer of 1999, Jessica finished 10th in the nation in the high jump at the Junior Olympics in Seattle, Washington. At the National Youth Track & Field Invitational in Hawaii, she won the high jump, long jump, & triple jump. Jessica matriculated to the U.C.Irvine on an athletic scholarship for track, where she was ranked 37th in the nation in the heptathlon. She is also on the UC Irvine Track & Field Top 10 All-Time List for high jump (#3), javelin (#3), 100m hurdles (#9) and heptathlon (#7). Jessica graduated from UC Irvine with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology & Social Behavior, and a Minor in Education. Today she works for a nutritional supplement company in Orange County. Jessica lives in Huntington Beach with her husband, Wayne, and in January she completed her first half-marathon.

Jessica was presented into the Hall by her aunt and former coach, Patti Coulter.

Erin Loftin (class of 2001) - Erin was the finest Aptos sprinter, male or female, of the past 25 years. She was also a two-sport athlete at Aptos High School, participating in basketball too. She was a three-year starter on the varsity basketball team and was twice voted Most Inspirational. An elite defender who used her speed to harass opponents and steal balls, Erin was elected co-captain, and she helped lead the Mariners to the 2001 SCCAL Championship, ending a 19 year drought. The Mariners also earned a second place finish in CCS, and a berth into the Nor-Cal Championships. It was only the third time in AHS history that we reached Nor-Cals, and the first time in 19 years.

However, it was in track & field where Erin really excelled. She was a varsity sprinter all four years, competing in the 100m, 200m, long jump, 4x100m relay, and finally the 400 meters at the end of her senior season, and she led the Mariners to four consecutive SCCAL Team Championships. She was voted Outstanding Freshman in 1998, Outstanding Sophomore in 1999, MVP in both 2000 and 2001, and was a 2001 team captain.

She was a three-time individual league champion (100m, 200m, 400m) and multiple league medalist. She was the 2001 Bob Ensweiler Award winner, awarded to the individual scoring the most points at the SCCAL Championship meet, she was the 2001 Wharf-to-Wharf scholarship recipient, and she was selected as the 2001 AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year.

In her senior year, running the 400 meters for only her fourth time, she set the school record with a time of 57.18, which still stands today. She is also 3rd all-time in both the 100m and 200m. In addition, she was a member of four record-setting relay teams.

Erin matriculated to Chico State, where she continued to sprint, and where she was part of the Wildcats' 4x400m relay team that recorded the second fastest time in school history. She also helped the Wildcats win the 2004 CCAA Conference Team Championship (plus second-place finishes in 2003 and 2005, and a third in 2006). She was a multiple All-Conference Academic Award winner, and she graduated from Chico with a degree in Construction Management with Honors.

Erin continues to run, competing in 10ks and half marathons, and she completed the Big Sur Marathon in 2009. Erin recently became a Certified Interior Designer and is practicing Interior Design and Project Management in Sacramento and the Bay Area. Despite a new job and a new marriage (Erin married Ben Acuna this past summer), Erin has also found time to coach the Aptos sprinters these past three years.

Erin was presented into the Hall by her former coach, Mark Dorfman.

Briana Hinga (class of 2002) - Briana was a member of the varsity basketball team and varsity track & field team, earning eight varsity letters. In basketball, she was a four-year starter and a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection. She was the SCCAL Frosh-of-the-Year in 1999, and she was a two-time MVP of the SCCAL, after her junior and senior seasons. She also received 1st-Team All-CCS honors as a senior.

Bri led the Mariners to four consecutive 9-3 SCCAL seasons, winning the SCCAL team championship in 2001. Her teams' overall four-year record was 86-31, reaching the CCS playoffs every year. The '01 SCCAL championship team also reached the CCS Finals and, for only the third time in school history, the Nor-Cal Tournament. In the CCS Finals, they lost to WCAL powerhouse Archbishop Mitty, the #4 team in the state, 70-55. Briana had 15 points in that game to lead all scorers, plus 17 rebounds and 4 steals. In the Nor-Cal Tournament, the Mariners beat Castlemont HS in the 1st-round 60-55. Briana led all scorers again with 12 points, including two 3's. In the quarter-finals, they faced #1 seed Berkeley on the road, and their magical season came to an end. They lost to the Yellowjackets 73-47. Briana had 20 points to lead all scorers.

Bri is all over the record book. She graduated as the AHS #1 scorer in a season (646) and #1 for her career (1167). She is also one of the top rebounders in AHS history. She is a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

In track & field, Briana was an SCCAL Champion in the high jump, a two-time CCS medalist (5th in 2000, 2nd in 2002), and a state-meet qualifier. She set the school record with a jump of 5' 5". Briana also ran the 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m relay, and the 4x400m relay, and she was the team MVP in 2002. She helped the Mariners to win four consecutive SCCAL team championships. In 2002, she was selected as the AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year.

After high school, Briana competed in both basketball and track & field at U.C. San Diego. She currently holds the UCSD school records for the most blocks in a single season and in a single game. Briana also set the UCSD school records in both the heptathlon and the javelin. She earned All-American and Academic All-American honors in track & field during her senior year. Also, during her senior year, she was named the UCSD Female Athlete-of-the-Year, and she was selected as the Woman-of-the-Year for the CCAA Conference.

After college, Briana picked-up beach volleyball, and now plays professionally. She was selected to be part of the U26 All-American Beach Volleyball Team during the 2009/2010 beach season, and she has since qualified to play in the now bankrupt AVP. She currently looks forward to playing in the NVL and other beach tournaments this season. She is also a third year Ph.D. student in Education at UC Irvine, with a specialization in Learning, Cognition, and Development.

Briana was presented into the Hall by her father, Tom.

Brett Gotcher (class of 2002) - Aptos High School has a long history of excellence in boys cross-country and distance events. In this field, Brett is, simply, the best.

In cross-country, Brett was a three-time SCCAL champion, a two-time CCS champion, and he finished 5th and 3rd respectively at the 2000 and 2001 state championships. He was

a team captain and led the boys to two consecutive SCCAL Team Championships. He was a three-time 1st Team All-CCS selection, and a two-time 1st Team All Nor-Cal selection. In 2000, he was the CCS and Nor-Cal Runner-of-the-Year, and he was selected to the 1st team All-Western USA Cross-Country Team.

In track & field, he was just as dominant. He won four consecutive SCCAL championships in the 3200m and three in the 1600m. He was a two-time CCS champion in the 3200m (and he finished 2nd as a sophomore), and he finished 5th in the state in 2002. In 2002 he also ran the 12th fastest high school 10,000m in U.S. history. Brett was a team captain, two-time team MVP, and led the Mariners to four consecutive team SCCAL championships and three top ten finishes at CCS.

Brett holds two school records (3200m and 3000m), and he's on three other Top 5 lists (1500m, mile, and 1600m), plus he's a member of two record-setting relay teams (4x800m and Distance Medley). In addition, as a junior, Brett was the starting point-guard on the 2000-01 varsity basketball team.

Brett was the 2002 AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year and the 2002 Wharf-to-Wharf Scholarship Winner. Brett matriculated to Stanford University, where he was a member of their 2003 NCAA National Champion Cross-Country Team. He was also a four-time NCAA qualifier in the 10,000m, and an All-American. In addition, while attending Stanford, Brett was a member of the World Junior Cross-Country Championship Team, and he was the US Junior National 10,000m champion and the Pan-American Junior 10,000m champion.

Brett graduated from Stanford in 2006 with a degree in Psychology, but he has continued to run professionally. He was a member the 2008 U.S. World Championship Half-Marathon Team and a member of the 2009 US World Championship Cross-Country Team. In 2009, Brett won the USA 20K Championship at New Haven, Connecticut, and in 2010 he ran the 4th fastest debut marathon in US history (2:10.36). In addition, for seven consecutive years, Brett was the top local finisher in the Wharf-to-Wharf Race.

Brett was presented into the Hall by his former coach, Dan Gruber.

Jamie Townsend (coach) – Jamie graduated from San Jose State University in 1969, and he holds degrees in English, PE, and Geography. His 41-year coaching career started at SJSU, where he was a Graduate Assistant linebacker coach in 1970. The next year, he transferred to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, to earn his Masters Degree in PE, and he also started-up and coached Cal Poly's first men's volleyball team. He then moved to Arroyo Grande HS, where he taught PE and coached the water-polo and swim teams.

Missing surfing off the Santa Cruz coast, which he enjoyed while attending SJSU, Jamie returned to Santa Cruz County. Choosing Aptos HS as the school to call "home" for the next 34 years, Jamie taught English, Math, Geography, and PE at Aptos. He also served

as an assistant principal for five years. Jamie married Peggy in 1978, and together they raised their son, Cody (AHS class of 2001).

Jamie started coaching football at AHS in 1973, serving as the Defensive Coordinator under head coach, Frank Lynch. Together, they brought Aptos its first SCCAL football championships in 1978 and 1979. Jamie also coached the boys tennis team from 1977-1984, and they won our school's first SCCAL tennis championships in 1980 and 1981. These championships included a CCS Division IV Team Championship, and a CCS Doubles Championship, which remains the only CCS doubles championship in SCCAL history.

In 1986, Jamie became Aptos's fifth head football coach, and he led the Mariners to the CCS playoffs in three of his five seasons. Missing too many of Cody's sporting events, Jamie resigned as head coach and coached freshmen and JV football for the next 14 years. As a frosh coach, he won 17 games in a row, the longest winning-streak in Aptos football history.

Jamie became the boy's golf coach in 2004, and his teams won five more SCCAL Championships. His golfers also won SCCAL, CCS, Nor-Cal, and State individual titles. No other high school golf team in Santa Cruz County has ever accomplished this feat. In 2009, he accepted the interim head football coach position to allow AHS plenty of time to find a new permanent head coach, and he helped the 2009 senior football players to their first winning season in four years.

Jamie was selected as the SCCAL Coach-of-the-Year several times in football, tennis, and golf. Jamie retired as a teacher/assistant principal in 2006, and as golf coach in 2010, but he is still coaching varsity football alongside new head coach, Randy Blankenship. In addition, he still serves as the AHS Advanced Placement Coordinator. Jamie bleeds Mariner Blue.

Jamie was presented into the Hall by his good friend and fellow coach, Frank Lynch.

Class of 2013 Brooke Holmquist - Keynote Speaker

John Kaitz (class of 1983) - After suffering a season-ending knee injury his junior year, John thought that his dreams of playing high school and college football ended too. However, after a rigorous off-season rehab, John came back from that injury to not only earn Aptos High's Most Valuable Defensive Player Award, but he also earned 1st Team All-League and 1st Team All-County honors as a linebacker.

John also won the coveted Golden Helmet Award, as well as the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award. John's efforts on the field also earned him the SC Sentinel's Defensive Player of the Year Award and the SCCAL coaches' Defensive Player of the Year Award. In addition, John's efforts helped the Mariners win the 1982 SCCAL football championship.

John is a member of both the AHS Silver Anniversary Football Team and the AHS Golden Anniversary Football Team.

John also competed in track & field. He was a three-time individual SCCAL champion, and he set the school record in the discus his senior year. He also helped the Mariners to win two SCCAL team titles.

John was recruited by numerous colleges and universities for football, but in the end he chose the Golden Bears of Cal, where he played for two and a half years until he suffered another severe injury, this one truly ending his football career. However, as the football door slammed shut, another door opened. John discovered rowing at Cal. Still an athlete and a fierce competitor, John found that rowing offered him new challenges. John joined the Cal rowing team in 1986, and discovered his future. John rowed his last two years at Cal, making the varsity eights his senior year, and he loved rowing so much that he became a coach.

After graduating from Cal with degrees in Kinesiology and Sports Management, John accepted the head coaching position at UCSB, where he won a National Championship in 1990. John also coached at UCLA and Stanford (at UCLA, John even trained Gregory Peck in a single scull for a movie role). In addition, he has coached Masters rowing, where he has won over 30 National Championships. John was inducted into the UCSB Sports Hall of Fame as a coach. Today, John trains high performance athletes, Olympians and others, and he offers injury rehabilitation and post-rehab-recovery training. John lives in Pacifica with his wife Milda, and his two children, Mariah and Chaz –who are both rowers as well!

John was presented into the Hall by his former coach, Jim Mikaelson

Peter Mel (class of 1987) - Peter was born and raised along the immaculate coastline of the Monterey Bay. Growing-up in Aptos, and in the extended surf community of Santa Cruz County, Peter was also fortunate to spend lots of time in his family's surf shop, Freeline Surf Design, established by his father John Mel in 1969. This combination made a perfect breeding ground for an aspiring and talented surfer.

Peter became well known in his hometown, and soon around the world, for his mastery of big waves. Surfing fifty-foot faces while using his signature sweeping turns and humble demeanor, Peter established himself as a premier big wave rider. In 1998, he was voted the 8th best surfer in the world by his peers at the Surfer Poll Awards. On October 28, 1999, surfing at Mavericks, ten days after the birth of his son John, Peter caught the

biggest wave ever ridden on the West Coast at the time. Many thought it was one of the biggest waves ridden anywhere.

In 2001, Peter was one of six surfers invited to the inaugural trip to Cortes Banks. The Cortes Bank is a harrowing shallow ocean reef in the middle of nowhere 100 miles west of San Diego, and they surfed 50-70 foot waves there.

Candor was always one of Peter's better traits, and by 2010, his straightforward charm fueled a second career as an on-line personality hosting ASP webcasts. In addition to competing in events like the Big Wave Eddie Aikau at Waimea, Peter spent much of the day commenting.

Finally, after years of chasing big waves on the Big Wave World Tour, Peter won his two most cherished titles. In 2012, he was crowned the Big Wave World Champion, and, in 2013, he won the Mavericks Invitational.

Peter has starred in several documentaries, including Step into Liquid and Riding Giants. Most recently, Peter acted alongside Gerard Butler in the movie Chasing Mavericks. Not only can Peter act, but he also does his own stunt work! Peter is also an endorsed athlete and the Director of Marketing for Quiksilver, and specifically its Waterman Collection. Today, Peter and his family, his wife Tara and his two boys, John and Anthony, split their time between Newport Beach and Santa Cruz.

Peter was presented into the Hall by his good friend, Buddy Carrigan.

Kayse Hagins (class of 1992) - Kayse earned seven varsity letters at Aptos High School, three in volleyball and four in basketball, and she was an All-League and All-County selection several times. She also became a pioneering and award-winning snowboarder.

On the basketball court, Kayse was a four-year starter at shooting guard, led the team in scoring, and helped the Mariners reach the CCS playoffs twice. In 1991, averaging 12.3 ppg, she was selected as the SCCAL Junior-of-the-Year. She averaged 14.6 ppg as a senior. When she graduated, Kayse was the #6 career scorer in school history.

In volleyball, Kayse was a three-year starter as setter, and helped the Mariners reach three CCS playoff berths. During her senior year, Kayse was team captain and team MVP. She also won the KRUZ TV Athlete-of-the-Year Award for both volleyball and basketball.

After Aptos, Kayse played setter for one year at Cabrillo, helping the Seahawks reach the playoffs, before transferring to UC Davis. Kayse played volleyball for two years at Davis, helping the Aggies win two consecutive NCAC Championships.

After graduating from Davis in 1997 with degrees in Rhetoric and Communication, Kayse became a professional snowboarder. Kayse was sponsored by Salomon

Snowboards, and she won many national snowboarding competitions, including contests at Steamboat Springs, Jackson Hole, Snowbird, and Diamond Peak. She also travelled to exotic locations like France, Spain, and Alaska, doing photo shoots, commercials, and films. In addition,. Her love for snowboarding led Kayse to a position with Transworld Media, one of the industry leaders in action sports media productions, featuring snowboarding, surfing, BMX, motocross and more. Kayse works in advertising sales for the snowboarding division. Kayse lives in Seattle with her husband Bob and their young son TJ.

Kayse was presented into the Hall by her sister, Sarah.

D.J. Powers (class of 1992) - DJ was a four-year member of the varsity golf team and a three-time SCCAL MVP. He led the Mariners to three-straight SCCAL team championships, and he is a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Golf Team.

As a senior, in 1992, he led the team to the only CCS Golf Championship in school history. During his senior year, DJ also won the Northern California Junior Match Play Championship. This is a week-long event played at courses all over the Bay Area, and it required DJ to win six match plays in a row against the best competition in Northern California.

DJ matriculated to San Jose State University, where he continued to golf. In 1996, at the Honors Course in Chattanooga, Tennessee, he helped the Spartans to a 10th place finish at the NCAA National Championships, their best finish in over thirty years. That same year, in the first-round of the Western Intercollegiate, played at Pasatiempo, DJ beat Tiger Woods 70 to 73.

After graduating in 1997 from San Jose with a degree in Business Management, DJ was hired as the men's and women's golf coach at Santa Clara University. He was the youngest head golf coach in the nation. In his two years at Santa Clara, his teams improved considerably, and, in 2000, Stanford University hired DJ away from the Broncos. From 2000-2003, DJ served as an assistant coach for both the Stanford men's and women's teams. The men's team qualified for the NCAA's in 2001, and the women's team qualified every year and had two Top 10 finishes.

At Stanford, DJ also coached Hillary Homeyer, who won the 2003 US Open. After Stanford, DJ started working for the video game company Electronic Arts. Among his responsibilities, DJ was the producer for the Tiger Woods PGA Tour Golf Game in 2005, 2006, and 2007. DJ directed Tiger Woods and several other PGA professionals in motion-capture shots, advertising events, and TV commercials. DJ also worked as an actor at Electronic Arts, and his golf swing and animations were used for many of the characters in the game. In 2003, DJ earned his MBA from San Jose. Today, DJ lives in Seattle and works in Business Development for Valve, another leading company in the video game industry. DJ is married to Jessica, and they have a new son, Sam.

DJ was presented into the Hall by his father, Bob.

Kirsten Loftin (class of 2003) - Kirsten was an excellent water-polo player, but she found magic on the pole vault runway, becoming one of the greatest vaulters in county history.

Kirsten started-out as a successful sprinter and horizontal jumper (she is a member of the record-holding long jump relay team), but she took-up the pole vault her sophomore year and never looked back. In her sophomore year, her first as a vaulter, she finished 3rd in the SCCAL and 5th in CCS, and then she got the hang of the event.

In her junior and senior years, she was a two-time SCCAL champion and two-time CCS champion. She set the school, league, and CCS record at 12'4" her senior year. Her school and league records still stand. She was a state-meet qualifier both years, and finished 5th in the state as a senior.

She won every dual meet and invitational that she entered as a senior, including the prestigious Stanford Invitational, and the San Jose Mercury News named her the Northern California Vertical Jumper of the Year. She was also a team captain her senior year and the team MVP. She helped the Mariners win four consecutive team championships.

Kirsten vaulted collegiately at UC Irvine and CSU Stanislaus. As a freshman at UC Irvine, she qualified for the NCAA Division I Western Regional Championships. After a coaching change at Irvine, she transferred to Stanislaus and earned All-American Honors her junior and senior years. She finished 7th in the nation as a junior at the NCAA Division II National Championships, and 4th in the nation as a senior. In addition, she earned NCAA All-Academic honors both years, and was twice named the CSU Stanislaus Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. In her senior year, she was also the CCAA pole vault champion, was named to the ESPN Magazine Academic All-District 1st Team, and was selected as the Female Athlete-of-the-Year for the entire university. After graduating from Stanislaus with a degree in Criminal Justice, Kirsten continued to vault nationally until she entered law school at the University of Pacific's McGeorge School of Law. Today Kirsten works as a Deputy District Attorney for Sacramento County.

Kirsten was presented into the Hall by her long-time pole-vault coach, Joe Miyoshi.

Jacob Evans (class of 2004) - Jacob was a four-year varsity runner in both cross-country and track, earning eight varsity letters.

In cross-country, Jacob was a multiple SCCAL and CCS medalist and helped the boys win two SCCAL team championships. He is a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Cross-Country Team.

However, it was on the track where Jacob really ran fast. He was a six-time SCCAL individual champion. He won the 1600 meters twice, and he won the 800 meters a remarkable four times in a row. He was also a four-time CCS individual champion, and he is only the second person in CCS history to win the 1600 meters and 800 meters in the same championship meet.

Jacob set the school and county records in both the 1600 meters and the 800 meters. He was a two-time team MVP, a team captain, and he has the school record for most CCS points in a career. Jacob helped the Mariners to win four consecutive SCCAL team championships, and he is also a member of four record-setting relay teams. In addition, Jacob was a scholar-athlete every year in every sport, and, in 2004, he was the Wharf-to-Wharf Scholarship Winner.

After high school, Jacob attended Stanford University. At Stanford, he earned NCAA Division I All-American Honors in the Distance Medley Relay, and he ran personal bests of 4:03.35 in the mile and 3:44.10 in the 1500 meters. He graduated from Stanford with a degree in human biology. After working in clinical research for several years, he now works for an e-commerce start-up company in San Francisco.

Jacob was presented into the Hall by his former coach, Dan Gruber.

Jamie McCabe (class of 2004) - Jamie is one of the top shooters in AHS basketball history. As a four-year varsity starter, Jamie scored over 1400 points in her career, and, when she graduated, she was the #1 career scorer and #1 in career 3's. She led the Mariners to the 2001 SCCAL Championship, and her teams qualified for CCS every year, reaching two quarter-finals, one semi-final, and, in 2001, they reached the finals, losing to Archbishop Mitty, the #4 ranked team in the state, 70-55, in the CCS Championship Game. Jamie scored 11 points in that game.

Jamie was a three-year 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County selection, and, in 2004, she was a McDonald's All-American nominee. Her senior year, Jamie averaged 13.8 points and 5 rebounds a game. She was also the 2004 AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year.

From Aptos, Jamie headed east to the University of Hartford, Connecticut, an NCAA D-I program. With Jamie, the Hawks won three America East Conference Championships and played in three NCAA Tournaments. In the 2006 tournament, the Hawks upset the #6 seed Temple 64-58 in the first-round, and, in 2008, they upset the #7 seed Syracuse 59-55 in the first-round. Jamie was a team captain her senior year.

She left Hartford as the #8 career scorer in three-pointers, and her four years at Hartford were the most successful four years in Hartford women's basketball history. The Hawks compiled a record of 102-28 during Jamie's career, and earned a team-best national ranking of #26 in 2008. Jamie graduated from Hartford with a degree in Business, with a focus on Market and Management. Today, Jamie lives in Capitola and works for Plantronics in Product Marketing.

Jamie was presented into the Hall by her former coach, Joseph Smith.

Frank Lynch (coach) - Frank's athletic career began at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale in the early '60's, where he participated in football and track. He went on to Foothill College, where he was a J.C. All-American football player. Frank received a football scholarship to U.C. Berkeley, where he was a two year starter at fullback for the Golden Bears. He also was captain of the Cal track team in 1966.

After graduating from Cal in 1967 with a degree in Kinesiology, he stayed at Cal to coach the undefeated 1968 frosh football team. In 1972, Frank was hired at Aptos as a Resource Specialist and as the head J.V. football coach. The following year, he was promoted to the head varsity coach, a position he held through the 1979 season.

Frank took a program that was 8-30 the previous four years, and he left with a won-loss record of 36-33. He was the SCCAL Coach- of-the-Year in only his second season (1974), and he went on to earn two more SCCAL Coach-of-the-Year honors (1977 and 1978). He is the only Aptos HS football coach to win that honor three times. In 1978, ten years after the school opened, led by quarterback Scott Ramsey and running back Joe Garbini on offense, and on the defensive side by Johnny Clifton, Eric Smith, and Bill Belsey, Frank won our school's first SCCAL football championship, and he led us to our first CCS playoff game.

Frank and his Mariners won the SCCAL championship again in 1979, and then he retired (he also finished second in the SCCAL twice). In addition, he also coached the J.V. softball team for many years, including a 15-1 record in 1975. In 1980 Frank moved on to Cabrillo College, where he coached the offensive line for the Seahawks for 5 years. At Cabrillo, Frank served as the Director of Disabled Student Services for 25 years, and he is also responsible for creating the highly successful Cabrillo Student-Athlete Counseling Program.

Frank is also very proud to have teamed-up with his wife Marcie, and with John and Carol Tietz, in creating the GAL's of Cabrillo College, which has benefited many Aptos softball players. Frank has been married 36 years to Marcie and they have three children, all former students and athletes at Aptos High School , Trent Dilfer, Tegan Lynch Liddiard and Quinn Lynch. Marcie and Frank have eight grandchildren: Madeleine, Tori, Trevin, and Delaney Dilfer, and Mia, Matea, Lyla and Cruz Liddiard.

Frank was presented into the Hall by his wife, Marcie, and two of his children, Quinn and Trent.

1972-73 Boys Basketball Team - Aptos High School opened its doors to 900 students in the fall of 1969. These students came from all across the district, from Aptos Junior High

School, from Rolling Hills Middle School, and even from Watsonville High School. It was a diverse, and disparate, group of students.

Thirteen boys, under the direction of the legendary coach Bill Warmerdam, tried-out for the varsity team in 1969. That team went 10-16 in their inaugural season, but Coach Warmerdam had planted a seed. Within a handful of years, under the direction of Coach Warmerdam, and assisted by the terrific coaching of Ray Tanimoto, Norm Hagen, and Steve Miles, the boys basketball program would put Aptos on the map.

Aptos would become one of the premier basketball schools, not just in the county, but in all of northern California, winning 10 league championships in the span of 14 years and being a regular presence in the CCS playoffs, culminating with a CCS and Nor-Cal Championship in 1986. The '86 Mariners finished with a record of 32-2, they were ranked 6th in the state, and they were named the California Division III Team-of-the-Year. Along the way, Aptos re-wrote the record-book, setting new scoring records locally and state-wide, including most points in a game, most points in a half, and most points in a quarter, and all this before the advent of the 3-point line.

However, someone had to start the dynasty, some team had to be first. That team was the 1972-73 boys basketball team, Warmer's original "Run and Gun" Mariners. Four years after Aptos HS opened, compiling an overall record of 25-5, these boys won our school's very first league championship, in any sport. They ended the drought and started the tradition.

The running and pressing Mariners were led by a pair of lightning-quick guards, point-guard Loren Staley and off-guard John McNulty. Small-forward Kjell Stakkestad led the team and the league in scoring, and he was the MBL MVP. 6'5" Dan Singleton sported a shooter's deft touch in a tall-man's body, and center Chris Keys tenaciously guarded the paint and led the team in rebounds. In addition to Stakkestad, Staley, Singleton, and Keys were all 1st-Team All-League selections. Coming off-the-bench with key contributions were Dan Gruber, Damon Anderson, Eric Stakkestad, Damon Anderson, Wes Taylor, Jeff Hyuck, and Barney Townsend.

These Mariners opened the door. They were the first, the trailblazers, the barrier breakers, and the school rallied around them. Playing in the sauna of Warmerdam Gymnasium, in front capacity crowds, running, pressing, and gunning, these Mariners laid the foundation for Mariner basketball. They steam-rolled the MBL with a 14-1 record, including a CCS record-setting 115 points in a victory over Soquel. They won the MBL Tournament, avenging their only league loss against Alisal in the championship game, and they qualified for the first-time for the CCS playoffs.

In 1973, the CCS playoffs were an elite, single-division tournament, and only the 12 league champions were invited. In the first and second-rounds, these Mariners beat Menlo 77-65 and Palma 79-58, winning the Region IV Championship, and earning a berth into the CCS Final Four at Stanford's Maples Pavilion. In the semi-finals, the

Mariners lost to eventual CCS champion Riordan 80-73, but won the third-place game against pre-tournament favorite Silver Creek in a blow-out.

It was a magical season, a championship season, and, in the process, the 1972-73 Mariner Boys Basketball Team gave the Aptos community an identity. It gave Aptos a team and a school to rally around, to talk about, and to be proud of. It was the start of something big.

The team was presented into the Hall by former Sentinel sports reporter Ed Vyeda, and accepted by Loren Staley.

Class of 2014 Casey O'Brien - Keynote Speaker

Greg Henning (class of 1972) - Greg started swimming competitively at age 9. He swam with the Santa Clara Swim Club for six years. At age 14, Greg was ranked 5th nationally in the 200m butterfly. He was also a member of several record-setting Pacific Association relay teams, and a member of two national record-setting relay teams. For two years, he trained under the legendary Olympic Coach, George Haines.

At Aptos HS, Greg was the MVP of the swim team for three consecutive years (Aptos HS opened in Greg's sophomore year). By his senior year, he held every AHS swimming record but one, and he also held five Monterey Bay League records. Greg was a multiple CCS finalist, and his best CCS finish was a 3rd in the 200 free.

In 1971, Greg also became the first high school swimmer in the county to break 4 minutes in the 400 free.

Greg graduated from Aptos High School in 1972 and attended Cabrillo College. At Cabrillo, Greg was the MVP in both his freshman and sophomore years in swimming and water polo. He is the only Cabrillo athlete to hold both titles in the school's history. In water-polo, Greg was the leading scorer his freshman year and the assist leader his sophomore year. He was a 1st Team All-Coast Conference selection both years, and he was selected to the All Nor-Cal 2nd Team as a sophomore.

In swimming, Greg set eight Cabrillo College swimming records and was All-American in three events.

From Cabrillo, Greg matriculated to San Jose State University on a swimming and water polo scholarship. He placed in every swimming event at the PCAA Championships, and he set school records in the 200 fly and 500 free. In addition, he was a two-year starter in water polo and named to the All-PCAA 2nd team. He also received All-American Honorable Mention as a senior.

After college, in 1976, Greg coached the Aptos HS girls' team to a perfect dual meet season and to the school's first swimming league championship. He also worked as an assistant swimming coach for the Cabrillo Threshers for seven years.

Today, Greg is retired from UPS. He has been married to Denise for 32 years, and they have two adult children, Lindsay and Tanner. Lindsay and Tanner both graduated from Aptos HS, and both were four-year varsity swimmers. His children are both Cal Poly graduates. Lindsay teaches 4th grade in Novato, and Tanner is coaching the Cabrillo Threshers and Aptos HS under Jim Triplett.

Greg was presented into the Hall by his former high school teammates, Paul and Robert Bailey.

Jim Corbeau (class of 1982) - Jim was a two-sport athlete at Aptos HS, starring in both swimming and water-polo. He received several MVP Awards in both sports, earned 1st-Team All-League honors in water-polo, and competed at the varsity level in both sports all four years, earning eight varsity letters.

Jim was the first Aptos swimmer to break the one-minute barrier in the 100 yard breaststroke. He was a multiple SCCAL Champion, a CCS finalist as a junior and senior, and he was a high school All-American. In the summer of 1982, at the end of his senior year, competing for the Santa Cruz Aquatic Team, Jim was the USA Swimming Junior National Champion in the 100 meter breaststroke.

After high school, Jim attended the University of California. At Cal, he was a four-year letterman in swimming, and competed at the NCAA National Championships as a junior and senior.

Jim is also a dual citizen of the US and Holland, and as a result, he swam for the Netherlands National Team from 1983 to 1986. He is a former Dutch national record holder in the 50, 100 and 200 meter breaststroke. Representing the Netherlands, he competed at the European Championships in Rome, Italy in 1983, and in Sofia, Bulgaria in 1985. He was a finalist in the 100 meter breaststroke at the World University Games in Kobe, Japan in 1985, and, in 1986, he was a finalist in the 100 meter breaststroke at the US World Championship Trials.

In 1986, Jim graduated from Cal with a major in Political Science and a minor in Economics. He worked as a graduate assistant for the Cal men's swim team in 1987 and 1988. He then went on to earn his MBA in Financial and International Business from the University of Wisconsin. In 2007, after a 21-year layoff, Jim began competing in masters swimming. He has held several US Masters National and FINA World records, and has been a masters national champion a half-dozen times.

Jim is married to Shannon Hocom, an inaugural member of the Aptos High Sports Hall of Fame, and they have three children – Caspar, Angus and Nicolien – all of whom, no surprise, are swimmers too. They live in Portland, Oregon, where Jim is principal and co-founder of an independent wealth management firm.

Jim was presented into the Hall by his wife, Shannon.

Angela Anderson (class of 1997) - Angela was a tremendous three-sport athlete. She was a four-year starter for the varsity soccer team, a four-year varsity track & field athlete, and played varsity tennis her sophomore year. In all, Angela earned 9 varsity letters.

In tennis, Angela made the varsity team as a sophomore after picking-up the sport during the summer of her freshman year. Angela's doubles team qualified for the CCS playoffs, where she helped Aptos sweep the doubles competition in the first-round. She subsequently retired from tennis to play soccer year round.

In soccer, Angela was a 1997 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection, and was the All-County Most Valuable Defender both her junior and senior year. However, it was in track & field where Angela really excelled.

After earning the Outstanding Frosh and Outstanding Sophomore awards in 1994 and 1995, Angela went on to win two consecutive team MVP Awards in 1996 and 1997. Angela won 5 SCCAL individual championships, including winning the triple jump three consecutive years. She also led the Mariners to two SCCAL team championships, and to a 7th place finish in CCS in 1997. By the end of her sophomore year, Angela ranked in the AHS All-Time Top 5 in three events, the 400 meters, long jump, and triple jump.

She also was a four-time CCS qualifier and a CCS medalist. In her senior year, in addition to setting the school record in the triple jump (36'7"), she finished 3rd in CCS and qualified for the CIF State Track & Field Championships in Sacramento. At the State Meet, Angela did not place in the top nine to make finals. She scratched twice and, holding back on her third and final try, ended-up jumping 36'6", just shy of her personal record. She was disappointed, but still felt good about her performance.

Angela attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she made the track & field team, but stopped in order to focus on her studies. Angela graduated with a BS in Biology, and also holds a Masters in Science and Business Administration from San Francisco State University. Today, Angela works in Silicon Valley for a bio-tech start-up and resides in San Francisco. She continues to remain active, participating in sprint triathlons, 5ks, Urbanathlons, and Tough Mudders. Yoga, cycling, and running are also part of her routine committed to an active and healthy lifestyle.

Angela was presented into the Hall by her former jump coach, James Parker.

Jason Horner (class of 1998) - From an early age, Jason had an intense and competitive spirit that drove him to constantly improve and to conquer every challenge. That intense drive saw him seeking victory in every competition throughout his childhood, from interstate soccer tournaments to family croquet games.

His athleticism landed him on four varsity squads at Aptos High School, cross-country, water-polo, soccer, and tennis. He lettered in cross-country as a freshman and finished as the second fastest Aptos runner in CCS that year. As a sophomore, Jason switched sports from cross-country to water-polo and became a three-time team captain, two-time team MVP, and the 1997 SCCAL Goalie-of-the Year. In tennis, Jason was a team captain and team MVP, and finished with a record of 40-0 in SCCAL singles play for his entire high school career. He also helped the tennis team to win three SCCAL team championships.

In soccer, Jason played all four years on the varsity soccer team. He was a two-time captain, a two-time team MVP, and a two-time 1st Team All-SCCAL selection. Jason was a Scholar-Athlete every year in every sport, and he earned 12 varsity letters. Jason is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Soccer Team.

In addition to his high school sports, Jason also competed in club soccer. His club team, Chivas USA, won four consecutive Nor-Cal Championships, and finished in second twice in the Western Region Finals to the eventual national champion.

After high school, Jason played for the Cabrillo men's soccer team for two years, and he was a two-time All-Coast Conference 1st Team selection. He was also a team captain and team MVP. His sophomore year, he was the Coast Conference Goalie-of-the-Year AND the leading goal scorer on the Cabrillo team. At games, Jason would generally play the first 75 minutes in goal, and then finish the last 15 minutes of the game as a striker.

From Cabrillo, Jason transferred to San Jose State University, where he helped the soccer team to a 20-1-1 record and #1 national NCAA Division I ranking during the 2000-2001 season.

After graduating from San Jose State with a B.S. in Business Administration, Jason continued to play soccer for dozens of elite outdoor and indoor teams, winning tournaments from Sacramento to Las Vegas. In 2010, Jason moved to Gold Coast, Australia, and made the NPL Broadbeach United Soccer Club. He became a starter on the Premier team and helped them win "The Double", winning both the League Championship as well as the Grand Final Championship.

In September, with coach and Athletic Director Mark Dorfman acting as their officiant, Jason married Dr. Jenni Jaeger, herself an accomplished AHS athlete. Today, Jason works as a Business Analyst for NetApp Inc. in Sunnyvale, and is looking forward to starting a family and teaching his children the same virtues that made him a hall of famer and champion at life.

Jason was presented into the Hall by his sister, Kelli.

Stephie Ziglar (class of 2002) - Stephie Ziglar is the most decorated high school cheerleader to come out of Santa Cruz County. She was a varsity cheerleader at Aptos HS

for all four years, and she was selected to the National Cheerleading Association All-American Team for all four years.

Travelling to regional competitions in San Jose, Clovis, Napa, and other cities, the Aptos HS cheerleaders were one of the most successful squads of its time, winning competition after competition. During her junior and senior years, competing against schools from throughout the state, Steph led the Mariners to two consecutive USA Nor-Cal Championships and two consecutive NCA State Championships. In addition, Steph led the Mariner cheerleaders to four consecutive Top 15 finishes at the National Championships, held in Orlando, Florida, in Dallas, Texas, and in LA. No other county high school has ever won a single state championship or ever placed in the Top 15 at Nationals. Steph's picture was even featured on the cover of the cheerleading program at her last Nationals in LA.

Her exceptional skills earned Stephie a full cheerleading scholarship to Fresno State University, where she cheered in sold-out stadiums at Oregon and BYU and UNLV and New Mexico, to name just a few. However, after her third ankle surgery, Stephie had to give-up cheerleading.

Stephie was a Scholar-Athlete every season and every year at Aptos, and in 2002, the US Army selected Stephie as the Aptos HS Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Today, Stephie is a pediatric ICU nurse for Kaiser Hospital in Roseville. She is married to Chris, a Placer County Deputy, and they have three children, Makenzie, Jake, and Luke.

Stephie was presented into the Hall by her parents, Karen and Bob.

Robert Oberst (class of 2003) - Robert Oberst (Obie to his teammates and coaches) is the most honored lineman to ever play for Aptos football. He was a two-time All-SCCAL and All-County 1st Team selection, and in 2002 he was selected to the All-CCS and All-State teams.

He was a crushing and lightning-fast 300 lb. center who anchored a bruising offensive line that led the SCCAL in rushing yards for two years. On film, you would usually find Robert pancaking two, and oftentimes three, defenders on one play. Robert was also well known for his genial and generous disposition. In practice or in a game, after a pancake, Robert would invariably help the defender to his feet, pat him on the back, and come back to the huddle with a huge grin. Robert's smiles were as ever-present as his dominance. Robert's varsity teams went a combined 14-7, and in 2002, they lost a heartbreaker in the final seconds in the CCS quarter-finals to the eventual CCS champion Menlo Atherton HS 31-27.

Robert also participated in track & field for two years. He was the 2003 SCCAL Champion in the shot-put and set the school record (53'3") while leading his team to two consecutive SCCAL team championships.

Robert was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Football Team.

After high school, Robert attended Cabrillo College, where he was a two-time 1st Team All-Coast Conference selection and team MVP. Robert matriculated to Western Oregon University, where he started every game. Today, Robert competes in The World's Strongest Man competitions, and last year, in Sanya, China, Robert placed 9th at the World Championships, the highest finish ever by a rookie. In addition, Robert broke the American record in the overhead log lift, hoisting an incredible 460 pounds over his head.

Robert married Kristin in 2012, and they live in Hanford, where Robert trains and prepares for the 2014 World's Strongest Man World Championships.

Robert was presented into the Hall by his former coach, Mark Dorfman.

Claire Linney (class of 2005) - Claire was a two-sport athlete at Aptos HS, earning seven varsity letters, four in swimming and three in water polo.

In swimming, Claire was a four-year varsity swimmer, and led the Mariners to the SCCAL team championship her senior year. Claire was a versatile swimmer, accomplished in many events, and a top-three finisher every year in all of her events at the SCCAL Finals. She was also a member of four championship 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams. In addition to the relays, Claire was a CCS qualifier every year in the 200 individual medley, the 100 butterfly, and the 100 breaststroke.

However, it was water-polo where Claire really excelled. Playing water-polo for the first-time as a frosh, Claire was the MVP of the JV team, and then her career took-off. She was a two-time varsity team captain, two-time team MVP, three-year All-SCCAL selection, the SCCAL Junior-of-the-Year in 2003, and a two-time All-CCS selection. She led the Mariners to two consecutive 2nd place finishes in SCCAL play (the best back-to-back years in school history at the time), and to our very first CCS playoff game in school history (we lost to Menlo 7-4).

Claire was a force to be reckoned with. After one SCCAL tournament game, Santa Cruz Coach Mark Townsend was quoted in the Sentinel, "We designed our whole defense to stop her (Claire), and she still got seven." Claire had similar success outside of school, she was a two-time member of the USA Water-Polo Pacific Zone Team, and a three-time participant in the National Junior Olympics. Claire was also a Scholar-Athlete all four years, and she was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Water-Polo Team.

After graduating, Claire attended Santa Clara University, where she continued to play water-polo. The Broncos were nationally ranked in the Top 20 all four years and compiled an overall 83-25 record. Claire was a three-year starter, and, as a senior, she was the team MVP, a member of the All-Conference team, and helped Santa Clara to a second-place finish in the WWPAA, their highest conference finish ever. Claire finished her career in the top ten for steals and ejections earned. She was also the 2009 recipient of

the coveted DJ Frandson Award, given annually to the athlete who demonstrates courage, perseverance, and spirit overcoming adversity, and who serves as a role model of hope and inspiration for others.

Claire graduated from Santa Clara in 2009 with a major in Sociology and a minor in Business. Today, Claire is the Librarian and Athletic Director at San Benancio Middle School in Salinas. Claire is also the head boys' water-polo coach at Salinas HS, where she has earned two Coach-of-the-Year honors. She is also an assistant coach for CSU Monterey Bay's women's water-polo team, and she is the head coach of the Otter Bay Water-Polo Foundation.

Claire was presented into the Hall by her brother, Jake.

Bill Garrison (coach) - Bill graduated from Chico State in 1979 with a degree in Kinesiology and immediately embarked on a nomadic football coaching career. He started at Live Oak HS in northern California (near Chico), he then moved down to Alemany High School in southern California (where he fortuitously met his future wife Mary). He travelled further south to Calabasas HS (near Santa Monica), and then further south again to St Paul HS (near Anaheim).

In 1984, he and Mary got married and they traversed back north to Fairfield High School. In 1988, Bill and Mary moved again, this time to Shell Beach, CA, where Bill served as a defensive assistant at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, working under legendary head coach Lyle Setencich. Bill's first head coaching opportunity came in 1989 at St Francis High School in La Canada. Bill coached the Golden Knights for two years, leading them to their first playoff berth in a generation, before being hired by Aptos High School in 1991.

For the next 15 years, Bill served as a P.E. instructor and our head football coach. In his first season, Bill inherited an experienced, talented, and well-prepared team led by future Hall of Famers Mike Allshouse and Gavino Mosqueda, and the '91 Mariners won the SCCAL Championship. They also won the school's first-ever CCS playoff game, and earned the school's first berth in the CCS Championship Game. Bill's teams went on to win two more SCCAL Championships (2003 & 2004) and make 7 CCS playoff appearances.

In 2003, he guided the Mariners to our school's first CCS Football Championship, beating Hollister HS 26-12 in the championship game. In 2003, Bill was also selected as both the SCCAL Coach-of-the-Year and the CCS Coach-of-the-Year (he was also the SCCAL Coach-of-the-Year in 2004).

In 2006, Bill moved to Cabrillo College, where he coached the defensive secondary for the Seahawks. In 2007, Bill became Cabrillo's 6th head football coach. Bill left the Mariners as the longest-tenured and winningest football coach in school history. In his subsequent 7 years at Cabrillo, the Seahawks have won 2 Coast Conference Championships (2007 & 2012) and the 2007 Capital Shrine Bowl. Bill was also honored

as the 2007 Coast Conference Coach-of-the-Year.

Bill has been married for 30 years to Mary, an Oncology Nurse at Dominican Hospital. Their daughter Kendra is a senior at Aptos High School, and will attend the University of Nevada, Reno in the fall.

Bill was presented into the Hall by his wife, Mary.

2003 Football Team - After suffering a heartbreaking 31-27 last-second loss in the 2002 CCS playoffs to Menlo Atherton, the 2003 Football Team was determined to not repeat history. Plus, the seniors had added incentive. This would have been Travis Doherty's senior season. Travis, their teammate and close friend, was lost in a snowboarding accident two years earlier, and the seniors dedicated their senior season to him.

The 2003 Mariners battled to a 9-1 regular season record, losing only a non-league contest to Castro Valley High School. The team was a perfect 6-0 in SCCAL play, closing-out the last two games of the season with important wins over SLV 14-8, and over Santa Cruz 12-6. It was our first win over SLV, the defending league and CCS champion, in ten years.

Looking to avenge last year's bitter playoff loss, Aptos opened the CCS playoffs on Friday night at home against last year's 1st-round opponent Menlo Atherton, who won the CCS D-II championship in 2002. The Mariners, on a 10 yard pass from Brian Van Meter to Drew Capurro, scored first. However, Menlo Atherton did not give up. They tied the game a 7, and again at 14. Nevertheless, behind a stalwart defense led by linebackers Kyle Theriot and Wells Woodward, and a defensive line anchored by Jeremy Hinton, the Mariners beat the Bears 20-14. Nick Polizzi scored on a late 3 yard run, and a crucial 4th down pass break-up by Jon Bell with just seconds remaining preserved the victory.

In Round 2 of the playoffs, before a sold-out Saturday night crowd at Cabrillo College, the Mariners faced a stiffer challenge in the North Salinas Vikings and their All-Everything and Duke-bound running back Ronnie Drummer. Drummer ran the opening kick-off back 85 yards for a touchdown, and scored again on a 51 yard run later in the quarter. At the end of the 1st, the Vikings led 21-0. Drummer would score again in the 2nd on a 27 yard pass reception.

However, behind the steady leadership of quarterback Bryan Van Meter and some key runs by Nick Polizzi and Alex Carillo, the Mariners staged a comeback. Down 35-21 in the 4th, Van Meter tossed a 71 yard TD pass to his brother Jeff. The defense held on the next series, and Van Meter led the Mariners to the Viking 25 yard-line before the drive stalled. Neal Wilden kicked a 42 yard field goal (the longest in Mariner post-season history) to bring Aptos within four, 35-31.

The defense held again, and with the clock winding down, Van Meter marched the offense to the Viking 18 yard line. There, on 4th down, he connected with his brother Jeff

in the back corner of the endzone for an 18 yard touchdown. Wilden's PAT was good. Final score – Aptos 38, North Salinas 35.

In the CCS Finals, on Friday night at San Jose City College, the Mariners faced perennial powerhouse Hollister High School, the TCAL runner-up behind Palma. Andrew Ortega took the opening kick-off back 85 yards for a touchdown, and the Mariners led 19-12 at half. The punishing Mariner defense did not allow another point. Ortega intercepted two Haybaler passes and would score again on a 15 yard pass from Van Meter. Behind the running game of Ortega, Cliff Nelson, and David Farmer, the throw-and-catch combination of Van Meter to Van Meter, and a 25 yard touchdown pass from Van Meter to Chris Humphreys, the Mariners beat Hollister 26-12.

Under the direction of head coach Bill Garrison, the 2003 Mariners completed a 12-1 record, the best in school history, and won our school's first CCS football championship. They broke or tied fifteen school records, finished 4th in the San Jose Mercury News Top 15 (behind Palma, Saint Francis, and Valley Christian), and were ranked 25th in the state by Cal-Hi Sports. Eight players earned 1st Team All-SCCAL honors (Nick Carlin, Jeremy Hinton, Kevin Hurley, Bryan Van Meter, Jeff Van Meter, Andrew Ortega, Neal Wilden, and Wells Woodward), and Andrew Ortega was selected to the All-State team.

The team was presented into the Hall by assistant coach Bob Rawles, and accepted by Bryan Van Meter.

Class of 2016 Tyler LaTorre - Keynote Speaker

Tim Pedemonte (class of 1980) - Tim Pedemonte is a fourth generation Santa Cruz County native. He was born here, raised here, and still lives here. Growing up in Aptos was an amazing experience. Back in the 60's & 70's, Aptos was a tiny beach town with a small population, and everyone who lived here knew everyone else. The community was tightly connected and amazingly supportive, and for Tim it still is today.

Tim graduated from Aptos HS in 1980. He participated in football and wrestling, and he even dabbled in track & field, but football was his most favorite sport. Tim played fullback and nose tackle, and he started both ways all four years. In four years, he never missed a game, and in his final two years, he helped the Mariners win our school's first two SCCAL Football Championships.

Tim was selected as the team's Most Valuable Defensive Player after his freshman, sophomore, and senior seasons. His senior year, Tim was selected 1st Team All-League and All-County on both offense and defense, and he was the SCCAL Defensive Player of the Year. He was also selected 1st Team All CCS. In addition, Tim was selected to the 1st Team Santa Cruz Sentinel 50th Anniversary Team, and he was selected to both the AHS Silver Anniversary Football Team and the AHS Golden Anniversary Team.

After graduating from Aptos, Tim attended Cabrillo College, where he played football for Hall of Fame Coach Joe Marvin. He started at fullback for the Seahawks his freshman year, and at defensive end his sophomore year. After his sophomore season, Tim was a 1st Team All-Coast Conference selection at defensive end. Tim matriculated from Cabrillo to Humboldt State University, where he started two years for the Lumberjacks at defensive end. Tim graduated with a degree in Natural Resource Management, and it was also at Humboldt where he developed his passion and skills in fly fishing!!!

Tim returned to Aptos in 1984. He worked in the moving business for nine years with his Mariner football teammate Mike Riedeman at California Moving Service. In 1989, Tim became a volunteer firefighter for the Freedom Fire District, and he also worked as an EMT for Watsonville Community Hospital. Shortly thereafter, Tim graduated from Paramedic Training and was hired as a professional firefighter/paramedic for the Pajaro Valley Fire District. In 1996, Tim went to work for the City of Watsonville Fire Department. In 1998, he transferred to the City of San Jose Fire Department, where he has worked ever since. In San Jose, Tim has served on several of the Top 10 busiest engine companies in the United States. Tim was promoted to the rank of Fire Captain in 2011. Throughout his career in the fire service, Tim has always chosen to work on engine companies in communities where life can be difficult, serving the less fortunate and those in need. He strongly believes that this is what serving is truly about.

Through all this, Tim has raised four wonderful children, his two beautiful daughters Sydnie & Rachel, and his amazing step-children Stephen and Nicole. Of course, he could not have done any of this without the love, dedication and support of his best friend and one true love, his wife Cheri. "You are all always there for me."

Aptos High has been an important influence for Tim and his entire family. Tim's two sisters, Robin & Holly, his brother Kevin, his five nieces and nephews (the Brownfields and Rogers), and his two daughters, Sydnie & Rachel, are all past or present Aptos Mariners. "Thank you Aptos High Coaches, Faculty and Staff, your dedication and service to my family and our community has made us who we are today. GO MARINERS!!!"

Tim was presented into the Hall by Assistant Fire Marshall and Battalion Chief Javier G. Valle.

Scott Ramsey (class of 1980) - Scott Ramsey earned four varsity letters at Aptos High, two in football and two in baseball. He was also a two-time 1st Team All-League and All-County selection in football, and a two-time 1st Team All-League and All-County selection in baseball.

In football, Scott was a quarterback, and in 1978 and 1979, he quarterbacked the Mariners to the first two SCCAL football championships in AHS history and to our first-ever CCS playoff berth. He led the SCCAL in passing yards and TD's. In addition, when Scott graduated, he was in the Top 3 in every category for passing records at AHS,

for game, season, and career, and for over thirty years he held the school record for highest completion rate in a season (69%).

Scott was a pitcher in baseball, and, similar to football, in 1980, he led the Mariners to our very first SCCAL baseball championship. Scott compiled a two-year record of 17-6 with an ERA under 2.00, and in 1980, he threw the school's first no-hitter. In 1980, in our first trip to the CCS playoffs, the Mariners went 3-1. They lost to Terra Nova 6-0 in the Semi-Finals, but Scott pitched two wins, 6-2 over Hollister and 5-3 over Homestead. Terra Nova went on to win CCS that year, beating Peterson 9-5.

Scott was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Team in baseball.

After graduating, Scott attended San Francisco State University, where he continued to pitch for one more year. Shortly thereafter, Scott followed his calling into full-time ministry, attending and graduating from the Salvation Army School for Officer Training.

Scott has been in the ministry for the past thirty-three years, twenty-two with the Salvation Army. Scott is also a certified high school official, and he has been officiating football, basketball, baseball, and softball for the past twelve years. He is one of the top officials in Washington, and he has been selected several times to officiate the state playoffs. He has been married to Cherilee for 32 years. They have four children, Megan, Daniel, Emily, and Rebecca, and two grandchildren, Timothy and Caleb.

Scott was presented into the Hall by his brother, Tom Ramsey.

Tyler Fox (class of 2000) - Shhh, don't tell anyone, but Tyler Fox is a mountain baby. He was born on June 9, 1991, at Lake Tahoe. However, his parents moved to Aptos when he was three, and he became the classic California beach kid. Tyler loved the sand and loved the ocean, and at age twelve, his dad took him to local legend Richard Schmidt for his first surf lesson. He was hooked.

After those early lessons, Tyler started surfing in amateur competitions up and down the coast, from Pismo Beach to Huntington Beach to San Diego. He was a natural, eventually earning a number 2 national ranking by the USSF (the United States Surfing Federation). At Aptos HS, surfing breaks at Pleasure Point and Steamer Lane, Tyler led the AHS Surf Team for four years. He won many local high school events, and in 2000, the AHS Surf Team placed 3rd at the State Championships in Oceanside. That is the highest any Aptos High surf team has ever placed at state.

Upon graduation in 2000, Tyler traveled abroad to Australia, Europe, and Japan to test his skills against the very best on the World Qualifying Series. He earned a ranking as high as 120 on the circuit, but he realized soon that his passion was big wave surfing.

Since switching his focus to big wave surfing, Tyler has surfed iconic big wave breaks at Jaws in Maui, Punta de Lobos in Chile, Nelscott Reef in Oregon, Pico Alto in Peru, and

Hossegor in France, to name just a few. In 2006, riding a monster wave measured 63 feet at Ghost Trees off Pebble Beach, Tyler was nominated for his first Billabong XXL Award for Biggest Wave. In 2008, he was nominated again for a 70 footer that he also rode at Ghost Trees.

In 2014, Tyler cemented his reputation as one of the best goofy-footed big wave surfers in the world with a 4th place finish at Mavericks. And this past February, he finished fourth again.

Tyler is also the founder and CEO of *Santa Cruz Waves*, a print and online media outlet serving Santa Cruz County and beyond. *Santa Cruz Waves* is an expanding voice for environmental, social, and surfing news and hot topics. In addition, Tyler serves as an Ambassador for the Save the Waves Coalition.

Tyler's goals are as big as the waves he surfs. He plans to continue to surf monster waves around the world, and he hopes to bring the prestigious title of Mavericks Champion home to Aptos. You can follow his adventures on Instagram at [zorro_del_mar](#), or you can grab a copy of his publication *Santa Cruz Waves*.

Tyler was presented into the Hall by his good friend, Chris Curtis.

Cody Townsend (class of 2001) - Despite growing-up along the sandy beaches of Aptos, Cody Townsend has become one of the most influential and recognizable big mountain skiers of our time. From skiing a line in Alaska that many consider "the greatest ski line of all time" to starring in more than twenty ski films, Cody has translated a love for the mountains into a career that has shaped the sport of big mountain skiing. In 2014, Cody won a remarkable five separate film festival awards for his ski segment "Days of My Youth". At the Powder Video Awards, he won Male Performance of the Year, Best Line, and Full Throttle, and at the IF3 Film Festival, he won Best Freeride and Best Single Shot.

The mountains were four hours away from Aptos, but that did not hinder Cody's love for snow and skiing. His parents, Jamie and Peggy, are outdoor enthusiasts, and, as a young boy, they would drive Cody to the snowy steeps of Squaw Valley every weekend.

Cody was a quarterback for the Mariners, playing football all four years and earning All-County recognition in 2000, but his family's obsession with the mountains would become the biggest influence in Cody's life. Because his dad coached football, because Cody played football, and because they lived 200 miles from Squaw Valley, Cody could only ski about sixty days a year, but Cody found his passion. Starting off in alpine ski racing, Cody quickly rose through the ranks of the national and international youth circuits. He trained with the development teams of the US Ski Team, he skied in the Nor-Am Cup, the highest youth racing circuit in North America, and in 1999 he won a Junior Olympic title in the downhill.

When Cody graduated from Aptos HS, he decided to attend Cabrillo College because he could live at home and take the second semester off each year to focus on skiing, which soon became a focus on big mountain skiing. He graduated from Cabrillo and attended UC Santa Cruz because it offered the same affordable rent and flexibility. After Cody graduated from UCSC in 2007, with Department Honors and Cum Laude status in Linguistics, he finally moved to Lake Tahoe full-time.

Cody immediately got on the big mountain radar by winning the Freeride World Tour at Mammoth Mountain in 2008 and, subsequently, the Swatch Big Mountain Pro in 2010. In 2012, he won the Swatch Skier's Cup, where he was also the team captain, and he won it again in 2014. In 2010, he also garnered his first role in a major ski film, and he has been featured in many internationally acclaimed film productions ever since.

In 2014, Cody became one of the most recognizable skiers in the world by skiing a line dubbed "The Crack". This line has received more than 10 million views on-line, and was seen by over 53 million people thanks to *The Today Show*, *Sportscenter*, *CNN News*, *Good Morning America*, and more. After sweeping the ski world's awards in 2014, Cody has decided to produce his own ski films.

Cody has skied big mountains all over the world. From Russia to the United States, Canada to Chile, Japan to Switzerland to France and more, Cody has skied big mountains on four different continents. However, his favorite mountains are in Alaska. Alaska is to big mountain skiing what the Pipeline is to surfing, it's the mecca of big mountain skiing, and he has skied those mammoth peaks over a dozen times (and, unsurprisingly, it's where "The Crack" is).

Today, Cody lives with his wife, Elyse, who is also a professional skier, in Tahoe City, and they are planning their next ski runs.

Cody was presented into the Hall by his father, Jamie Townsend.

Cristin Murphy (class of 2003) - Cristin Murphy, usually referred to by her teammates as "Murph", was a four-year starter on the varsity soccer team. She was a three-time 1st Team All-League selection, and finished in the Top 5 in scoring and assists every year. In her senior season, Murph was named the SCCAL Forward-of-the-Year, scoring 13 goals and 8 assists. In four years, Murph scored over 40 goals and had over 30 assists.

Murph led the Mariners to three-straight CCS playoff berths, including 2001, where we lost 1-0 to Santa Teresa in the CCS Division I Championship Game. In 2003, we lost in the CCS semi-finals to eventual CCS Division I Champion St. Francis of Mtn. View. Murph led the Mariners to an overall 4-3 record in CCS. Cristin was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Soccer Team.

After graduating from Aptos in 2003, Murph played two seasons for Cabrillo College. In her first year, she led the Seahawks to a Coast Conference Championship and a #4 National Ranking. As the sophomore captain of her team, she tallied 14 goals and 14

assists, which ranked her 12th in the state, and earned her NSCASA/Adidas Junior College All Far-West Regional Honors. She was also named the MVP of the Coast Conference.

In 2005, Murph matriculated to San Jose State University, where she played her final 2 years as a Spartan. As one of the captains of the team her senior year, she led the Spartans and the WAC Conference with 7 assists. She finished her collegiate career earning both 2nd Team All-WAC Conference honors, and 1st Team All-WAC Tournament honors.

After college, Murph played for the Blues, a local semi-pro women's soccer team in Monterey. Once the season ended, she started coaching in her hometown community of Aptos for the Santa Cruz Breakers Soccer Club. Coaching competitive youth soccer allowed her to pass along her knowledge of the game, as well as inspire young players to be passionate about the sport of soccer.

Not long after, Cristin married Tyler French, her high school sweetheart, and started a family. She is now the proud mother of 3 young children, her son Parker (5), and her two daughters Cameryn (3) and Gracie (1). Though, she doesn't get to play as much soccer as she used to, she still finds time in her busy schedule to compete in local adult leagues. Someday, she hopes her children might too share the love of the game and grow up playing in the same community she feels so blessed to still be a part of.

Cristin was presented into the Hall by her coach, Ashley Edgar.

Eddie Olson (class of 2005) - As a youngster, Eddie Olson shocked his mother when he quit baseball after a Little League loss and decided to focus on golf. Nevertheless, even though Eddie quit her favorite sport, his mom, Marlene Olson, a single mother, encouraged him to chase his dreams.

"I always had dreams of Eddie becoming a professional baseball player," Marlene said. "He spent his entire youth at the Little League field, but when he quit, he started staying home a lot. He was driving me crazy, so I encouraged him to go to the golf course."

Eddie became a fixture at the Seascape Golf Course. The members soon embraced the little kid who lived off the 15th hole. After school, on the weekends, and during the summer, he spent every day at the golf course, perfecting every shot, pretending he was playing for PGA championships. He soon began playing in junior tournaments, and he eventually became one of the top five junior golfers in the country. In 2003, he won the Future Collegiate World Tour National Championship in Miami and he was named the FCWT Player-of-the-Year.

In high school, Eddie had solid frosh and sophomore years, winning the SCCAL individual championship as a sophomore, and he established himself as one of the top high school golfers in California. He was a four-time CCS qualifier, and he soared during

his junior year. Qualifying for the 2004 Nor-Cals out of CCS, at the Silver Creek Country Club in Ripon, Eddie won the Nor-Cal Championship with a blistering 66. This earned him a spot in the CIF State Championship.

On Monday, June 7, Eddie and his coaches drove down to Santa Maria. The state championship was on Tuesday, June 8. Eddie, the Northern California Champion, was paired with the Southern California Champion, Rikki Fowler (who is currently ranked #5 in the world). Eddie got off to a slow start and knew that he'd have to make a late run to have a chance to win. With six holes remaining, Eddie was even par, but on 13, he finally made a birdie to get him one under. With three holes to go, Eddie was two under, but still trailing. Eddie stepped-up to 16, a 176 yard par 3, and knocked the ball in for a hole-in-one! Eddie finished the round at -4 and became the first, and only, golfer from Aptos HS or Santa Cruz County to win the State Championship. The San Jose Mercury News named Eddie the Golfer-of-the-Year. In addition, Eddie was also selected to the CIF All-Century Team. He is also one of 10 members of the AHS Golden Anniversary Golf Team.

Eddie did not repeat as state champ his senior year, but he again led the Mariners to the 2005 team championship, their third title in his four years. In 2005, Eddie also won the Northern California Golf Association Match Play Championship at Spyglass Hill. In addition, he won the Santa Cruz City Amateur, and he holds the course record at Seascape with a magical 59.

Eddie had scholarship offers from many of the top universities in the country, but he selected the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Eddie won two college tournaments and became the UNLV's #1 golfer. He also made the cut at two US Public Links and four US Amateurs, including the 2007 US Amateur at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, where he was a quarter-finalist. At the Olympic Club, Eddie hit an approach shot from the deep rough on the uphill 2nd that landed one inch from the hole. An elderly man came up to Eddie, explained that he'd been playing and watching golf for more than sixty years, and said that was the best golf shot he'd ever seen.

After receiving his degree in Hospitality Management from UNLV in 2010, Eddie became a professional golfer. He's had disappointments and successes, but he's still playing and has not given-up on his dream of playing on the PGA tour.

Eddie is one of only ten golfers recognized on the AHS Golden Anniversary Golf Team.

Eddie was presented into the Hall by coach Larry Hebert.

Kiersten Sambrailo (class of 2007) - Kiersten earned seven varsity letters, four 1st Team All-SCCAL selections, and two league MVP Awards. She was the 2007 Aptos High School Female Athlete-of-the-Year, and she was also selected as the 2007 SC Sentinel Santa Cruz County Female Athlete-of-the-Year. She is also a member of two AHS Golden Anniversary Teams, both volleyball and basketball.

Kiersten was a four-year starter in basketball. Playing for three different head coaches in four years, she was the anchor of the program. She was a post-player with point-guard skills, bringing the ball up the court against the press and raining threes on shorter opponents. She had a soft touch, great court vision, and was a dominating presence in the paint. Kiersten was one of the top scorers, top rebounders, and top assist leaders in the SCCAL every year, and she is the all-time leading rebounder in AHS history, and #5 in career scoring. She led us to the CCS playoffs every year, three quarter-final appearances and one semi-final. She was a two-time team MVP, a two-time 1st-Team All-League selection, and the team captain her senior year.

However, it was in volleyball where Kiersten really dominated. She was a three-year starter at middle blocker, a two-time SCCAL MVP, and she led the Mariners to three consecutive SCCAL Championships. The Mariners qualified for CCS every year, making two semi-finals appearances, and Kiersten was a two-time All-CCS selection. She was a *force majeure* in the middle, blocking shots and hitting quick sets as few middles ever have in the SCCAL before or since. She was fast, she was explosive, and she could jump out of the gym. She was also a two-time team captain. In addition, her Main Beach club team qualified for the Junior Olympics every year, and in 2006, Kiersten was selected to the Junior Olympics All-Tournament Team.

In 2007, Kiersten accepted a full-ride scholarship to Oregon State University. She played volleyball for the Beavers all four years, starting her last two years. In her junior year, she was one of the PAC 10 leaders in blocks per set, and she was selected as team captain her senior year. She was named to the PAC 10 All-Academic Team for three years, won several team honors, and led the Beavers to several Top 25 national rankings. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from OSU in 2011 with a degree in Marketing.

Kiersten was presented into the Hall by her Oregon State coach, Mark Barnard.

Stephanie LeFever (class of 2007) - Stephanie is the most decorated Aptos High track & field “field athlete” and hurdler of all-time. She won eleven SCCAL individual championships, including the 100 meter hurdles four years in a row. She owns nine school records (five individual and four relay). She was an eight-time CCS medalist, more than any other AHS athlete, and a four-time state-meet qualifier. She was the team MVP in 2006 and 2007, she was a team captain in 2007, and she won the Bob Enzweiler Award in 2006 and 2007 for scoring the most points at the SCCAL Championships.

She led the Mariners to four consecutive SCCAL Team Championships and to an undefeated dual meet streak of 32-0 over four years. In the CCS Championships, competing against 130 other schools in a single division, she led the Mariners to three-consecutive Top 10 finishes (including two 4th place finishes), and in 2007, she earned more CCS medals and points individually than any other entire SCCAL track & field team.

Her events in high school included the long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, 100 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles, 400 meter hurdles, 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters, 4 x 100 meter relay, and the 4 x 400 meter relay. She did it all, and she did it all incredibly well.

Excelling in her versatility, it should come as no surprise that, following her sister Donna, Stephanie joined the track & field team at U.C. San Diego, where she would set school records, and earn All-American Honors in the heptathlon. At UCSD, Steph set two school records (long jump and heptathlon), won seven CCAA Conference Championships, and was a five-time All-American. In 2010, Steph was second in the nation in the long jump and heptathlon at the Division 2 National Championships. She was named an MVP of UCSD track & field every year, and in 2010, she was named the Most Valuable Field Athlete at the CCAA Conference Championships for, again, scoring more points than any other athlete.

After graduating from UCSD in 2011 with a degree in Political Science, Steph continued to compete. In 2012, she was ranked 14th in the nation in the long jump, and her mark of 21'3" qualified her for the US Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon. Unfortunately, injuries derailed her dream of competing in the Olympics.

Steph was also an accomplished volleyball player at Aptos. She was a two-year starter at right-side hitter and helped the Mariners go undefeated in the SCCAL for two seasons, earning two SCCAL championships.

Steph grew-up in Seacliff Beach with her two sisters, Donna and Sarah, and her parents Veronica and Chad. Today, she lives in Santa Cruz with her sister Sarah, and she works at The Bay School, where she teaches children with autism. She continues to stay active, playing on several basketball and softball teams, and training regularly at Crossfit.

Stephanie was presented into the Hall by her UCSD coach, Darcy Ahner.

Bob Wallace (coach) - Bob Wallace was blessed to be raised by wonderful parents in San Bruno, California. He attended Crestmoor High School, where he is still considered their best tennis player of all-time. He was a four-year varsity player, team captain, and team MVP. He matriculated to Canada College in Redwood City in 1976, where he led the Colts to the California Junior College State Championship. On their championship journey, they beat UC Berkeley, and lost to Stanford by the narrowest of margins 5-4. Canada College and his Canada coach, Rich Anderson, played pivotal roles in Bob's maturation. The Canada team had players from all over the world, and Coach Anderson worked hard to meld all the different cultures and all the different personalities into one dynamic.

After graduating from Canada, Bob moved-on to Westmont College in Santa Barbara, where he played #1 Singles, served as Team Captain, and was selected as the team MVP. Bob graduated from Westmont in 1980 with a degree in Physical Education. He met his

wife Lisa at Westmont, and has been married to her for 36 years. They have three lovely daughters, Katie, Lauren and Emily, all of whom were Aptos Mariner athletes. He has been a teacher, athletic director, and coach at Aptos Junior High School for 33 years, and he still considers it a great joy and privilege to do so.

Bob coached the Boys' Varsity Tennis Team at Aptos High School from 1985 to 1998, and he loved every minute of it. Bob took over a strong program from Jamie Townsend, and he turned it into a perennial powerhouse. His teams contended for the SCCAL championships every year, and he coached too-many-to-count SCCAL Singles and Doubles champions. His teams won the SCCAL team title in 1985, 1991, 1996, 1997, and 1998, and they were the CCS Scholastic Team Champions in 1987 and 1995. When Bob resigned, he was the winningest boys tennis coach in school history (and he coached as a player, and trained as an assistant, his successor Mike Schiro, who eventually surpassed his win totals).

Bob also directed many tennis camps during his summer months. He has served as the Assistant Director at the Adidas Tournament Training Camps, and as Director of Tennis at the Carmel Valley Tennis Camp.

Bob is extremely proud of his players and who they have become.

"My players started out as boys on the Varsity Tennis Team and when they finished, they finished as men: men of integrity, men of honor, and men of great courage. When faced with setback, difficulty and defeat, they responded with perseverance, tenacity and courage. When they lost, they did so with honor. They did not blame others. They did not make excuses, but instead they took full responsibility for their actions. They left the court under control, but with a rekindled fire and a steely resolve to work harder so that, the next time, when they met this same opponent, the outcome would be different. When they won, they did so with grace and perspective. They each displayed a fierce loyalty for their teammates and an unselfish commitment to something bigger than themselves. It was a great honor and privilege to coach the Boys' Tennis Team at Aptos High School."

Athletic Director Mark Dorfman shares his thoughts about Bob:

"Bob took kids from every background and ability-level, rich, poor, tall, short, fat, skinny, white, Latino, Asian, athletic and non-athletic, and every year forged them into not just a successful tennis team, but into a close-knit family. Kids from disparate backgrounds and ability levels became a single unit under his tutelage. Tennis lessons and life lessons, Bob taught them both successfully. He was a role model and hero to many, many student-athletes."

Bob was presented into the Hall by former player, Mike Schiro.

1980 Baseball Team - After coming-up just one game short to the Santa Cruz Cardinals for the 1979 SCCAL championship, the 1980 Aptos Mariners baseball team looked to claim the elusive title.

With six starters returning, including the one-two pitching punch of senior hurlers Scott Ramsey and Kevin Daily, the outlook was very promising. Also returning was 1st team All-League catcher Ernie Cooper, who was expected to provide leadership, and who would prove to be the heart of the team.

Opening the season with a 6-1 win over perennial MBL power Monterey HS, the Mariners were off and running. In the second and third games of the young season, against Amador Valley HS, junior centerfielder Phil Ingram showed the skill that would propel him to an All-State selection by collecting 6 hits in 7 at bat, including a homerun and a double.

Heading into SCCAL play with a 5-3 record, the Mariners stumbled against Marelo Prep, managing only 3 hits and committing 4 errors, until, in the 7th inning, Phil Ingram tripled to provide the winning runs for a 3-2 victory. In their second league game, against Harbor, the Mariners played errorless defense, and Ernie Cooper and Brett Green combined for 4 hits and 4 RBI's. Pitchers Kevin Daily and Jim Bunner combined for the win.

Next up for Aptos were the powerful Santa Cruz Cardinals, who returned six starters from their 1979 SCCAL championship season. The Mariners rose to the challenge, romping past the Cardinals 9-2. Phil Ingram and Ernie Cooper combined for 5 hits in 7 at bats, with Ingram hitting a two-run homer and Cooper a three-run blast. Scott Ramsey was the winning pitcher, allowing only 2 unearned runs, and he did not walk a batter. Unfortunately, second baseman Mark Young would be lost for a month with a dislocated shoulder, but versatile Doug Glaum would switch from left field to second base until Young returned.

The 13th Annual Soquel-Capitola Lions Invitational Baseball Tournament provided a break from league play. Aptos opened with Westmont HS at Harvey West Park in front of a packed house. Jim Bunner and Mike Dray combined on a four-hitter and the Mariners were victorious 5-3. Aptos would then face Bellarmine College Prep, the defending tournament champion. Aptos would stun the Bells with a four run 7th inning and a 4-2 victory. Kevin Daily threw a strong 6 1/3 innings and Jim Bunner picked-up the save, closing the door in 2/3's inning of work. Aptos scored the winning runs on singles by Mike Green, Marc King, and Phil Ingram. Ingram's hit knocked in one run and King's scored two.

Two inches of rain fell that week at Harvey West Park, backing up the tournament for a week. The Mariners returned to action against Campbell HS with a strong performance from Mike Dray, who allowed only 2 earned runs, but the Mariners committed 6 errors and lost 7-3. Playing Lincoln for the third place game, Jim Bunner went 7 strong innings,

and with RBI's from Phil Ingram and Matt King, the Mariners won 5-2. Ernie Cooper and Jim Bunner were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Returning to league play, Aptos dropped a 9-8 game against a surprising 1st place Soquel High. Wins against SLV and Marelo Prep would be offset by losses to Harbor and Santa Cruz, and with 7 SCCAL games left, Aptos was tied for second with Harbor and Santa Cruz.

In their next game, against 1st place Soquel, Ernie Cooper hit a bases loaded walk-off grand slam. The Mariners won a crucial game and moved into a tie for first. This game also saw the return of Mark Young to the lineup. However, this time, the ever versatile Doug Glaum was needed to play third base because Ron Alameda sprained an ankle. The season was becoming a grind, but the team would persevere down the stretch. The following game against SLV would set the stage for the remainder of the season. Scott Ramsey pitched the first no-hitter in Aptos HS history, striking out 9 along the way, and Aptos would back him with a 14-hit attack, highlighted by Doug Glaum's three-run double. Matt and Marc King combined on 5 hits in 8 at bats, each with a double apiece. Brett Green would triple and Phil Ingram homered.

Tied with Santa Cruz, each with 9-3 records, the inevitable showdown with the Cardinals was the next. Third baseman Ron Alameda had healed and the Aptos lineup was back to full strength. Scott Ramsey pitched a solid game and Phil Ingram gave Aptos a storybook ending as he hit a walk-off 2-run homer to lift the Mariners past the Cardinals 5-4. In the SCCAL finale against SLV, Kevin Daily responded with a two-hitter, and Mike Leon homered for a 2-0 victory and the first SCCAL title in baseball for Aptos High.

The Mariners would go on to win the CCS Region 4 Title, defeating Hollister, Baymonte, and Homestead, to advance to the CCS Final Four for the first time in Aptos history. The Final Four was played at Santa Clara's Buck Shaw Stadium. In 1980, the CCS playoffs were an elite single-division, winner-take-all tournament. Aptos ran into a very tough pitcher in the semi-finals and lost to eventual CCS champion Terra Nova.

It was a very special time. Under the direction of Head Coach Paul Barrington, Associate Head Coach Larry Hebert, and pitching coach Kurt Edwards, the 1980 Aptos High School baseball team compiled a 19-8 record, the best in school history. Ernie Cooper, Phil Ingram and Scott Ramsey were unanimously selected 1st team All SCCAL, and they were also selected to the Santa Cruz Sentinels 1980 1st team All-County Team. Ernie Cooper was honored as the MVP on both teams. Sophomores Matt King, Marc King and Mike Dray went on to make school history with additional SCCAL titles in 1981 and 1982, a Mariner three-peat in the sport of baseball.

The team was presented into the Hall by Head Coach Paul Barrington, and accepted by Ernie Cooper.

Class of 2017 Peggy Pughe - Keynote Speaker

Judi Oyama (class of 1977) - Nicknamed “The Legend” by her peers in the skateboarding community, Judi Oyama first jumped on a skateboard at age 13, and she has never gotten off. Sponsored by Santa Cruz Skateboards and Independent Trucks when she was only 16 years old, she was pretty much the only girl on a board back then. Her competition was usually all male, and she was skating alongside men in every different style, including vert, street, slalom, and downhill. Her first victories were in 1978 at The Sierra Wave in Sacramento, where, at only 18, she won the Banked Slalom and the Slalom. She went on to win many more races in 1978, including Slalom and Banked Slalom at Skatopia in Buena Park, and the same two events at Upland. She also earned 3rds in Half Pipe and Bowl Riding.

When she was 19, she competed at the 1979 Capitola Classic. Racing down gnarly Monterey Avenue at 30 mph against over 100 competitors, she finished 8th, beating local legends Tony Alva and Duane Peters. She was the only woman! In 1980, she finished 2nd.

At Aptos HS, Coach Dave Devine learned about her passion for skateboarding, and he created a special PE class for her that allowed her to skate three afternoons a week in the lower parking lot, training with her coach John Hutson. Matriculating to Cabrillo in 1977, their PE staff also created a special PE class so that she could continue training and earn college credits.

In 2003, competing against hundreds of skateboarders from the US, England, Sweden, and around the world, she won the Women’s Skateboard Slalom World Championships. At the 2007 World Championships in North Carolina, at age 47, she placed second in hybrid and third in giant slalom. She finished the year ranked 2nd in the US and 4th in the world. In 2016, she became the first woman to receive the N-Men Icon Award, given to northern California skaters who have made a significant impact on the sport.

In 2013, her downhill skateboard helmet was inducted into the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. It is displayed alongside artifacts from several other giants of skateboarding, including Tony Hawk, Rodney Mullen, and Cindy Whitehead.

Judi earned her B.S. in Graphic Design from San Jose State University in 1986. Shortly thereafter, she founded Maximum Impact Design, her design business. She has created skate, surf, and snow graphics for some of the top action sports companies around, including Billabong and CrossFit. She has also served as Creative Director for Zero Motorcycles, Rockshox, Giro Sport Design, and CrossFit. In addition, Judi was one of the founding members of Board Rescue, a non-profit organization which provides skateboards and safety equipment to groups that work with underprivileged and/or at-risk

kids. She also served as the Vice President of Board Rescue for six years. In 2015, she launched a brand called Badass Skatemom, creating images, t-shirts, and signage, and sponsoring skate moms that share her same passion for skateboarding. Judi also teaches skateboarding classes through Capitola Parks and Recreation.

Judi's passion for skateboarding continues today. At age 57, she is still ranked 7th in the world. She continues to train on a daily basis, and still competes in the US Nationals and the World Championships every year. Incorporating CrossFit into her training, she is stronger and faster now than she was 44 years ago, regularly clocking in at speeds in excess of 35 mph, much faster than she rode in the 1970's. Her next goal is to hold the record for the longest career in female skateboarding.

Judi is married to fellow Aptos grad Greg Foy, and they have two boys, Taylor and Ryan.

Judi was presented into the Hall by her good friend, John Ravitch.

Tracy Mitchell (class of 1980) - Tracy was born June 13, 1962, in San Jose. One of five children, she played every sport the street offered, tennis, football, roller skating, tag, and more, but never any organized sports. However, that all changed when her family moved to Aptos in 1976. In her first year at Aptos Junior High, her math teacher, Randy Smith, who was also the volleyball coach, noticed her athleticism on the playground and asked, "Why don't you try out for the volleyball team?" The rest is history. Tracy fell in love. In her first year, she was the Sea Dragon's MVP, and she has never looked back.

Tracy played four years of volleyball at Aptos High. As a frosh, she played on the JV team and was selected MVP and team captain. The next three years she started on the varsity team, and again was MVP and team captain both her junior and senior years. She led the Mariners to two SCCAL Championships, and, in her senior year, she was both the SCCAL MVP and an All-American selection. In her senior year, the Mariners won the league, the CCS Regionals, and placed 3rd in the CCS Sectionals. Their overall record was 27-2, and it was the best season Aptos girls volleyball had ever had. In addition, Tracy also lettered in gymnastics her junior year, and was a member of the varsity basketball team her senior year. She is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Volleyball Team.

Tracy went on to play two years at Cabrillo. She was voted the team MVP both years, was team captain, and was a two-time 1st-Team All-Coast Conference selection. She also served as the assistant coach the following season for Cabrillo under Jane Ward.

She subsequently transferred to San Jose State where she played one year as a defensive specialist for the nationally-ranked Spartans. A member of the Dean's List, she graduated from SJSU in 1992 with a B.S. in Recreation and a minor in Business Marketing.

Tracy started competing in beach volleyball in 1998. That year she won her first California Beach Volleyball Association (CBVA) tournament and earned her "A" rating.

Over the years, she has earned _ a rating in over 50 CBVA tournaments, placed in the Top 3 in 43 tournaments, and earned her “AAA” rating 28 times. When she was 44 years old, she was the No. 1 rated “AAA” (Open player) in California. In 2006, she won the “Queen of the Beach Tournament” in the Harbor Beach Series at the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor, winning 13 of 15 matches in one day. She also placed in the Top 3 in every Harbor tournament for three consecutive years. In 2006, she was also named Defensive Player-of-the-Year for the Santa Cruz Beach Open Series. That same year, she won an Elite Volleyball Professionals Tournament (EVP) in Santa Barbara. At the age of 50, she won an Open tournament in Santa Cruz.

Tracy has been coaching and giving lessons at the beach for the past five years. She has assisted at Twin Lakes and at Aptos Junior High. She has also competed in a half marathon, a marathon, and a triathlon. She is a mother of three, has two grandchildren, and she enjoys spending time with all of them and her husband of 17 years, Sandy Enzweiler. Her son Bryce is a sophomore at Aptos High, and is currently playing on the golf team.

Tracy still enjoys playing volleyball several times a week, and is looking forward to the upcoming beach season.

Tracy was presented into the Hall by her good friend, Susan Hughes.

Kelly Stratton (class of 1990) - Kelly earned six varsity letters at Aptos High, three in basketball and three in baseball.

In basketball, Kelly was a two-time 1st Team All-SCCAL and 1st Team All-County selection. In 1989, the Santa Cruz Sentinel selected Kelly as the SCCAL Junior-of-the-Year. In 1990, Kelly’s senior season, he averaged 19 points and 8 rebounds a game. He was second in the SCCAL in scoring, and became only the seventh player in Mariner history to accumulate over 1000 points in his career. Kelly led the Mariners deep into the CCS playoffs every year, and, in 1990, they reached the semi’s, losing to Yerba Buena HS. During his three years, the Mariners overall CCS record was 6-3, one of the very best three-year playoff runs in school history.

In baseball, Kelly was a three-year starter in centerfield. As a sophomore, he helped the Mariners win the SCCAL championship. As a junior, he hit .343, and as a senior, he hit .361. A true five-tool player, Kelly was a two-time 1st Team All-SCCAL and 1st Team All-County selection in baseball too.

Kelly attended West Valley Community College after graduating from Aptos, where he continued to be a two-sport athlete. In 1993, his second year at West Valley, Kelly was the team MVP in baseball, 1st Team All-Conference, and he was selected to the All Nor-Cal Junior College Baseball Team.

Matriculating from West Valley, Kelly accepted a full athletic scholarship to play baseball at the University of Utah. He was a two-year starter for the Utes. His senior year, hitting .360, Kelly finished in the Top 20 in batting averages in the W.A.C., and he finished in the Top 10 in stolen bases (16). In 1995, Kelly was selected by the Texas Rangers in MLB draft. Kelly played for one year for the Rangers' Class A Affiliate, the Hudson Valley Renegades, and then he retired from baseball.

Kelly was selected to two AHS Golden Anniversary Teams, both baseball and basketball.

Today, Kelly works in the Bay Area technology scene, specializing in working with early to mid-stage start-ups. Still active, he regularly plays basketball, surfs, and snowboards. Kelly lives in Aptos with his wife Lauren.

Kelly was presented into the Hall by his childhood friend, Gabe Lacques.

Bobby Powers (class of 2000) - In addition to being one of the top golfers in Aptos High history, Bobby was also a very successful multi-sport athlete. Bobby's first sport was judo. His Sensei, Ferd Tihista, was a former US Heavyweight Champion, and he trained Bobby to become an Olympian. When Bobby was 8, he took 3rd at the Nationals in Texas. Thanks to his high finish, he was invited to live and train at either the Olympic Training Center in Colorado, or at the Kodakon in Japan. It was his choice. Unfortunately, a family move to either city wasn't financially feasible. However, it's fair to say that since he was beating the best competitors in the country, his Olympic dreams were looking pretty good. When he was 13, he won the Junior Olympics in Los Angeles, and, out of five-hundred competitors, he won the prestigious Best Technique Award. Bobby earned his black belt at 17 years old.

Entering high school in 1996, as a freshman, Bobby competed on the Aptos varsity wrestling team. Coming into high school, he had never lost a wrestling match during regular or postseason. His junior high record was 39-0. During his freshmen year, Bobby placed 2nd individually at the SCCAL Championships, Aptos won the SCCAL Team Championship, and Bobby was named Frosh Wrestler-of-the-Year.

However, early-on Bobby got bitten by the golf bug, and golf became his passion. At Aptos, Bobby was the captain and Team MVP of the Aptos Golf Team for three consecutive years. He won the league championship twice, and he qualified for the CCS Playoffs all four years.

In 2000, he won the Aptos High School Invitational with a score of 65, which remains the lowest score in the tournament's forty-year history. In his junior year, playing in the CCS Playoffs against more than one-hundred of the top golfers in the section, Bobby earned Medalist Honors and qualified for the Nor-Cal Tournament. During his senior year, in the CCS playoffs, Bobby shot a 65, which was the lowest score in CCS history. He again qualified for the Nor-Cal Tournament, where he finished second, shooting a score of 69.

He was selected as the SCCAL Player-of-the-Year as a senior. In addition, Bobby is one of only ten golfers selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Golf Team.

Bobby was recruited by many colleges, but he selected San Jose State University. That year, SJSU had one of the top twenty recruiting classes in the nation, and Bobby was picked number one. He played on scholarship for four years. During his time at SJSU, he had one individual victory (49er Collegiate Classic), a Top 10 finish at the WAC Conference Tournament, was named WAC Player-of-the-Month, and at one time was ranked #1 in the country in all-around short game.

Bobby graduated from SJSU in 2006 with a degree in Sociology, and since then, he has been the teaching pro at Spring Hills Golf Course, where he also helps to run the course. He has two children, Trae, who is 9, and Brooklyn, who is 5. Although he doesn't get to play as much golf as he'd like anymore, he can still shoot in the 60's, and recently tied the course record at Spring Hills with a 63.

Bobby was presented into the Hall by his father, Bob Powers.

Casey Nevitt (class of 2003) - Casey grew up enjoying many sports, but she was most successful at long distance running. In high school, she earned nine varsity letters. She played a season of volleyball and three seasons of basketball. In basketball, starting at small forward and playing suffocating defense, she was a member of the 2001 SCCAL Championship Team. Under coaches Joey and Jack Smith, the 2001 basketball team won our first SCCAL Championship in eighteen years. They also finished second in CCS, and qualified for the Nor-Cal Tournament.

Picking-up running as a sophomore, Casey quickly developed into a dominant distance runner. In cross-country, she was a two-time league champ and placed second for three consecutive years at the CCS Championships. She set several course records, and finished 6th in the state in 2001. She also placed 11th at the Footlocker Western Regionals, and earned All-Western Regional Footlocker Honors. In 2002, she was also the second "local finisher" in the Wharf-to-Wharf Race.

Her credentials are even more impressive in track & field. She was a multiple SCCAL and CCS medalist, and a state-meet finalist in the 1600 meters. She was a two-time SCCAL champion in the 3200 meters, and in 2001, at the CCS Championships, she medaled in one of the most difficult doubles there is, earning a 3rd in the 1600 meters and a 5th in the 3200 meters in the same meet, against the best competition in the section. In 2002, she also finished 3rd in the 3000 meters at the nationally competitive Stanford Invitational, setting a new school record in the process (breaking the old school record by almost a full minute).

She also led the girls track & field team to three consecutive SCCAL team championships, and to a three-year unbeaten SCCAL dual meet record. Her teammates selected her as the team captain her senior year. She still holds two school records, and is

in the Top 5 in six other events. Casey is also one of only eleven runners selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Cross-Country Team.

In 2002, Casey was selected to represent Aptos HS at the International Youth Sports Leadership Conference in Rhode Island. Casey was also the co-Valedictorian of her graduating class.

Casey matriculated to Stanford University, where she ran cross-country and track for two seasons. Ultimately, she retired from competitive running to focus on school. She graduated from Stanford in 2007 with a B.S. in Human Biology. She then spent the summer in India with her sister, Josie, before returning to Stanford to earn a Master's Degree in Anthropology. Her Masters work necessitated her returning to India to do research on women's and environmental health. She also got to kayak and raft on a family trip down the Grand Canyon, and enjoyed several trips backpacking throughout Europe, Australia, and Central America.

After working for a year as a substitute teacher, Casey enrolled in Medical School at UC Davis, where she met her husband, Duncan Johnston. Duncan is also an Aptos High alum, and, surprisingly, they discovered they had played basketball on the same team at the YMCA almost 20 years before. During medical school, they spent a summer in Tanzania, learning about health and medicine in a rural village, and they also got to climb Mt Kilimanjaro. They married in 2011, and welcomed their first child, June Alice, in their final year of medical school. Casey and Duncan went on to complete their medical residencies at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Following the birth of their son, Duncan, they did a medical rotation at the Native Health Center in Alaska. They finished up their training last spring and moved to Ukiah, California, where Casey is now a pediatrician at the Mendocino Community Health Clinic and Duncan is an emergency physician at the Ukiah Valley Medical Center. Their third child was due when this went to print. Casey and her family enjoy hiking, backpacking, and exploring the outdoors. She occasionally participates in races. She has qualified for the Boston Marathon three times, and in 2013, she won the Tucson Marathon. She continues to run, but, these days, it is usually behind a stroller.

Casey was presented into the Hall by her parents, Teresa and Andy Nevitt.

Bryan Van Meter (class of 2004) - Bryan earned four varsity letters at Aptos, two in football and two in basketball. In basketball, Bryan was a fierce and physical lock-down defender, making his opponents earn every basket, but it was in football where he truly shined. He was a two-year starter at quarterback, and, in 2003, he led us to our first SCCAL Championship in twelve years and to our first CCS Championship in school history. He also led us to the CCS playoffs both years.

As a junior, Bryan and the Mariners finished in second in the SCCAL at 5-1, 8-2 overall. Unfortunately, in the CCS quarter-finals, against eventual CCS champion Menlo

Atherton HS, in a back-and-forth game at Menlo Atherton, the Mariners lost 31-27 on a last second desperation Hail Mary pass by future Stanford quarterback T.C. Ostrander. It was a devastating loss that Bryan would not forget.

In 2003, Bryan was determined to make it back to playoffs and take another shot at the CCS championship. The varsity team was joined by an incoming junior class that had never lost a game, as well as Bryan's twin brother Jeff, who sat out the previous season. The Mariners were a perfect 6-0 in SCCAL play, which included beating defending SCCAL and CCS Division 3 champion SLV 14-8 in a come-from-behind game on a 50 yard TD pass from Bryan to wide-out Nick Greene. It was our first victory over SLV in ten years.

After going 9-1 in the regular season and winning the SCCAL championship, Aptos received the #2 seed in the CCS Division 2 playoffs, only to face Menlo Atherton again in quarter-finals. This time Aptos had home field advantage and exacted revenge, winning 20-14, to move on to the semi-finals against North Salinas. In front of a sold-out crowd at Cabrillo College, playing against North Salinas and future Duke running back Ronnie Drummer, the Mariners quickly fell behind 21-0 in the first quarter. However, Aptos clawed its way back throughout the game, and after a Neal Wilden 42 yard field goal with just a few minutes left in the fourth, the Mariners were only behind 31-35. The defense held, and Aptos got the ball back. They drove down the field into scoring territory, but faced a 4th down from the 18-yard line with only 30 seconds left. Nevertheless, under a fierce pass rush, Bryan stepped-up into the pocket and calmly threw an 18 yard touchdown pass to none other than his twin brother, Jeff, who beat double coverage to get open in the back corner of the end zone. It was Jeff and Bryan's second TD connection of the game. Aptos won 38-35. Finally, in the CCS championship game at San Jose City College, Aptos beat powerhouse Hollister HS 26-12. Bryan threw two TD passes. The Mariners were CCS Champions, the first in school history.

Bryan was selected as the 2003 SCCAL 1st team quarterback, as well as earning All-CCS Honors. He was the 2004 National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete for Santa Cruz County, he was selected as the SC Sentinel 2003-04 Male Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year, and he was also selected as the 2003-04 CCS Male Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year. In addition, when he graduated, he was in the Top 5 of every statistical quarterback category at Aptos, for game, season, and career, including #1 in single season passing yardage, and his two-year won-loss record was a remarkable 20-4. Bryan was one of five QB's selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Football Team.

After graduating from Aptos, Bryan continued to play quarterback (and hold for PAT's and field goals) at U.C. Berkeley. He was a member of the Cal football team for four years. The Bears went to a bowl game in each of his four years, and they won the Pac-10 Championship in 2006. In 2008, Bryan also played rugby at Cal, and the Bears won the National Championship. After graduating Cal in 2008 with a degree in Business Administration, Bryan has been living and working in the San Francisco Bay Area. Today, Bryan lives in Redwood City with his wife Jessie, happily married for over two years.

Brian was presented into the Hall by his high school coach, Bill Garrison.

KC Fox (class of 2005) - In 2003, as a junior, KC transferred to Aptos HS from St. Francis High School in Mtn. View. Despite being at Aptos for only two years, she left an indelible mark. In her first year at Aptos, she led the volleyball team to an undefeated SCCAL season and reached the CCS Semi-Finals. Playing outside hitter, and pounding the volleyball with unmatched precision and power, she was a 2003 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County selection. She was named the SCCAL Junior-of-the-Year, and she was an All- CCS Tournament selection. That same year, her Mariner volleyball team won the prestigious 2003 Archbishop Mitty National Invitational Championship, and also the 2003 Sheldon Invitational Championship. KC was selected to both all-tournament teams.

In her senior year, she led the Mariners to another SCCAL Championship, and to another berth in the CCS Semi-Finals. She was again 1st-Team All-SCCAL and All-County, earned All-CCS Honors, and she was selected as the MVP of the SCCAL. She was also selected as the SC Sentinel Female Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year. In 2005, she also received her AAA beach volleyball rating from the CVBA (California Beach Volleyball Association), winning two beach tournaments at Main Beach that year.

After graduating in 2005, KC accepted a joint academic-athletic scholarship to play volleyball at the University of Portland. Majoring in Civil & Environmental Engineering, she was on the Dean's List every quarter. At Portland, she was one of the team leaders every year in most offensive categories, including Attacks, Points Per Game, and Kills Per Game, etc. In her senior year, after missing her entire junior year because of a spiral fracture in her right hand, she started every game at outside hitter for the Pilots, and was named to the Pacific Community Bankers Classic and the Montana State Holiday Inn Classic All-Tournament teams. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Portland in 2009, and was a member of the Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honors Society.

In 2013, she received her M.B.A. from UCLA's Anderson School of Management, and KC now lives and works in San Francisco. KC was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Team in volleyball, recognizing her as one of the top 20 volleyball players in Aptos history.

KC was presented into the Hall by her club coach, Jan Furman.

Mike Schiro (coach) - Mike moved to Seascape with his mother when he was 4 years old. He started playing tennis at 9, and he's been hooked ever since. At Aptos HS, playing tennis under Hall of Fame coach Bob Wallace, Mike was a four-year varsity letterman, and he played #1 Singles for three years. He was the SCCAL Singles Champion in 1991, and he also led the Mariners to a team title that same year, ending a six-year drought. Mike went on to play #1 Singles for Cabrillo College for two years, and he finished his playing days with All-Coast Conference Honors. Mike matriculated

to Fresno State, where he also began coaching high school tennis at McLane and Hoover High Schools. In 1997, Mike became the first person in his family to graduate from college. For the past 20 years, he has been a teacher, athletic director, and coach at E.A. Hall Middle School in Watsonville. He has been married to his wife Janet for 20 years, and they have two children, Maya and Brandon. He has also taught wheelchair tennis at the Seascope Challenger for many years, and he was the original director of Camp Seascope. In addition to coaching tennis, Mike has also coached boys and girls basketball, track & field, and varsity football.

When Mike first returned to Aptos in 1997, he served as an assistant coach under Bob Wallace for one year. After his one-year apprenticeship, Mike took over the head duties. Mike served as head coach for ten years, from 1999-2008. Under Mike's leadership, Aptos Tennis won 8 SCCAL team championships, including a league-match winning streak over 5½ years. In addition, his players won many SCCAL Singles and Doubles championships. His teams stood tall against all the strong schools from the Central Coast and the Bay Area, and his tenure put Aptos on the map as a tennis powerhouse. Mike always stressed a TEAM concept, and he valued every player from the top of his line-up to the bottom. In 2005, Mike was selected as the CCS Honor Coach in Boys Tennis.

Mike shares his thoughts about his teams:

“Every player has value and can contribute to the overall success of a team. By taking an interest in everyone, players begin to buy into the concept of what a TEAM really means. I have been blessed with tremendous athletes of all levels, and I thank them for allowing me to be their coach. Coaching is a Privilege and Honor, and in the end what matters most is how you have shaped these students to live a better life and make good choices. Tennis is a great sport, but what is even greater is the person.”

Athletic Director Mark Dorfman shares his thoughts about Mike:

“I've known Mike as both a student-athlete at Aptos and as a coach, and there are few finer individuals. As a coach, he was kind, patient, generous, supportive, and transformative. His tennis players came first, last, and always, and the love and respect that he shared with them was remarkable. Mike used tennis to teach life lessons. Mike was a tremendous tennis coach, but he's an even better life coach.”

Mike was presented into the Hall by his high school coach, Bob Wallace.

Steve Bunner – Honorary Member (class of 1980) - Athlete. Coach. Volunteer. Fundraiser. Journalist. Mentor. Historian. Friend. Few individuals have been as much a part of the fabric of Aptos High School as Steve Bunner. For forty-eight years, Steve has lived, breathed, and bled Mariner Blue.

Steve earned six varsity letters at AHS (two each in football, basketball, and baseball). He played on three championship teams, including the school's first SCCAL championships in Football (1978) and Baseball (1980). Both teams are now in the AHS

Sports Hall of Fame. Steve's commitment to Aptos High athletics began at a young age. Starting at age 7, he served as a ball boy for the varsity football program for seven years. After graduation, fresh out of high school, Steve started coaching at Aptos High. His first job was as an assistant basketball coach to Ray Tanimoto, and together they coached a JV championship team in 1984. Subsequently, Steve assisted Bill Warmerdam and Ray Tanimoto for many years at the varsity level in the late 80's. In all, Steve played for six Hall of Fame coaches, was teammates with five others, and coached four members of the Hall, including fellow 2017 inductee Kelly Stratton.

Steve's greatest legacy will be his commitment to help young people. In addition to his ties to Aptos, after he moved to Oakland in 1999, Steve founded the Rakers Baseball Program, a highly successful, non-profit organization whose goal is "Developing great baseball players, and even better young men." Steve has single-handedly raised many thousands of dollars to help inner-city kids receive top-flight coaching and play on first-rate facilities. The first generation of his players are now playing college baseball, earning scholarships at Kansas, Santa Clara, Washington, and more. Steve's work with the Rakers has coincided with his commitment to the North Oakland-South Oakland Little League. For more than a decade, he has served as a coach and a Board Member. As a coach, in 2015, after winning championships at the District, Section, and Nor-Cal levels, he guided NOLL-SOLL's Senior All-Star team (15 & 16 year olds) to the Western Regionals. Steve is also a Board Member of the Oakland Field of Dreams Committee; a non-profit which supports youth baseball in Oakland, and which recently constructed Rickey Henderson Field for Oakland Technical High School.

In 2001, Steve became one of the founding members of the Aptos High School Sports Hall of Fame Committee. Athletic Director Mark Dorfman considers Steve the "Aptos Sports Historian", saying, "If I have a question about the top scorer on the '85 boys basketball team, or the best pitcher on the '76 baseball team, or the best hitter on the '91 softball team, I ask Steve. He knows the answer. His passionate commitment to the Aptos community and to AHS sports is impressive and heartfelt."

Professionally, Steve has enjoyed an award winning career in TV News that has spanned more than three decades. He has worked as a producer, writer, and reporter in Monterey, Seattle, San Jose, and for the last 21 years at KGO-TV in San Francisco. His work has been honored by multiple organizations, including the Radio-Television News Directors Association, the National Association of Television Arts & Sciences, and the Associated Press (he received their Mark Twain Award for Outstanding Newscast in the state of California). Steve's career in Journalism actually began at Aptos High. As a junior, Steve became a sports writer for the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian. At the same time, he worked for the AHS school paper, The Albatross, first as Sports Editor, then Editor-in-Chief. Today, Steve still lives in Oakland with his wife, Kristin, and his two sons, Brandon, 19, and Ryan, 17.

Steve was presented into the Hall by his son, Brandon.

Class of 2019 Ernie Cooper- Keynote Speaker

George Ralston (Class of 1977) George is one of the finest two-sport athletes to come-out of Aptos High. In football, George was a two-year starter, team captain, and two-time team MVP. He played linebacker, tight end, running back, and even some quarterback. He is the only football player in the AHS record book both as a QB (pass attempts in a game) and a tight end (receptions in a season). He remains one of the top pass-receiving tight ends in AHS history (21 receptions in 1975).

However, it was baseball where he really shined. He was a three-year starter, a two-time team MVP, a two-time 1st Team All-SCCAL selection, and, in 1976, he was selected as the SCCAL MVP. Forty-plus years later, George remains one of the most successful and dominant pitchers in school history. In 1976 and 1977, he went a combined 13-4, and was the SCCAL strikeout leader. He is still one of the all-time strikeout leaders in school history, and he still holds the school record for lowest ERA in a season, a ridiculous .076. When he wasn't pitching, George played 3rd base. He was a defensive wizard, and he hit .372. George was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Baseball Team.

George matriculated to Cabrillo in 1977, pitching and playing 3rd base for the Seahawks. He was the team MVP both years. After Cabrillo, George continued to play semi-pro baseball for several years with the Sunnyvale Blues. He also played three years of Winter Ball with the SF Giants.

During this time, George started working for a local food service company, and he stayed with them for 37 years. At that time, George also married June Rummel, his high school sweetheart. June and George have been married 39 wonderful years, and they have three terrific children, Neil, Jillian, and Pamela, all Aptos High grads and AHS athletes. When Neil was young, George coached him in Little League, Pony, and Colt. George and June also have five grandchildren, Teagan, Presley, Grady, Dylan, and Kolton.

George was presented into the Hall by his daughter, Jillian.

Mary McNulty (Class of 1979) Mary McNulty is one of the most accomplished basketball players to ever play at Aptos HS. She began her prep career Marelo Prep in 1975, starting on both their varsity basketball and varsity softball teams. She transferred to Aptos at the beginning of her sophomore year, and she made an immediate impact in multiple sports. She dabbled in volleyball and track, was the starting shortstop on the softball team, and played doubles on our SCCAL championship tennis team.

However, it was on the hardcourt where she really shined. Mary was a three-year starter at guard. She was a three-year 1st Team All-SCCAL selection. She was a two-time SCCAL MVP. Hall of Fame member Ellen Bugalski is the only other basketball player, boy or girl, in school history to achieve such distinction. According to classmate, former AHS basketball coach, and Hall of Fame member Steve Bunner, "Mary was one of the deadliest shooters in school history".

In 1977, Mary led the Mariners to the school's first SCCAL team championship in girls basketball in school history, and she followed that up with two more championships in 1978 and 1979. She also led the Mariners to our first-ever CCS playoffs in girls basketball history, reaching the semi-finals two years in a row before losing to the eventual CCS champs both years (Notre Dame-Salinas in '78 and Terra Nova in '79). Back then, the CCS playoffs were a single-division bracket. Only 16 teams were selected from the 13 leagues representing the CCS. The Mariner's overall record in the CCS playoffs those two years was 5-3. In 1978, Mary was honored for her outstanding play by being selected to the CCS All-Tournament Team.

In her three years leading the team, the Mariners won a remarkable 57 games and lost only 10. Despite the passage of almost 40 years, despite playing fewer games, and despite the absence of the 3-point line (it was added in 1987), Mary is still one of the top scorers in Aptos girls basketball history, both in total points and in points per game. She was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team.

Mary played one year at Chico, but then retired from basketball to focus on her studies. She graduated from Chico in 1984 with a BS in Computer Science and a minor in Business Management, and has spent her career working in computers with stops at AMD, SUN Microsystems, and SCO. She has been married to Andy Howard for over thirty years, and they have three children, Colum, Margi, and Seamus.

Mary was presented into the Hall by her son, Seamus.

Kimberley Petersen (class of 1988) Kimberly's soccer career had an inauspicious start. At age seven, when she stood at her assigned position on the field, she refused to move even when the ball came within reach. "The coach told me to stand here," she explained. At least she did what the coach told her. She also picked flowers. Fortunately, by the time she reached high school, she had advanced a few levels.

During her freshman year in 1984, Aptos High fielded a girls' soccer team along with several other local schools. However, it was not yet recognized as an official SCCAL sport. The girls wore polyester jerseys handed down from the boys' team featuring 3/4-length sleeves. As a form of protest against the fact they were not provided team shorts, the girls all wore different Bermuda-style shorts. Each pair was slightly more colorful and obnoxious than the last. That year Aptos won the unofficial "league" title. The principal attended the final game and took note of the mismatched shorts and oversized polyester jerseys. The next year, not only did girls' soccer become an official league sport, the Aptos girls were also provided official uniforms.

Aptos won the SCCAL Championship the next three years in a row, and Kim Petersen was voted the league MVP all three years. She was also honored as the Aptos HS Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 1988. In addition, Kim was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Soccer Team.

While a student at Aptos, Kim was accepted into the Olympic Development Program. She played for the ODP District Team, followed by the ODP Nor-Cal Team, and eventually the ODP Western Regional Team. Soccer legend and gold medal winner Brandi Chastain was one of her teammates.

Kim was recruited by many colleges. She selected Stanford University. She won Freshman of the Year honors and had the opportunity to play with several National Team players, including another Olympic gold medalist, Julie Foudy. Stanford was a Division 1 Top-20 team during Kim's tenure, reaching the College Cup quarterfinals in 1991. More importantly, they beat Cal three times in a row.

Stanford University had no soccer scholarships at that time. When her college money ran out, Kim accepted a job playing professional soccer in Japan in the newly formed J-League. She spent two years soaking in the culture, the soccer, and the language.

In 1994, Kim returned to Stanford University and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Biology.

In 1996, Kim was hired as a police officer by the Fremont Police Department (FPD). This began a long career which included assignments such as Patrol Officer, Detective, Self-Defense Instructor, and Firearms Instructor. As she ascended through the ranks during the next 22 years, Kim became FPD's first female SWAT team member. In 2018, Kim became Fremont Police Department's first female Chief of Police. Chief Petersen commands a department of over 300 personnel.

Kim's proudest achievement is raising three amazing kids in partnership with her wife, Lupita: Kira (age 21), Cade (13) and Chase (9). Kim and Lupita spend their free time coaching basketball, baseball and soccer (of course).

Kimberly was presented into the Hall by her parents, Shari and Andrew.

Mary Kelsey (class of 1990) Mary began swimming competitively for coach Jim Triplett and the Cabrillo Threshers when she was 8 years old. By the time she was 10, she was ranked in the Top 10 in the state in eight different events. As the four-year MVP of the Aptos High Girls Swim Team, Mary never lost a single league race – ever! As she excelled in the pool, Mary was also driven to succeed in the classroom. In 1990, as an undefeated senior, Mary was named an Academic All-American and became the CIF Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year.

At Aptos High, Mary received many other athletic and academic awards, including the Santa Cruz Sentinel Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year, the Santa Cruz Sentinel Athlete-of-the-Week, the KRUZ TV Athlete-of-the-Week, the AHS Principal's Leadership Award, and the Bank of America Achievement Award for Liberal Arts. Mary

also attended Girls State where she was elected Senate Majority Floor Leader and recognized as their “Outstanding Citizen.”

During her senior year, she was nominated for the Homecoming Court and won, becoming the Homecoming Queen. She was president of the Interact club for four years and was selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp where, in subsequent years, she returned as a camp counselor and, ultimately, as a Director. She was also presented with a scholarship by the local Rotary club. Mary capped her high school experience as the Valedictorian of her graduating class.

Mary went on to attend and swim for Stanford University, the #1 NCAA Division 1 swimming program in the nation. Before an injury ended her collegiate swimming career, she earned Academic All-American honors as a frosh, and she continued to excel in the classroom. After studying at the Sorbonne in Paris and at Oxford University in England, Mary graduated with undergraduate degree in English Literature with a minor in French. She was one of three students selected by Stanford’s faculty for the English Co-Terminal Degree Program, which enables highly qualified participants to obtain their M.A. in one year. After receiving her Master’s Degree, she joined the work force by landing a job in Pacific Bell’s Accelerated Management Program.

Over the years, Mary has had a variety of occupations. In addition, she is a published author of three educational text books, and she has taught 9th and 10th grade English. She is currently the head of the Parent Working Group at Stanford Children’s Hospital’s Inflammatory Bowel Disease Department.

Today, Mary and her husband, Bill, are the proud parents of four fabulous children, James, Matthew, John, and Rachel, all of whom will attend Aptos High School.

Mary was presented into the Hall by her sister, Jane.

Kelly McCloskey (class of 2002) Kelly was a two-time SCCAL Defender-of-the-Year. Only one other soccer player in school and league history has earned that distinction. Kelly was a tenacious defender, fast, physical, smart, and seemingly everywhere on the field at once. She frustrated opponents with her relentlessness, and made her own keepers very happy.

Kelly earned four varsity letters, and started every single varsity game for all four years. In 2001, she and fellow Hall of Fame member Cristin Murphy led Aptos to its only appearance in the CCS Championship Game (a 1-0 loss to Santa Teresa). They also reached the CCS Quarter-Finals in 2002. Kelly was selected as a team captain for her sophomore, junior, and senior year, and was twice named to the 1st Team All-CCS Team. She was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Soccer Team.

Kelly matriculated to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she was a starter for most of her career. She helped the Wahines to win the WAC League Championship in

both 2003 and 2005. She was selected to several All-Tournament teams, including the 49er Classic All-Tournament Team and the Ohana Hotels All-Tournament Team. She was also the WAC Player-of-the-Week in September of 2006.

Kelly displayed the same tenacity for Hawaii as she did for the Mariners, and she often played injured. After a promising first year, she redshirted her sophomore year due to a knee injury (don't feel too bad...she spent the year studying abroad in Seville, Spain!). She played with a broken wrist through most of her redshirt sophomore year, and she suffered an MCL tear halfway through her senior season. However, she came back that year, played in the WAC Tournament, and was named the Most Inspirational Player for the tournament. Despite her injuries and despite missing 7 games as a senior, Kelly played 53 out of 60 games her last three years at Hawaii, starting in 37 of them.

After graduating from Hawaii with a degree in Travel Industry Management, Kelly was recruited to play in the Copa Libertadores de Fútbol Femenino (the Liberators Cup Tournament). She was one of only three Americans selected. The competition was played in Santos, São Paulo and Guarujá, Brazil, from October 3 to October 18, 2009. Kelly played for the Peruvian team, the White Stars, or Arequipa. In the tournament, she scored the game winning goal on a diving header in the last minutes against Venezuela. She also posted a goal against Bolivia, but the White Stars did not advance in the tournament.

Today, Kelly is studying to become a nurse, and continues to play soccer in several over 30's leagues on the weekends.

Kelly was presented into the Hall by her high school coach, Ashley Edgar

Adan Marquez (class of 2004) Without a doubt, Adan Marquez was one of the most accomplished and dominating wrestlers to EVER put on an Aptos High singlet. He is one of a very small handful of SCCAL wrestlers to be crowned as an SCCAL League Champion for all four years of high school. He was also a two-time CCS Champion (at 103 lbs. in 2001, and at 130 lbs. in 2004). He earned three trips to the CCS Finals, and is the only Mariner to ever be a four-time CCS place-winner. Adan was also a three-time CIF State Championship Qualifier.

Adan is the only Aptos HS wrestler in school history to record 30 or more wins in every year of high school, and he continues to hold multiple season and career Mariner wrestling records, including most career victories (139), most career matches wrestled (177), most career dual meet victories (41), most career technical falls (13), and most career dual meet team points (194). Adan's overall career record at AHS was an incredible 139-38.

His success was easily predictable, however, as Adan placed 3rd in the California Middle School State Championships the year before he arrived to Aptos High School. In addition, in 2002, while only a sophomore, competing in numerous USA Wrestling

Freestyle & Greco Roman Tournaments, Adan earned the coveted Grand Champion Award for the Santa Clara Valley Wrestling Association, which is annually presented to the most successful wrestler in the entire central coast region (covering all weight divisions).

After graduating as a Mariner in 2004, Adan continued to be a warrior on the mats for Cuesta College, in San Luis Obispo. In 2006, he earned All-Northern Region Honors for the Cougars. Adan is also a member of the AHS Golden Anniversary Wrestling Team. Today, Adan is the manager of Central Coast Screen-Printing & Embroidery in Watsonville.

Adan was presented into the Hall by his high school coach, Reggie Roberts.

Reggie Roberts (coach) Jeffrey Roberts, aka Reggie to everyone, grew up in Leominster, a small rural town in Worcester County in central Massachusetts. Despite living in the east, Reggie was a die-hard Oakland A's fan, and in 1st grade he picked-up his special moniker because Reggie Jackson was his idol. He's been Reggie ever since.

Reggie was a three-sport athlete at Leominster High School, starring in football, baseball, and wrestling. He was a wide receiver in football, an outfielder in baseball, and a dominant wrestler. He matriculated to Mt. Wachusett Community College, where he earned All-Conference honors as a centerfielder. Mt. Wachusett did not have a wrestling program so, at the ripe old age of 18, Reggie got his first wrestling head coach job at his alma mater Leominster HS, where he led the Blue Devils to their first ever back-to-back winning seasons in school history.

From Mt. Wachusett, Reggie moved-on to Rhode Island College in Providence, R.I., where he continued to play baseball and started wrestling again. As a wrestler, Reggie was selected as the Team Captain, and he also earned NCAA All-New England Conference honors. He helped the Anchormen become nationally-ranked for the first time in school history, and they won three consecutive NECCWA Conference Championships. Reggie graduated in 1990 from Rhode Island with a degree in Psychology.

Upon graduating, Reggie became the head wrestling coach at North Providence High School. In three years, Reggie turned the Cougars from a wrestling after-thought into a state powerhouse. Then the West beckoned.

In 1998, Reggie was hired as a teacher and assistant wrestling coach at Aptos High, where he worked for head coach Nick Richards, and, together, they helped the Mariners win only our 2nd league championship in 35 years.

In 2004, Reggie took over as head coach, and the rest is history. It was a remarkable run. In fourteen years, Reggie's teams won eight SCCAL championships and finished second several other times. His teams had ten Top 25 finishes at CCS, and three in the Top 10

(note: at the CCS level, all 150 CCS schools compete in a single division). Only three other schools in CCS enjoyed similar success at the CCS level during this span. At Aptos, he coached 77 individual SCCAL champions. He also coached 38 CCS medalists, 9 CCS finalists, 4 CCS champions, 12 CIF State Meet qualifiers, and 1 CIF State Meet medalist. His overall dual meet coaching record at Aptos HS is 75-12, and from 2010 to 2018, his teams lost only one SCCAL dual meet, going 49-1 during that span. He also coached the only two undefeated seasons in AHS history, 2010 and 2014. His overall record, in a career that spanned three states, is 124-67.

In addition, his teams won two CCS Scholastic Team Championships for having the highest collective team GPA in the section, and, in 2005, his team won the CIF State Scholastic Team Championship for having the highest team GPA in the state.

In 2013, Reggie received the CCS Honor Coach Award, the highest lifetime achievement honor that the CCS awards. Reggie has also received the KSBW Crystal Apple Award, the California League of High Schools Educator-of-the-Year Award, the Aptos High Mariner-of-the-Year Award, the CCS Coaches Sportsmanship Award, the National Wrestling Coaches Association Distinguished Coaching Service Award, and, in 2016, he received the California Coaches Association Nor-Cal Wrestling Coach-of-the-Year Award. Reggie also served as a member of the CCS Wrestling Advisory Committee for ten years.

More importantly, Reggie has been an adviser and mentor to hundreds and hundreds of wrestlers and other students. Reggie is a skilled coach, but he is an even better friend. Through his grace and humor and generosity and selflessness, all his wrestlers and all his students know they are accepted and respected.

Reggie continues to live in the area along with his soccer-loving daughter, Jade, and his baseball-budding star of a son, Jaxon.

Reggie was presented into the Hall by his college coach, Rusty Carlsten.

Corky Bamford – Honorary Member Corky was born in Santa Monica, California, in 1942. He attended grammar school and junior high in Hollywood, and graduated from Hollywood High School in 1960. He played basketball in high school. He was on the “B” lightweight division team, and he made the All-League Team his senior year.

After high school, Corky enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Program, and he served one year of active duty. Then he moved to Mammoth Mountain for a year and learned to ski. Today he remains an avid skier and skis as often as he can.

San Jose State was his home for the next four years. He graduated from SJSU in 1966 with a degree in Industrial Management. He met Kathy at San Jose State and they were married in 1965.

Corky was an Allstate Insurance Agent for 33 years in Santa Clara Valley, commuting daily over Highway 17. He retired in 2002.

He and Kathy have four children and seven grandchildren. All of his kids attended schools in Aptos. He coached his children, Peter, Jody, Jill, and David, in youth soccer, basketball and baseball. They all graduated from Aptos High School. Corky was also active in Little League as a coach and board member, and served as President of Mid-County Pony League for two years. He was also very active with the Aptos High Booster Club.

Corky started working the scoreboard clock at Aptos High School in 1991 when his daughter, Jill, was playing varsity basketball. His mentors were Ray Tanimoto and David Bruce. When Dave retired from teaching at Aptos High School, Corky was promoted from an occasional sub to first string, working next to Ray, and then Dennis.

Corky enjoys the volunteer work, and always looks forward to the days when former players, friends, or grandparents walk into our beautiful new gym and they all unravel great memories from days gone by.

Corky was presented into the Hall by Athletic Director, Mark Dorfman.

Dennis Carney – Honorary Member Dennis attended Aptos Junior High...in San Francisco! Yes, there is an Aptos Junior HS in San Francisco. Dennis grew-up in SF, where he also attended Lincoln High and San Francisco City College, before finally matriculating to the University of California, Berkeley. While at Cal, he met his future wife, Jean, and they were married shortly after graduation. In high school and college, Dennis worked five summers for various insurance companies in SF, so it was natural that, after graduation, he went to work for Crum & Forster Insurance. Dennis worked for them for 16 years in San Francisco, Sacramento and San Jose.

In 1980, Dennis and Jean moved to Aptos and he started working for McSherry and Hudson, an insurance agency in Watsonville. He became a partner there in 1986, and he retired from there in 2008.

Dennis and Jean have three children, all Aptos High grads. Robert is the class of 1986, Marianne the class of 1989, and John the class of 1992. Rob played soccer as a freshman, but then discovered surfing. Marianne played freshman softball and four years of volleyball and basketball. John played four years of basketball. John, after graduating from Cal Poly, returned to Aptos and coached frosh and JV boys basketball while earning his teaching credential. He is now a teacher and very successful boys' varsity basketball head coach in southern California.

When Dennis lived and worked in San Francisco and San Jose, he played a lot of adult league soccer, softball and basketball. A lot! He also became an avid youth coach, focusing on soccer, basketball and baseball. Jean also coached soccer, and together they

helped run the Aptos Youth Soccer Club for several years. When John started coaching basketball at Aptos, Dennis started working the shot clock for his games (free admission, plus he could give him coaching suggestions). John was always receptive to his dad's advice. His usual response was, "I was just going to do that"...but sometimes John would reply (always with a smile on his face), "Shut up Dad! I don't need any help." At this same time, Dennis also got involved with the Aptos Sports Foundation. He finds his work with the Sports Foundation and on the shot clock very rewarding, and he hopes to continue both endeavors for many more years.

Corky Bamford and Dennis became friends and competitors back when they both coached their sons in Aptos Little League and Aptos Youth Basketball, and they have worked together on the the scorers table for Aptos home basketball games ever since.

Dennis would like to thank the Aptos High School Sports Hall of Fame Committee for this honor, joining this group of athletes, coaches and supporters of Aptos Athletics is very special.

Dennis was presented into the Hall by Athletic Director, Mark Dorfman.

1992 Girls Cross-Country Team The 1992 Girls Cross-Country Team was the apex of a championship era, and the kickstarter to a dynasty with which few schools in Santa Cruz County, or even Northern California, can compete.

When Aptos High opened, it was not a running mecca. Both the cross-country teams and the track & field teams had some middlin' success in the early 80's, but it wasn't sustained and it quickly petered-out. Combined, the boys and girls cross-country teams and boys and girls track & field teams won a total of five league championships in our school's first 22 years, but then the girls cross-country teams of the early 90's arrived and changed everything.

We are celebrating the 1992 team, but they were the middle team of a three-year run of league and CCS supremacy, and they were the vanguard of a cultural shift in running at Aptos High School. The impact of the girls '91, '92, and '93 cross-country teams cannot be overstated. They ran into the history books and ushered in a period of absolute dominance. Since 1991, the Aptos High School boys and girls cross-country and track & field teams have won 63 league championships, 15 CCS championships, and 2 state championships, but it was the girls of '91-'93 that changed everything.

The girls of the '91, '92, and '93 teams became rock stars. Little girls wanted to run like them. Little boys too. On training runs in Nisene Marks, other runners would stop and stare and even applaud. On campus they were heroes. In the greater community, they became legends. Today, if you are a runner and reminisce about the greats, you inevitably come around to the Aptos girls of the early 90's.

In the fall of 1990, Lisa Crouch arrived in the ninth grade and joined her sister Jennifer, a sophomore, on the cross-country team. Under the direction of new coach Kim Broadhurst, the team quickly improved. The next year, Hillary Ferreira switched from tennis to cross-country, and Liz Leigh-Wood transferred-in from Santa Catalina. They were joined by incoming frosh Nicole Silva, Meghan Randall, and Amy Furman, and the team won their first championship. In '92, Kelli Horner joined, and in '93 Hollie Smith arrived. Other runners came and went, many important ones, but these girls were the core of these championship teams. Following the '91 season, Coach Broadhurst departed for Switzerland, and Bill Hotchkiss took over. The team didn't skip a beat.

Mt. SAC Invitational. North Tahoe Invitational. Clovis Invitational. Cal Invitational. Serra and RLS and Stanford. These are just a few of the meets around the section and around the state that the girls won. Individual records. Team records. Course records. Every race another record was smashed. So many 15 point perfect scores were recorded that they stopped counting. Nicole in 1st, Liz in 1st, Lisa in 1st, Meghan in 1st, it didn't matter, they just kept winning.

They won three consecutive SCCAL championships. They won three consecutive CCS championships, a feat that only section powerhouses St. Francis and Los Gatos had ever achieved. And they finished fourth in the state for three consecutive years.

These girls ran thousands of miles together. Uphill, downhill. Through twists and turns and scrapes and falls. Brutal intervals around the track. In the rain, in the sun, through the mud. Racing against the best the state had to offer, racing against each other when the competition was lean. They were smart too, winning the CCS Scholastic Team Championship in 1991 for having the highest team GPA in the section. And four of them continued their successful running in college, all at D1 schools – Liz at Fresno State, Lisa at UC Davis, Nicole at Tulane University, and Meghan at the University of Houston.

As the 90's came to a close and saw these runners off to college, careers, and families, their legacy remains intact. These runners blazed a trail and ushered in a new era of cross-country and track & field excellence, an era of dominance, that almost 30 years later still persists.

The team was accepted into the Hall by Liz Leigh-Wood.

Class of 2020 Jim LaTorre - Keynote Speaker

Steve Carey (class of 1973) - Steve earned seven varsity letters at Aptos High, three in football and four in baseball. In baseball, Steve was a four-year starter and a three-time 1st-Team All-League selection. He was a gold glove first baseman and a tremendous hitter. He is one of only five baseball players in AHS history to receive three 1st-team selections. He was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Baseball Team.

In football, Steve was a three-year starter on the O and D-lines, and earned 1st-team All-League honors as an offensive tackle his senior year. He was a key member of the 1970 team that beat Soquel 12-0 for the first football victory in AHS history. He is also the only lineman in AHS history to be the backup quarterback. Unfortunately, Scott Mitchell was an ironman and Steve's QB skills were rarely needed. As a senior, Steve was selected as the county winner of the Northern California National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholarship.

After high school, Steve continued to play baseball at Cabrillo College. In 1975, he helped the Seahawks reach the state championships with a 14-game hitting streak, and he received 1st-team All-Coast Conference honors. He was also selected to the 1975 1st-team All-State Baseball Team. After graduating from Cabrillo, Steve matriculated to UC Davis and earned a B.A. in Social Studies in 1977. Subsequently, he earned his M.B.A. at the University of Northern Iowa.

Steve married Cordelia in 1979 and moved to the Midwest, where he taught History and Economics and other classes at Oconomowoc High School in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Steve also became a leader for Young Life, a Christian outreach program for teens, and that remained a passion for Steve and Cordelia for many, many years. After a 20-year career in the Midwest, they moved back to California. They bought Vintage Publications, with the Napa Valley Guidebook being their signature publication. Steve recently retired and is the only AHS Hall of Fame member to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and Social Security in the same year!

Steve was presented into the Hall by his wife, Cordelia.

Vicki Gorman (class of 1976) - Vicki Gorman was a pioneer. In June of 1972, Title IX was enacted. In September of 1972, Vicki entered Aptos HS as a frosh, and immediately took the Santa Cruz County high school athletic world by storm. She was a four-year varsity starter on both the basketball and softball teams, earning eight varsity letters, and laying down a legacy of excellence and courage for others to follow. As a senior, Vicki was selected as the Aptos High Outstanding Female Athlete-of-the-Year, and she was also awarded the "Eric Stakkestad Memorial Scholarship", which was awarded to the senior athlete who had the highest GPA among fellow graduating athletes. Vicki was honored as a 1st-team All-MBL selection in basketball in 1975, earning the first such honor for a girl in AHS history. She repeated on 1st-team as a senior. She was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team, honoring her as one of the Top 20 basketball players of the past 50 years.

Vicki went on to play both basketball and softball with many local county graduates at Cabrillo College. As a 1st-team All-Coast Conference basketball selection, Vicki was a key member on the 1978 team that won Cabrillo's first Division II Women's Basketball State Championship. The '78 Seahawks won the Coast Conference Championship with an 11-1 record, and went on to defeat the Butte College Roadrunners in the State Championship 59-53. Vicki had 5 points and 5 assists, and played lock-down defense, in

the championship game. The Seahawks went 22-3 overall, including a 118-10 victory over Dominican College. Vicki was also part of the following year's team that repeated as State champions, but this time as an assistant coach.

Subsequently, Vicki transferred to Cal State Fresno to play basketball, but ended-up returning to Northern California to be closer to home. She matriculated to Cal State Hayward, where she played basketball both years before graduating in 1983 with a Teaching Credential and B.S. in Physical Education. In 1984, Vicki accepted a coaching and teaching position at Principia College, in Elsah, Illinois. She worked there for five years before returning home again. For the next fifteen years, Vicki worked in the PVUSD as a PE teacher and coach at Aptos High School, and at E.A. Hall, Lakeview and Pajaro Middle schools, including three years as the head coach for the AHS Girls Basketball team

In 2002, Vicki met Alex, who would become her Swiss wife. She followed her to Switzerland, where she now resides. Today, Vicki works as a P.E. teacher and coach at the International School of Zug and Luzern in Switzerland.

Vicki was presented into the Hall by her sister, Jenny Gorman Pratt.

Cathy Hampton (class of 1980) - Cathy was a two-sport athlete, earning five varsity letters, participating in both basketball and softball. In softball, Cathy was a catcher and a member of two very talented softball teams that won two SCCAL titles and two Region IV Championships (1978 & 1979). Both teams also advanced to the CCS Championship Tournament.

However, it was on the basketball court where she truly shined. Basketball was her true passion. Her Mariner basketball teams won three consecutive SCCAL Championships, and had a perfect 30-0 record in SCCAL play during that span. No other AHS basketball team, boys or girls, has matched that feat. Overall, her teams went 68-11.

As a sophomore, the team won both the SCCAL title, with an undefeated league record, and the Region IV Championship. They finished the season with a 20-4 record and a fourth-place trophy in the CCS tournament.

In her junior year, they repeated with a perfect 10-0 SCCAL season and were again Region IV Champs. For most of the year, the girls were rated second in the State, and finished the season with a 23-2 record. They went on to place third in CCS Championship play.

Her senior year was even more special. The team repeated as undefeated SCCAL Champions and had an overall 25-5 record, going 2-1 in CCS Championship play. Averaging 16.3 points a game, Cathy was selected as the MVP of the SCCAL. She made 1st team All-CCS, and was selected to play in the North-South All-Star Basketball Classic. She is the #6 AHS Top Scorer in a season, dropping-in 469 points in the '79-80

season, and she is one of the top career scorers in AHS history. She was also selected as the 1979-80 AHS Female Athlete-of-the-Year. In addition, she was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Basketball Team, recognizing her as one of the Top 20 basketball players in the 50 years of Aptos High.

After graduation, Cathy went to West Valley College in Saratoga and continued to play basketball, where she was voted Team MVP and Team Co-Captain, and was selected 1st Team All-Golden Gate Conference. From West Valley, Cathy matriculated to Graceland University in Iowa on a basketball scholarship, where she led the Yellowjackets in scoring as a junior.

Cathy is married to Mario Verduzco. They live in Nebraska, and they have a son, Charles.

Cathy was presented into the Hall by coach and friend, Larry Hebert.

Bill Shirley (class of 1982) - Bill was a two-sport athlete at Aptos High, starring in both football and track & field. In football, Bill was a running back on offense and free safety on defense. His speed was an invaluable asset on both sides of the ball. As a running back, he was a threat to break-away on every play, and on defense, he could chase down every opponent. He returned kickoffs for touchdowns on multiple occasions, including a then-school record 98 yarder against Watsonville in 1981. As a senior, Bill's hard running led the Mariners to the CCS playoffs for only the second time in school history. Unfortunately, they lost a heart-breaker in the first round to King City 13-20. Bill was a first-team All-SCCAL running back as a senior, and he was selected as a two-time Team MVP.

In track & field, Bill is one of the most distinguished sprinters in AHS history. His events were the 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100 relay, and mile relay. Bill was a five-time SCCAL champion, and he led the Mariners to two SCCAL Team Championships. He was a four-time Team MVP and a three-time Region IV Champion, (two individual events and one relay). He also had many Top 3 Regional finishes. A CCS champion in the frosh-soph 400m (50.4), he also earned at least two Top 8 finishes every year at CCS.

When he graduated, Bill held or tied four school records, and he was second in a fifth, an extraordinary achievement. His 1600m relay team's mark is still a school record 38 years later. As the anchor of this legendary relay team, they lowered the previous school record by a remarkable three seconds.

Today, Bill is finishing out his career as a carpenter in the Santa Cruz local union. He lives in Scotts Valley with his wife Tracy, and two daughters, Sarah and Taylor.

Bill was presented into the Hall by his father, Hugo.

Cris Warmerdam (class of 1988) - Cris was a two-way force on some of the greatest basketball teams in Aptos High and Santa Cruz County history. He is also one of the most intimidating players to ever step onto a basketball court. Cris put up numbers that still stand more than 30 years after he graduated. He is the Mariners' all-time leader in rebounds and blocked shots, and his 13 blocked shots in a single game is a record that may never be broken. He also ranks ninth on the AHS All-Time Scoring List. In 2019, Cris' dominance on both ends of the floor earned him a spot on the Aptos High School Golden Anniversary Boys Basketball Team.

Cris' involvement with Aptos High began not long after he could walk. He was a fixture on the Mariners bench as a child, sitting next to his dad, the legendary coach and Hall of Fame member Bill Warmerdam. Cris had a front row seat to some of the greatest teams and players in school history, probably never realizing that he would someday star on a squad that would top them all and that he would become one of the greatest players himself.

Cris entered Aptos High in the fall of 1984. He was a varsity starter as a sophomore on the Mariner team that became the first Santa Cruz County basketball team to play for a State Title. The 1985-86 team remains unmatched in AHS basketball history: Dad's Club Tournament Champion, Bob Hagen Memorial Tournament Champion, and winners of the 1986 SCCAL Championship, the 1986 CCS Championship, and the 1986 Nor-Cal Championship. Cris was named the SC County Sophomore-of-the-Year, and he was selected to the All Nor-Cal Tournament Team thanks to his record-setting performance in the Nor-Cal Championship Game against Mt. Eden, where he blocked 13 shots. The Mariners won that game 75-71.

As a junior, Cris helped the Mariners back to the CCS and Nor-Cal Finals. He set the AHS single season rebound record, collecting 416 boards, 78 more than the next closest player on the list. He was named First-Team All-SCCAL and First-Team All-County, and he was selected as the SC County Junior-of-the-Year.

Cris took his game to another level as a senior, becoming an offensive force for the Mariners. He finished second on the team in scoring, averaging 16.4 points per game. His signature performance came in the Mariners record-setting 129-97 victory over Soquel, where he scored 32 points and pulled down a game-high 16 rebounds. After the season, Cris would again receive All-County honors.

Cris' stellar basketball career continued at Cabrillo College. He was a First-Team All-Coast Conference selection as a sophomore, averaging 13.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per game. From Cabrillo, Cris moved to UC Santa Cruz where, in 1991, he led the Slugs in rebounding (6.9 per game), while averaging 10.8 points per game.

Cris Warmerdam personified length before anyone used that term. He was an intimidating force at both ends of the court, and stands as one of the greatest Mariner basketball players of all-time.

Cris was presented into the Hall by former teammate, Bob Bugalski.

Paige Coulam (class of 1998) - Paige played volleyball and basketball, earning six varsity letters. On the volleyball court, Paige was a defensive specialist and an opposite hitter, and she was one of the most tenacious and athletic defenders on the court, digging every ball and getting it up into the air. Unfortunately, after two years on varsity, Paige tore her ACL in January of her sophomore year, and did not play volleyball again.

However, it was on the basketball court where she earned her fame. Paige was a four-year starter, missing half of her sophomore year because of her ACL tear. In 1995, she was selected as the SCCAL Frosh-of-the-Year, and she was the SCCAL Junior-of-the-Year in 1997. She was also a two-time 1st-team All-SCCAL selection. Throughout her career, Paige was one of the top guards in the SCCAL, known for her vision and for her lock-down defense. Always drawing the opponent's top perimeter scorer, Paige is one of the most elite defenders in AHS history. She is also one of the top scorers in AHS history, both for a season and for her career. She was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Girls Basketball Team, recognizing her as one of the Top 20 basketball players in the 50 year history of AHS.

She matriculated to Mesa College in Colorado, where she played one year of basketball before transferring to Santa Clara University. At Santa Clara, she was a member of the cross country team, and she earned her B.S. in Biology in 2002. Subsequently, Paige worked for several years in medical research at Stanford and UCLA before returning to school at USC. In 2010, she was awarded a Clinical Doctorate in Physical Therapy from USC.

Since then, Paige has worked in outpatient orthopedic settings and has developed a strong background in manual therapy, receiving a post-graduate certification through Kaiser Hayward's manual skills course. Paige is also a certified Pilates instructor, and blends Pilates with her practice of physical therapy.

Paige's athletic adventures continued after college. From 2001 to 2004, she was a member of the Stanford Triathlon Club, where she met her now-husband Jesse. Together, in 2010, they rode a forty year-old tandem bicycle for four months around France, Italy, and Slovenia, with their belongings in-tow. Paige is a member of San Francisco's Dolphin Club, where she and Jesse completed an Alcatraz swim on their wedding day in 2012. Paige has swum from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Bay Bridge, from Sausalito to San Francisco, and has successfully completed an English Channel relay in 2014.

In 2017, Paige moved back to Santa Cruz, where she now practices physical therapy and lives with her husband, her two children Nico and Maddie, and a Goldendoodle named Bellow.

Paige was presented into the Hall by her mother, Dale Coulam Johnson, and her husband, Jesse Czelusta.

Tim Smith (class of 2002) - Tim was known as “The Iceman” during his wrestling days at Aptos High. This nickname was derived from Tim’s innate ability to remain completely poised during all the toughest situations. The bigger the challenge, the calmer he would become. Tim was also the consummate “Thinking Man’s Wrestler”, and his combined skills in the classroom and on the mat led him to become the first and ONLY Academic All-American in AHS Wrestling history. Over his four years as a Mariner grappler, Tim accumulated a remarkable career record of 121-39, which is the 4th highest win percentage in school history (.756). He was 2-time SCCAL League Champion, a 2-time CCS placer, and one-time section finalist. He is also one of only 4 wrestlers in AHS history to place at the CIF State Championships, where he was 7th in 2002, and he qualified for the prestigious NHSCA Senior Nationals. In addition, in 2001 Tim was Santa Clara Valley Wrestling Association Freestyle Grand Champion, and in 2002 he was selected as the CCS Wrestler-of-the-Year.

Eighteen years later, Tim still holds many AHS single-season records, including most matches wrestled in a season (54), most overall wins in a single season (45), most duals meet wins in a season (16), most dual-meet team points scored in a season (75), and most dual-meet pins in a season (10). For his career stats, Tim still ranks second all-time in many categories: team dual meet points (191), matches wrestled (160), victories (121), tech falls (9), and dual meet wins (39). His 19 career dual meet pins are the most by any Mariner other than Chris Carr, and Tim still owns the distinction of being the only Mariner Wrestler in history to record 40+ victories in a single season, and he did it twice. Tim was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Wrestling Team because he is, without a doubt, one of the finest AHS wrestlers of the past 50 years.

After graduating from AHS, Tim wrestled for NCAA D-1 Brown University, where he was a two-year starter for the Bears. During his senior year at Brown, Tim earned the prestigious Marvin Wilenzik Award for being the “Wrestler who gave back the most to his college team”.

Tim graduated from Brown in 2006 with a BS in Biology. After graduating, he came back to Aptos and assisted Reggie for a couple years before subsequently attending Boston University’s School of Dentistry. Today, the Iceman is a pediatric dentist, and lives and works in Plymouth, New Hampshire, sharing a dental practice with his brother, Matt. He

is also an Assistant Coach for the Plymouth State College Wrestling Team. He remains competitive by training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Tim was presented into the Hall by coaches Nick Richards and Reggie Roberts.

Kevin Eichhorn (class of 2008) - Kevin is the most distinguished baseball player in AHS history. A four-year starting pitcher and shortstop, Kevin is the only AHS baseball player to be named a 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection for four consecutive years. He was also a two-time SCCAL MVP, leading the Mariners to two SCCAL team championships and two CCS playoff berths. The 2008 team lost in the CCS Semi-Finals, and the 2007 team lost to Los Altos in a heartbreaker in the final innings in the CCS Finals. It was only the third time any AHS baseball team has ever reached the CCS Finals.

The accolades don't stop there. In 2005, Kevin was selected as the CCS Freshman-of-the-Year. In 2006, after batting .444 with 9 home runs, and going 4-0 on the mound with a 1.71 ERA, he was named to the All-State Underclass Team. In 2007, Kevin was selected as both the CCS Junior-of-the-Year and the Cal-Hi Sports Junior-of-the-Year for the state of California. He was also 1st-Team All-State. As a senior in 2008, in addition to being a Rawlings Preseason All-American, after another SCCAL MVP season, Kevin was again selected 1st-Team All-State. He was also selected as the 2008 SC Sentinel Male Athlete-of-the-Year.

Kevin's name is all over the AHS record book. As a hitter, he holds the season school records for runs scored, RBI's, and most doubles, and he is in the Top 5 for most hits and home runs. As a pitcher, he is #2 all-time in season wins, ERA, and strikeouts. Kevin's four-year career totals are more remarkable, he finished his high school career hitting a combined .403 with 22 home runs, and he went 24-5 on the mound with an overall 0.99 ERA and 309 strikeouts. He was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Baseball Team.

In June of 2008, Kevin was drafted in the 3rd round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks, giving-up a full ride to Santa Clara University. Kevin pitched three years in the minor leagues for the D-backs, and in 2011 he was traded to the Detroit Tigers. Kevin went on to pitch four years in the Tigers minor league system before sustaining a significant shoulder injury during the 2014 season. He retired at the age of twenty-four to complete a seven year professional pitching career.

Kevin married his high school sweetheart, Janelle (Coulter), in 2016, and the couple now resides in Capitola. Kevin has stayed involved in the local baseball community and provides baseball development instruction at Paradigm Sport in Santa Cruz.

Kevin was presented into the Hall by his coach and friend, Matt King.

Marissa Ferrante (class of 2010) - Marissa earned 15 varsity letters at AHS, a school record that might never be matched. She was a four-sport athlete at Aptos High School. She competed in cross-country, track & field, swimming, and water-polo. In addition to her 15 letters, she also earned 15 individual league titles, several relay league titles, and led her teams to eight SCCAL team championships. She qualified for CCS in all four sports, and ran at the state level in cross-country and track. In 2010, she was selected as the SC Sentinel Female Athlete-of-the-Year. For her combined academic and athletic achievements, she was awarded the Bay Area All-Stars Scholarship from the San Francisco 49ers, and the Howard Marcus Memorial Scholarship from the Wharf-to-Wharf Race.

In cross-country, Marissa was a four-time team MVP, three-time league champion, the 2009 CCS Champion, and a member of the 2009 CCS Championship Team. She placed 4th at the 2009 CIF State Championships as a senior. She earned 1st-Team All-CCS honors in 2008 and 2009, and was selected as the CCS Junior-of-the-Year in 2008. She was also selected to the All Nor-Cal Cross-Country Team in 2009, and honorable mention in 2007 and 2008. She led the Mariners to four consecutive SCCAL Team Championships, and was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Cross-Country Team.

On the track, Marissa was a three-time team MVP, and a team captain in 2010. She was a three-time league champion in both the 1600 meters and 3200 meters. She set a new school record in the 1600 meters, and holds another school record as a member of the 4x800m relay team. She was a four-time CCS medalist and a two-time state meet qualifier. She led the Mariners to three SCCAL Team Championships, and to a 3rd place in CCS in 2010, the highest Aptos has ever placed at CCS.

In the water, Marissa was just as dominant. She was a three-time swim team MVP. She earned three league titles in both the 100 meter butterfly and the 500 meter freestyle, and several relay titles in the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay. She also competed in both individual events and both relays at CCS. In 2010, she was the High Points Winner at the SCCAL Swim Finals. In water polo, she was the team sprinter and a driver. She was a part of the 2008 league championship team, our first in school history, and she earned 2nd-Team All-SCCAL honors.

While in high school, Marissa also competed in triathlon at the elite level, and, in 2009, she was selected to represent the USA at the Pan American Games and the World Championships. She was also a member of the Capitola Junior Lifeguard team and earned many Top 3 finishes at the State Championships in the distance swim, distance run, run-swim-run, swim relay, rescue relay, and paddle relay. Additionally, in her spare time, she competed on the Cabrillo Threshers Swim Team, the Soquel Wax 'Em Water Polo Team, and the Mid County Sparks Soccer Team.

After Aptos High, Marissa matriculated to Stanford University, where she ran cross-country, cycled, and competed in triathlons. Representing Stanford, she qualified for the cycling and triathlon National Championships multiple times. In 2012, she won the Collegiate National Triathlon Championship, qualified for the Olympic Trials, and represented the USA at the World Championships in New Zealand.

After a brief break, in 2018, Marissa returned to racing triathlons, but this time as a professional. She has subsequently earned multiple top 10 finishes in the ITU Pan American Cup and Asian Cup series, including first place finishes in Richmond, VA, and Quebec, Canada. In 2018, Marissa joined the Peninsula Distance Club (formerly Strava Track Club), an elite running team, and returned to competing in cross country and track. She represented the team at the Cross Country Nationals the past two seasons, and helped set a new team record at the 2019 Wharf to Wharf race.

Marissa was presented into the Hall by her mother, Ann.

Jen Bryan (coach) - In addition coaching the AHS Girls Volleyball Team for eight years, Jen is also an Aptos High alum. Jen graduated from Aptos in 1992. She was a three-year varsity player and team captain, and earned all-league honors. She matriculated to UC Davis where she helped the Aggies win three Big West Conference Championships while earning both All-Conference Honors and Academic All-American Honors. Jen graduated from UC Davis in 1997 with a B.S. in Exercise Physiology. She subsequently moved to San Diego to earn her Teaching Credential from San Diego State in Biology and P.E. She also received a Masters in Education from San Jose State in 2014.

Jen started her coaching career in Davis, working with an Under 14 club team in 1993. She fell in love with the profession and has been coaching ever since. In 2003, Jen took over the reins of the AHS Girls Volleyball Team and went on to win six SCCAL Championships in eight years. No other AHS volleyball coach has won more than two championships. Her teams qualified for the CCS Playoffs every year, reaching the CCS Semi-Finals five times. Jen is the winningest volleyball coach in AHS history, compiling a 207-70 record. The next closest has 90 wins. She also owns the third highest winning percentage of all-time at 75%. Over 15 of her players went on to play in college, including Oregon State, the University of Minnesota, New York University, the University of Portland, and more.

Jen credits her success to the hard work of her wonderful student-athletes, and to the terrific assistants with whom she was lucky to work, including Jan Furman and Shannon Wolf, and, of course, her mentor and friend Mark Hull. Jen also credits Mark and Mary Smiley, the coaches who first introduced her to volleyball when she was a student at Aptos Junior High. Jen, herself, says, “I didn’t know what I was doing, but I fell in love with the sport. I was a very shy kid and volleyball helped me blossom and grow in self confidence. Volleyball also opened my doors to an amazing line of friendships while giving me the life skills that got me to where I am today. My players are my “kids” since I don’t have any kids of my own. I put all my heart and soul into my teams and I am so proud of who they have become today. I love running into them around town---it makes my heart glow.”

Athletic Director Mark Dorfman also shares his thoughts about Jen, “Hands down, Jen Bryan was one of the finest coaches to work at Aptos High in my 30 years as AD. Her

knowledge of her sport, her ability to teach it, her ability to motivate her teams, her attention to detail, her enthusiasm and professionalism, and, above all, her genuine affection and concern for her student-athletes, were all unparalleled."

These days Jen works at Aptos Junior High, with fellow Sports Hall of Fame members Bob Wallace and Mike Schiro. What a staff! She continues to coach volleyball, working with the AJHS 7th and 8th grade teams. She also continues to play volleyball, having earned her AAA rating three times on the beach.

Jen was presented into the Hall by assistant coach, Mark Hull and AJHS colleague, Bob Wallace.

Pat Lovell - Honorary Member - Pat needs little introduction. He is an icon in the sports world of Santa Cruz County, easily owning one of the most recognizable names in county sports history. Pat graduated from Sequoia High School in 1956, and from Cal Poly, SLO, in 1960. He was a two-sport athlete at both schools, starring in football and wrestling. He was an all-conference football player at Cal Poly, and his college roommates were future NFL Hall of Fame members John Madden and Bobby Beathard.

However, it was in wrestling where Pat made the biggest name for himself. At Cal Poly, Pat was an All-American wrestler, Conference champion, team MVP, and team captain. After graduating, Pat continued to wrestle, earning Top 3 honors at the USA National Championships for four consecutive years, including a first-place finish in 1961. In 1964, Pat placed third at the Olympic Trials and earned a berth on the US Olympic Wrestling Team for the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

When Pat returned from Japan, he started his teaching career. He taught high school PE, and coached football and wrestling, in San Jose for several years before he and his new wife, Joy, moved to Santa Cruz. In 1976, Pat started teaching and coaching at Cabrillo College, where he stayed for the next 24 years. In addition to coaching football, wrestling, and softball at Cabrillo, Pat became a football and wrestling referee. Pat worked many local high school and junior college events, but he also officiated wrestling at the highest level, including the PAC-12 Championships, the California Community College State Championships, the California High School State Championships, the NCAA Division I National Championships, the USA National Championships, and was a Judge at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

In 1989, Pat was hired as the Commissioner of the SCCAL, a post he held for the next 29 years. The importance and impact of Pat's leadership as the SCCAL Commissioner cannot be overstated. He grew the SCCAL from a tiny regional league into a CCS powerhouse. He pushed for the expansion of women's sports. He mentored hundreds of local coaches and Athletic Directors. He modeled professionalism, selflessness, and respect at all times.

Pat is a member of the Sequoia HS Sports Hall of Fame, the Cal Poly Sports Hall of Fame, the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame, and the California Wrestling Hall of Fame. In 2013, Pat was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, and in 2018 he was inducted into the Cabrillo College Hall of Fame.

Pat was married to Joy for 51 years. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2017 at the Seacliff Inn in Aptos. They have three children, his step-son Bob and daughters Allie and Sarah, and four grandchildren, Bailey, Justin, Brinley, and Bricen. Pat's daughters, Allie and Sarah, are both Aptos HS graduates, where both excelled academically and athletically. Allie was inducted into our Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. Pat and Allie become the second father and daughter combo in our Hall of Fame.

In November of 2018, Pat passed away. The leadership and lessons he taught us will never be forgotten, his friendship and generosity of spirit will always be remembered, and the hole in our hearts will never be filled.

Class of 2023 Gina Castaneda - Keynote Speaker

Jamie O'Mahony (class of 1984) - Jamie O'Mahony is a giant figure in the history of Aptos High School football. As a three-year starter, Jamie led the Mariners to the 1982 SCCAL Team Championship, which was only the 3rd football championship in AHS history at the time. Under the direction of head coach Jim Mikaelson, the '82 Mariners went 5-1 in SCCAL play (7-3 overall), and they also qualified for the CCS Playoffs for only the third time. Jamie also led the Mariners to a 32-0 shutout of cross-county rival Watsonville in the 1982 Black & Blue Bowl (the teams did not play in '83).

Jamie never left the field, playing fullback on offense and end on defense, and he was on every special team. As a fast and dominating defender, sacking QB's and tackling running backs for losses, Jamie particularly excelled on the defensive line. Impressively, Jamie is one of only two Mariner football players in AHS history to be named three-times to the SCCAL 1st-Team (the other is Rick Downey, AHS class of '75). Jamie earned all three selections as a defensive lineman. That's pretty elite company.

Along the way, Jamie picked-up some other hardware. In addition to three 1st-Team All-SCCAL selections, Jamie also earned two 1st-Team All-County selections (the former chosen by the SCCAL coaches, the latter by the SC Sentinel Sports Dept.) He was the 1983 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame scholarship winner from Santa Cruz County, and he also won the 1983 US Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete Award. In 1994, he was selected to the SC Sentinel 1st-Team All-County Silver Anniversary Team, and in 2020, he was selected to the Aptos High Golden Anniversary Team, which celebrates the top players in the first 50 years of AHS.

Jamie also played soccer and ran track & field. In track & field, Jamie was a sprinter, running the 100m, 200m, and 4x100m relay. In soccer, playing as a tenacious and physical midfielder, Jamie helped the Mariners win the 1983 SCCAL Team Championship. With Bob Goeckermann coaching the team, the '83 squad won our school's very first soccer championship, and that was a feat not replicated again until 2014, 31 years later.

Jamie matriculated first to UC Berkeley, then to UC Davis, where he earned two Bachelor's Degrees, one in Biology and one in Religious Studies. In college, Jamie took-up cycling, riding for both the Cal Road Racing Team and the Aggie's Road Racing Team. At Davis he also rode for Davis in a Double Century Race (200 miles), and ran his first marathon. After graduating from Davis, Jamie continued his education, earning a Master's Degree in Computer Science at Boston University.

Today, Jamie still rides and runs, but not competitively any more, and no more marathons.

Jamie was presented into the Hall by his parents, Carol Dee & Michael

Emily Di Franco (class of 1990) - During her elementary school years, Emily grew up playing soccer, football and street ball with the neighborhood boys. Her combination of speed, skill, and an intense competitive nature, gained her acceptance with the boys, and she became a valued teammate. Unfortunately, girls were not allowed to play on Pop Warner Football teams at the time, so, in 5th grade, Emily started playing softball.

In the 7th grade, Emily enrolled at Aptos Junior High, and she played soccer and softball. This was the start of what would become a huge asset. By playing both sports 7th thru 12th grade with the same core group of teammates, they created something special. The confidence that was established with everyone knowing their teammates' strengths and playing styles was a big advantage that helped the Aptos High Girls Soccer and Softball teams dominate the league for a decade. This was especially impressive in girls soccer because it had just become a high school sport a few years earlier. Additional team support and camaraderie was created when the entire girls soccer team was placed in the PE Weight Lifting class alongside the Varsity Football team and the school's other premier athletes.

Surrounded by amazing teammates, and with the support of fellow athletes, coaches, parents, and a new Athletic Director, Emily enjoyed great success on the athletic fields of Aptos High. In soccer, she led the Mariners to two SCCAL Team Championships and to three appearances in the CCS Semi-Finals. She was named to the 1st-Team All-SCCAL for three consecutive years, and the Santa Cruz Soccer Shop selected her as the Female Player-of-the-Year her senior year. She was also awarded the KRUIZ Outstanding Athlete Award for soccer that same year. In 2020, Emily was also selected to the Aptos High School Golden Anniversary Girls Soccer Team, one of only 30 players selected from Aptos High's first 50 years.

In softball, she played up the middle, as a catcher and as a center-fielder. A fast and aggressive base runner, getting on base and stealing home was her favorite pastime on the diamond. This love of running motivated her to join the track team instead of the softball team during her junior year. Another factor was Florence Griffith Joyner's spectacular 1988 Olympic performance in track and field. Emily's experience in track and field was tough and satisfying. She was a sprinter, running the 100m and 200m, but she especially loved the 4x100m and the 4x400m relays, and both of her relay teams qualified to the CCS Finals in 1989.

In her sophomore year on the diamond, playing catcher, Emily was both a 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection and a 1st-Team All-County selection. She was also selected as the All-County Sophomore-of-the-Year, and her pitcher, Shelley Rains, was selected as the All-County Senior-of-the-Year. What a battery! And to no one's surprise, the '88 team won the SCCAL Team Championship. In her senior year, returning to softball after her track & field sojourn, she played centerfield, and she earned 1st-Team All-County honors and 2nd-Team All-League honors. She was also selected to the 1990 Santa Cruz Sentinel Dream Team in softball.

Throughout her four years of high school, Emily was a Scholar-Athlete. In addition, at the end of her senior year, she received an Aptos High Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award. However, her biggest honor as a senior was awarded to her by her classmates, who voted her, along with Trent Dilfer, as Most Athletic. In 2020, she was selected to the Aptos High School Golden Anniversary Girls Soccer Team, which honors the top 30 soccer players in the first 50 years of Aptos High.

Emily's passion for sports, her love of teamwork, and her dedication to promoting strength and confidence in girls and women led her into the coaching profession. She coached her children and step-daughters in many sports, she was on the Board of Directors for Salsipuedes Little League, and she coached GALS Softball and B40 Softball.

The team working skills she acquired, and her dedication to physical fitness, have enabled Emily to excel in many jobs throughout her adult life. A favorite was working for Triad Electric on the SC Warriors Arena build. The build was very accessible and exciting for the community, and parents would often bring their children by to observe the progress. Quite often, the parents would point out that there was a woman working alongside the men.

From her tomboy beginnings up to the present day, where women have a solid presence as professional athletes, coaches, and officials, Emily is proud to have been part of the bigger team - the team where girls can see that they are surrounded by many examples of amazing female athletes and role models. And that there are support and resources available to them if they should choose a future in athletics.

Emily was presented into the Hall by Paul Bailey.

Alissa Bailey (class of 1990) - Alissa was born in San Jose, and she moved to Aptos with her family when she was four years old. Born into an athletic family, she had big shoes to fill as her older brothers, Charlie and Greg, both excelled in sports. In fact, Greg, AHS class of '83, was previously inducted into the AHS Sports Hall of Fame in

2004. He was recognized for being an outstanding three-sport athlete at Aptos High. And her other brother, Charlie, class of '81, was also an excellent soccer player for Aptos High. He still plays and coaches to this day.

As a young child, Alissa was always dragged around to her brothers' sporting events, and it wasn't too long before she started playing sports herself. With the support of her mom and dad, she played Little League baseball, softball, and volleyball, and she swam too. When she was seven, she started taking tennis lessons at the Seascapes Tennis Club with the head pro, Henry Kamakana. She continued playing many sports, but eventually chose tennis as her sole focus.

At Aptos High, Alissa was the #1 singles player for all four years. In her freshman year, she was 8-4 in the SCCAL and 12-4 overall. In her sophomore year, she was 10-2 in the SCCAL and 11-4 overall. In her junior year, she was again 10-2 in the SCCAL and 12-4 overall, and in her senior year, she was once more 10-2 in the SCCAL and 17-3 overall. In four years, her record in SCCAL play was a remarkable 40-10, and 62-15 overall. Alissa was a two-time SCCAL finalist in singles, and reached the semi's the other two years. And, as a senior, she led the Mariners to their first SCCAL Team Championship after a 6-year drought. In 2020, Alissa was named to the Aptos High School Golden Anniversary Girls Tennis Team, which honors the Top 10 girls tennis players in the first 50 years of Aptos High.

In addition to playing for Aptos High, Alissa also played year-round tennis, competing in NCTA junior tennis tournaments all over the state. And, in 1990, just after graduating, she led all amateurs at the BMW Cal Open at the Seascapes Tennis Club. However, elite youth tennis requires lots of traveling, and Alissa's mother, Carol, can certainly attest to the ups and downs of traveling all over Northern California. The wins were great, but with the losses came long drives home. Nonetheless, Alissa was able to build her experience and develop a close relationship with her mom, which holds true to this day.

After graduating, Alissa was all set to begin her college experience at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and she and her parents made the long trek driving Boulder to move into the dorms. Surprisingly, just prior to leaving, Alissa received a phone call from Kevin Platt, the head tennis coach at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and he wanted Alissa on his team. However, having made up her mind to go to Colorado, she forged ahead. But once she settled in Colorado, she realized that she missed tennis, and a change of heart brought her back to California and to Cal Poly.

It turned-out to be a great decision. At Cal Poly, Alissa red-shirted her first year, and then played singles and doubles the next four years. In her first three seasons at Cal Poly, she qualified for the NCAA's each year, and, in 1994, she and her doubles partner were nationally ranked. In 1994, she was also honored as a 1st-Team All-California College Athletic Association (CCAA) selection. Her Poly teams never had a losing record, and in 1992-93, they had one of the finest seasons in school history, owning a 16-0 record at one point, going 22-4 overall, and finishing runner-up and 2nd in the nation behind UC Davis at the NCAA Championships. As a senior, she was recognized as a three-time NCAA Division II Nationals participant, and she achieved a remarkable overall record of 77-19 in four years at Cal Poly.

At Cal Poly, Alissa was also a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, but the demands and commitment to the tennis team made sorority life take a back seat. Alissa graduated from Cal Poly in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science, with a concentration in Criminal Justice.

Since 2001, Alissa has been employed with the Santa Cruz County Probation Department as a Deputy Probation Officer. From 2001 to 2011, she worked in the Adult Division in the General Supervision, Pretrial Services, and Investigation Units. In 2011, she was promoted to a Supervising Deputy Probation Officer where she supervised the Investigations Unit in the Adult Division. In 2016, she moved to the Juvenile Division and supervised the Intake Unit and Court Investigation Units. She is currently back in the Adult Division Supervising the Mental Health and Sex Offender Unit.

Alissa has been married to her husband, Matt Dunnett, since 2006, and they reside in San Jose with their sons, Ryan, age 12, and Rehn, age 9. Both boys are natural athletes and play soccer, baseball, and football. Her husband also assists in coaching, which is so much fun to watch! Although Alissa, due to her full schedule with work and family, does not get much free time to play tennis anymore, she would not trade it for the joy she gets in watching her boys play sports, and cheering them on.

Alissa was presented into the Hall by Gay Finch, her high school coach.

Amy Larsen (class of 2002) - I can remember the first inning of my first-ever game pitching. I was 11, I got up on the mound, and I struck all three batters out.

I am a proud member of the AHS Class of 2002, and I had many extraordinary athletes in my class who inspired me to push myself. It was those non-glory moments of lifting weights in the weight room, running stairs, and jumping boxes alongside my athletic classmates that made me into the athlete I became. I had great coaches too. My summer travel ball coach, Keith Berg, spent a mind-boggling number of days coaching me one-on-one. He had a big warehouse in Salinas equipt with a pitching mound and batting cage. He'd work with me for hours, and I'd always say, "Just one more hour, please".

In high school, I practiced pitching every single day. I improved my speed, agility, and overall athleticism by training at Charlie's World, in P.E. with Coach Dorfman, and playing basketball. AHS softball coach Frank DeBernardo's kind words of encouragement helped me to not be so hard on myself mentally.

By the time I made Aptos High's varsity team, I was 6-feet-tall, focused, and well-coached, and I knew my competition well. Nothing felt better than striking those Soquel High School girls out. For my three years on AHS's varsity team, we won three consecutive SCCAL Team Championships. I was a three-time 1st-team All-SCCAL selection and two-time SCCAL Pitcher-of-the-Year. As a sophomore in 2000, I had a 0.35 ERA (#1 AHS all-time), a 12-5-1 record, and 159 strikeouts (#2 all-time). As a junior, my ERA was 0.59 (#2 all-time) with 132 strikeouts. In SCCAL play that year, my ERA was 0.16.

I competed on a summer travel ball team, the Salinas Storm, with future Olympic softball pitcher, Monica Abbott, as my teammate. Monica and I were known as the "Twin Towers." She was 6'3", I was 6'1", and we were both left-handed. One summer we placed 4th in the nation at the ASA National Tournament, the highest level of Junior Olympic softball. The first-place team also had a lefty who was over six-feet-tall -- future Olympic gold medalist Cat Osterman.

I red-shirted at the University of Tennessee and trained hard. One day, the head coach said, "Amy, Monica Abbott is joining our team next year." I decided to escape Monica's long shadow by transferring to Occidental College in Pasadena. Occidental is known as an "Ivy League of the West Coast" and I gained an incredible college education. I loved my D-III team and I pitched three seasons for Oxy until I developed Achilles tendonitis. My junior year, the pain was so bad that I sat alone in the dugout crying. I called my mom. She told me, "It's OK, do what makes you happy". So my senior year, I used my new freedom from the field to study abroad for six months in Istanbul, Turkey, and Granada, Spain.

One special Aptos High softball moment happened when the Santa Cruz Sentinel newspaper put me on the front page of their sports section. As I was being interviewed by a reporter, I thought to myself, that looks like a fun job. I fell in love with journalism, and, today, I am currently a reporter for KRON4 News in San Francisco.

Amy was presented into the Hall by her high school coach, Frank DeBernardo.

Brice Dahlmeier (class of 2005) - If there was a Mt. Rushmore of AHS boys volleyball, Brice would be carved into it. He is one of the finest volleyball players, male or female, in the rich and storied volleyball history of Aptos High.

The Aptos High boys and girls volleyball teams have combined to win 26 SCCAL Championships, earn 151 1st-team All-SCCAL selections, 23 league MVP's, and send-off 59 volleyballers to play at different colleges and universities. They have also combined to reach the CCS playoffs 50 times, play in 13 CCS Finals, and win 1 CCS and 1 CIF State Championship

Of the two thousand-plus male and female volleyball players at Aptos over the past 50-plus years, only 12 have earned three 1st-team All-League honors. Brice is one of them. Amidst all this volleyball glory, Brice is one of the very, very best, successfully climbing the heights of high school and college volleyball.

A three-year starter, Brice was a 1st-team All-SCCAL selection and, in 2003, the SCCAL Sophomore-of-the-Year as a Middle Blocker. In 2004, transitioning to Outside Hitter, he repeated as a 1st-team honoree, and, in 2005, he was selected as the MVP of the SCCAL. The Mariners qualified for the CCS playoffs every year, reaching the quarter-finals in '03 and '05, and, in 2004, reaching the CCS Finals before losing to powerhouse and two-time

CCS champion Los Gatos (14-25, 19-25, 20-25). Remarkably, Los Gatos beat us in the playoffs three consecutive years.

As a senior, Brice also led the Mariners to our first boys volleyball SCCAL Team Championship in school history. In three years, his teams had a tremendous 73-23 overall record, the 2nd best three-year record in school history (28-8, 10-2 in '03; 20-9, 10-2 in '04; and 25-6, 11-1 in '05). In 2020, Brice was also selected to the Aptos High School Golden Anniversary Boys Volleyball Team, which celebrates the Top 20 boys volleyball players in Aptos High's first 50 years.

Brice matriculated to UC Santa Cruz, where he continued to play volleyball. He helped the Banana Slugs reach two NCAA DIII Men's Volleyball National Final Four appearances. They finished 2nd in the country in 2006, and 3rd in the country in 2008. The following year, Brice transferred to UC Berkeley for his 4th and 5th years to complete his dual degree in Environmental Studies and Civil Engineering. While at Berkeley, Brice played on the Cal club volleyball team in the Northern California Collegiate Volleyball League. Cal's club team plays in Division I of the NCCVL. In his final season at Cal, Brice led the Bears to an NCCVL Team Championship, and he was selected as the MVP of the league.

Off the court, Brice has been a longtime beach volleyball player. He first earned his AAA rating back in 2008, and you can still see him competing with other AHS alumni down on the beach. In 2010, teaming-up with former Mariner teammate Garrett Wilson ('08), Brice and Garrett finished 9th at the AVP Young Guns tournament in Hermosa Beach, and, as recently as 2018, Brice was ranked #3 on the Hotsand Leaderboard. In 2018, teaming-up with Todd Travis, Brice and Travis were the Santa Cruz Open Men's Champions.

Today, Brice lives in Soquel with his husband, Bobby, and their four cats. Brice is an engineer at the Soquel Creek Water District. In his spare time, he enjoys playing Pokemon Go with the hubby and writing and producing music.

Brice was presented into the Hall by his mother, Karlene.

Rylan Hunt (class of 2009) - Rylan is the latest of a line of standout distance runners from Aptos High School to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Under the famous coaching of Dan Gruber, Aptos has long been the center of a distance running dynasty, which includes multiple girls State Championship Cross-Country Teams (one of which was captained by Rylan's sister Meghan) and top athletes including Hall of Fame members Dan Gruber, Gary Passinisi, Nicole Silva, Lisa Crouch, Brett Gotcher, Casey Nevitt, Marissa Ferrante, and Jacob Evans, plus future Hall of Famer Nikki Hiltz. Rylan had the honor of joining this tradition from 2005–2009. Rylan was a four-time SCCAL individual champion in cross-country, and his cross country teams won 4 SCCAL Team Championships, 2 CCS Team Championships, and earned a 3rd place finish at the California State CIF Championships in 2008.

Rylan was just as dominant on the track. He was an eight-time SCCAL individual champion, which included four-straight victories in the 1600m. He also won the 800m three times, and the 3200m once. He was also a three-time CCS medalist, and in 2008, he finished 4th in the state in the 1600m. In addition, he led the Mariner Track & Field Team to three SCCAL Team Championships. In 2009, Rylan was selected by his teammates as team captain, and he was also a two-time team MVP. As a senior, he was chosen as the AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year and the SC Sentinel Male Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year.

The beginning of Rylan's running career might be the most exciting. His 1st cross country team, composed entirely of (goofy) freshmen and sophomores boys, started the season ranked near the bottom of the league. Teammates Dayne Gradone (Class of 2009) and Walter Mayeda (Class of 2008) proved to be top competitors in the league, with Rylan trailing close behind. Surprisingly, the young team won several of its SCCAL meets with 1-2-3 finishes (mathematically guaranteeing a team victory). At the league finals, Rylan shocked teammates and competitors with a 1st place finish, taking the lead in the final straight of the race to beat Santa Cruz's Michael Landry, a motif in most of his races.

His freshman season continued explosively in track. With times like 9:28.5 in the 3200m at the Doc Raymond Relays, 4:21.5 in the 1600m at CCS Top 8, and 1:55.6 in the 800m at the Alisal Invitational, Rylan gained statewide recognition as the fastest freshman distance runner in the state, and possibly the nation. Notable races included victories in the 1600m at CCS Top 8 and the SCCAL Finals, where he finished with a time of 4:18. Like a true freshman, Rylan's freshman season ended early after a trampoline injury made it impossible to continue.

The rest of his high school career saw the continuing construction of a strong cross country team, which always medaled at the CCS Finals, and which even managed to earn a 3rd place medal in the State Finals. Rylan was the dominant distance runner in the league during this time and a formidable opponent to anyone in the section, finishing 3rd at the CCS Finals in the 1600m in 2007, and 2nd in 2008 and 2009. Rylan achieved his personal best in the CIF State Finals in 2008 with a time of 4:13.38, which, after passing 5 or more competitors in the final lap of the race, earned him a 4th place finish. Before his senior track season, Rylan contracted mononucleosis and did not improve upon his junior year, despite a few mid-season victories.

After high school, Rylan joined the UC Berkeley cross country team, but stopped halfway through the first season. His goofy, hodge-podge and venerable teammates and coach from Aptos High School, and their runs in Nisene Marks, were not to be replaced by the humorless Division 1 team, coaches and training. Rylan graduated from Cal with a double major in Physics and Applied Math in 2013. The years after saw a return to Rylan's first love, surfing. He spent his 20s chasing waves in Santa Cruz County, Latin America, and Portugal.

Rylan has worked as a math tutor and teacher. Currently, he teaches PVUSD's middle school RISE program for students with emotional and behavioral disorders. Hobbies include dancing and mushroom and plant foraging. Rylan still runs for mental and physical health.

Rylan was presented into the Hall by his parents, John and Teresa, and his sister, Meghan.

Breana Kostreba (class of 2011) - Breana is, simply, the best softball player to ever take the field at Aptos High. All-League, All-State, All-American, team and league MVP, collegiate star, the list goes on and on.

Bree was a four-year starter, a four-time 1st-team All-SCCAL selection, a two-time SCCAL MVP, a three-time All-State selection, and, in 2011, she was one of only 30 players in the nation to be selected to the ESPN Rise 1st-team All-American Team. Bree hit 47 home runs in her career, which is 4th all-time in CA history, and she is Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 on the AHS All-Time list in home runs. She led the state with 15 home runs as a senior. She is also Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 5 in batting average and runs scored. Her worst batting average was .542. For four years in a row, she led the Mariners in slugging percentage, and her lowest was a league-leading 1.152%. Bree even stole 36 bases in her career, and went 9-0 in the circle as a frosh.

Bree led the Mariners to three SCCAL Team Championships, and to four straight CCS Playoff appearances. In 2011, she was selected as the SC Sentinel Female Athlete-of-the-Year.

Bree matriculated to UC Berkeley. As a frosh, she hit .318 with 38 RBI's and 12 home runs, earned HM All-Pac12 honors, and was named to the 1st-team All-Pac12 Frosh Team. The Bears went 58-7 that year, won the Pac12 Conference Championship, and were ranked as high as #3 in the nation. After going 6-1 in the NCAA Regionals, the Bears went 2-2 in the College World Series. As a sophomore, she hit .324 with 30 RBI's and 18 runs scored. The Bears went 38-19 that year. As a junior, the Bears went 23-29, and Bree again earned HM All-Pac12 honors. As a senior, the Bears went 39-18. The Bears also qualified for the NCAA regionals in 2013 and 2015.

Before and during high school, Bree also played club softball on the nationally-ranked Sorcerer 18 Gold Mumma. The Sockerers won the ASA 18 Gold National Championship in 2009. She also led her squad to the 2008 Louisville/TPS Independence Day Tournament Championship in Boulder, CO, and to the 2006 Fresno Force Classic 14U Championship.

In addition to softball, Bree was a member of the award-winning Aptos High Robotics Team. In her senior year, Aptos claimed first place in the International Marine Advance Technology Competition held at NASA Johnson Space Center's Neutral Buoyancy Lab in Houston. The team built a model of a remotely operated vehicle, or ROV, that could stop the oil gushing from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon accident, and they beat out students from 28 schools and nine different countries to take first place.

Bree was also part of a seven-student team that took first place in the Marine Advance Technology Education Regional Contest in Monterey. The team designed, built, and programmed a robot to complete a series of tasks under water. It was manned by the students through a 50-foot tether hooked up to an Xbox 360 controller. They beat out 13 other teams to advance to nationals in Hawaii.

Bree started playing softball at 8 years old, and, today, she still has ties in the softball world by working with the next generation giving lessons.

Bree graduated from UC Berkeley in 2015 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. During her career at Cal she was chosen as the first recipient of the Orlando Tafoya Memorial Scholarship, being one of the few options as it demanded an athlete in an engineering degree to qualify.

Breana was presented into the Hall by Lucy and Brian, her mother and father.

Torrey Ornelas (class of 2012) - Ornelas is one of the finest water-polo players, male or female, in the history of Aptos High. A four-year starter, a three-time 1st-team selection, two-time league champion, and league MVP, she has few peers.

In the fall of 2008, in her first year at Aptos High School, Torrey was the only freshman to make the varsity water polo team, and she was also a starter. She continued to be in the varsity starting line-up all four years, until she graduated in 2012.

Torrey was a three-time 1st-Team All-TCAL selection. In the history of AHS girls water-polo, only three players have earned three 1st-Team honors, and Torrey is one of them. In addition, in 2008, she was honored as the TCAL Frosh-of-the-Year, in 2009, as the TCAL Sophomore-of-the-Year, and in 2010, as the TCAL Junior-of-the-Year. As a senior, Torrey was selected as the MVP of the TCAL, and she also earned All-CCS Honors. Torrey is the only AHS water-polo player to earn league MVP honors. She was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Team in Water Polo, which honors the Top 15 players in Aptos High's first 50 years.

In addition to her TCAL achievements, Torrey was honored as the Aptos High School's Girls Water Polo Freshman-of-the-Year and Sophomore-of-the-Year, and she was named the AHS MVP both her junior and senior years. Torrey was a league and section leader in goals, assists, and steals every season.

Alongside her personal water polo achievements, Torrey was also a key member of the only two league championships in AHS girls water-polo history, 2008 and 2011. The 2008 and 2011 teams also have the distinction of achieving the two best seasons in AHS history. The 2008 team finished 8-0, 21-4, and ultimately lost in the CCS playoffs in triple overtime. The 2011 team finished 14-1, 18-2. The 2008 team is the only 20-plus winning team in AHS girls water-polo history.

After graduating from Aptos, Torrey continued to play water polo successfully at San Diego Mesa College, and then at Cabrillo College. She also started coaching youth water polo for the Wax-em Club.

After earning her AA degree, Torrey transferred to CSU Monterey Bay, where she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. Today, Torrey lives in Capitola, where she works as a Residential Counselor for youth in the foster system at a local STRTP (Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program).

Torrey owes her water polo success to her overwhelmingly supportive parents and big sister, as well as the best coach in the world, Marcelo Adas.

Torrey was presented into the Hall by her older sister, Haley.

Dave Ensminger (coach) - Dave was born in Biddeford, Maine, to Pauline and Wren Ensminger. His sister, Janice, was born about 6 years later. His father worked with the Navy so they moved a lot. Dave has lived in Maine, South Carolina, New Mexico, Missouri, Virginia, and California.

Dave always enjoyed sports, especially football. His first experience with football was in Virginia, in the 7th and 8th grade, with a Pop Warner type group. Then, at the beginning of his freshman year, they moved to Glendale, California, and he played for the Tornados of Hoover High. Prior to his sophomore year, they moved again, this time to San Diego, and Dave attended Kearney High School. Dave played football for three years for the Kearney Kornets, and it was at Kearney where Dave first met his good friend and, eventually, his fellow coach, Jamie Townsend. Their teams were undefeated for three years. Dave was a quarterback on the JV team as a sophomore, then switched to wide receiver and defensive back at the varsity level. What a great time!

After high school, the family moved to Rhode Island, where Dave first attended college. Then the VietNam War came along and interrupted that plan. Dave enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and became an aeromedevac — a medic who transported wounded soldiers by plane to different hospitals. He was based in Japan and then the Philippines.

After his tour ended, Dave returned to San Diego and enrolled at San Diego Mesa Community College, where he played football for the Olympians for two years. Subsequently, Dave matriculated to Cal Poly Pomona, where he earned a full-ride, playing wide receiver and defensive back for the Broncos.

After graduating, Dave stayed in the San Diego area and worked in the restaurant business in sales. In 1981, he moved to Aptos, where he met his future wife, Betty. They married in 1982. Dave and Betty have three sons, Bryce, born in 1988, Dana, in 1990, and Wesley, born in 1992. It's been a tremendous joy for Dave and Betty to watch all their sons grow and mature. All three graduated from Aptos High. They were all involved in sports throughout their lives, and Wesley also excelled in dance and theater.

Betty and Dave went to a Cabrillo College football game in 1984, and Dave saw his old high school buddy, Jamie Townsend, down on the field coaching (Jamie also relocated from San Diego). Dave went to talk to him after the game, and Jamie told him that he should come to Aptos High and help coach. So, in 1985, Dave signed-on as a coach at Aptos High, and he has continued coaching at Aptos every year, all the way until the Covid pandemic hit. 37 years!

For 37 years, Dave coached wide receivers and defensive backs at every level, frosh, JV, and varsity. He also kept meticulous game day stats for the varsity team for years and years. And, in 37 years, Dave never missed a practice or a game, summer practices included. A remarkable legacy.

Dave says that the greatest joys in his life have been his wife, his three sons, and coaching football at Aptos High School (and not always in that order). He says that it has been one of his greatest pleasures to be part of the Aptos High football history.

Dave was presented into the Hall by good friend, Jamie Townsend.

Joseph Smith (coach) - Joseph Smith began his basketball coaching career at Aptos High School in 1996. He was the head coach for Boys JV basketball for three years, head coach for Girls Varsity Basketball for four years, and head coach for Boys Varsity Basketball Coach for 11 years. His father, Jack Smith, was an assistant coach with him until his passing in 2014. Joseph continued to coach the boys after his father's passing for three more seasons before moving on to become an administrator at Aptos. He continues to be involved in the boys basketball program as an Assistant Boys Varsity Coach on Coach Brian Bowyer's coaching staff. He is grateful for the opportunity provided by school administrators and Athletic Director Mark Dorfman to coach basketball and become part of the Mariner community.

Joseph has called Aptos High School home for the past 27 years. In addition to being a basketball coach, Joseph has also been the director of the Academic Learning Center, a Social Studies teacher, a Social Studies Department Chairperson, an Assistant Principal of Student Services, and an Assistant Principal of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. Today, he is the Assistant Principal of College and Career Readiness. He continually strives to provide students the systems and pathways to make positive connections to peers and adults, and to pursue their academic and career goals. As he looks back on his career at Aptos, he feels a sense of pride that he was part of a community committed to providing opportunities for every student to realize their full potential. Over his 27 years at Aptos High, he has appreciated the relationships he has developed with students, families, coaching staff, PVUSD staff, Aptos High School staff, and community members.

With his father, Jack, at his side, he coached the Boys and Girls basketball teams at Aptos High School for 15 years. They shared many unforgettable moments - working together at daily practices, traveling to and from games, being roommates at team camps,

watching game films, strategizing with other coaches for the next game, planning and preparing their teams as they readied to meet their next opponent, and coaching together on the sidelines at games. All of this also created important relationships and memories with their players, coaches, and parents that will be cherished forever. Jack's last season as Joe's Assistant Coach was in 2014, as he passed away in July of that year.

Joseph wanted his student-athletes to represent the Aptos High School community with dignity and respect. It was always about processes over outcomes, and exemplifying the "All in, All out, All the time" philosophy he and Jack promoted on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The top expectations for all players were to always give their best effort, be respectful, and to have a positive attitude on the court, in the classroom, and in the community. It continues to make him proud knowing that he has had a part in preparing his players to graduate and pursue their educational, athletic, and career choices, as well as give back to the community.

Joseph was blessed to have coached some great teams and great individuals with outstanding work ethics and indomitable spirits. Over the course of Joseph's 18 years of head coaching at Aptos High School, some of the highlights include the undefeated 27-0 Boys JV team in 1997-1998, five SCCAL Team Championships (one for girls and four for boys), two CCS Championships Final Game appearances (one each for girls and boys), and two NorCal Playoff victories (one each for girls and boys). He also saw 7 of his players earn SCCAL MVP honors (three girls and four boys), 27 who earned 1st-team All-SCCAL honors (6 girls and 21 boys), and 5 more who went on to compete at four-year colleges or universities. Ten of his players were named to the AHS Golden Anniversary basketball teams (four girls and six boys), which celebrate the top players in the first 50 years of Aptos High. In addition, Joseph was named as the S.C. County Coach of the year in 2001 for Girls Basketball, the SCCAL Coach of the Year in 2009 and 2015 for Boys Basketball, and he received the CCS Honor Coach Award for Boys Basketball in 2015.

The support from the community and the school was instrumental in building and maintaining his basketball program. Joseph is thankful to all the community members, community organizations, school administrative staff, coaching staff, and families who spent countless hours planning events and fundraisers, helping with the annual tournaments, keeping the scorebook, taking statistics, and managing the game and shot clock at the games. It has been stated "it takes a village", and the way that all stakeholders contributed to moving the basketball program forward was instrumental in building the foundation for the program's success.

Joseph is grateful for the support and love from his family and his friends. The unwavering support and unconditional love from his father Jack, his mother Jolene, his wife Jamie, and his daughter Jemma, are a major factor in allowing him to sustain his motivation and purpose to make a difference in the lives of young people through coaching. Celebrating a victory or lamenting a defeat, Joseph has always appreciated sharing these moments with his family and friends. It has made coaching a more inclusive and fulfilling experience.

After Coach Jack's passing in 2014, the Smith family began awarding the annual Coach Jack Smith Memorial Scholarship which, each year, honors a senior boy varsity basketball player that exemplifies the "All in, All out, All of the time" philosophy, on the court, in the classroom, and in the community. The Smith family is honored to provide this scholarship opportunity to a deserving player, and they know that, through this award, the legacy of Coach Jack will live on forever.

Jack Smith (coach) - Jack Smith began coaching basketball at Aptos High School in 1996. He was an assistant coach to his son, Joseph, and together they coached boys JV basketball for three years, girls varsity basketball for four years, and boys varsity basketball for 11 years. Coach Jack passed away in 2014, and Joseph continued to coach the boys for three more seasons before moving on to become an administrator at the school. Jack was grateful for the opportunity provided by school administrators and Athletic Director Mark Dorfman to coach basketball and become part of the Mariners community.

Jack was a police officer for the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department for 33 years. He rose to the rank of Sergeant, and he served as a patrol officer, a homicide detective, an undercover agent, and as a member of the S.W.A.T. Team and the Mounted Unit. He was a devoted husband to his wife Jolene for fifty years, a loving father to daughter, Jakki, and son, Joseph, and a loving grandfather to his four grandchildren, Tommy, Julia, Sophia, and Jemma.

Jack graduated from James Lick High School in 1962. He loved playing basketball and dedicated himself to being the best player he could be. He was the Most Valuable Player on his high school team and was named all-league. He played in city leagues and tournaments throughout his life, and many of those teams included his son Joseph. Both father and son played on many championship teams together and shared many great memories playing together.

Jack lived by the values of faith, courage, and loyalty. He exemplified these values as a basketball coach at Aptos High School for 18 years by nurturing and caring for the young men and women that he coached. He always was loyal to and supportive of his fellow coaches and his players. He instilled self-confidence and developed skills in players that empowered them to realize their potential as basketball players, competitors, and human beings.

Jack believed in being a constant presence in the lives of people he cared for. He dedicated his time and expertise in supporting them to achieve their goals. Over all of his years of coaching, his consistent mantra to his teams was, "We have to be all in, and go all out, all of the time." His inspiration led to many successes on the court, highlighted by an undefeated 27-0 JV team in 1997-1998, five SCCAL team championships, two CCS Finals Games appearances, two NorCal regional state playoff wins, seven SCCAL

Most Valuable Players, 27 first-team all-leaguers, and 10 players named to the 50th anniversary basketball teams.

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Joseph and Jack were presented into the Hall by Mark Dorfman.

Class of 2025 Travis Fox - Keynote Speaker

Joe Garbini (class of 1979) - Joe Garbini is one of the greatest running backs in both Aptos High and SCCAL history. A three year varsity player, Joe's school records for season (1160 yds.) and career (1670 yds.) rushing yards stood for 13 years, and forty-six years after graduating, Joe remains in the AHS Top 10 of both categories.

As a junior, Joe finished third in the league in rushing with 477 yards, and he averaged a league-leading 5 yards a carry, but it was his senior season where Joe struck gold.

As a senior in the 1978 season, Joe led both Aptos and the SCCAL in rushing. Impressively, he had multiple 100 yard-plus games that year, with three games over 150 yards, and his 183 yard totals against both Alisal and SLV remained the AHS single game rushing record for 13 years. In addition, as a senior, Joe was 1st-team All-SCCAL and 1st-team All-County. He was honored as the 1978 SCCAL Most Valuable Back by the coaches, and as the 1978 Santa Cruz County Back-of-the-Year by the Sentinel. Joe was also honored as the Aptos High Golden Helmet Winner by KSBW.

More impressively, Joe led the Mariners to our 1st SCCAL football championship in school history. Coach Lynch's '78 team went 4-0-1 in league play, tying Harbor 7-7, and 6-2-1 overall, earning the best record in school history to date, and a record that was not surpassed until 1982. Moreover, after 9 previous unsuccessful attempts, the '78 Mariners were the first Aptos squad to beat powerhouse Soquel HS, outlasting the defending league champion Knights 15-13. Joe led all rushers that day with 92 yards.

The '78 team was also the first to reach the CCS playoffs, which were a single division back then. Playing at The Pit in Salinas, the Mariners lost to Monterey HS 6-39.

However, just reaching the CCS playoffs was a unique challenge. At the end of the regular season, Aptos, Harbor, and Soquel were all tied with identical 4-1 records. Aptos had beaten Soquel, Soquel beat Harbor, and Harbor beat Aptos. (Actually, Harbor and

Aptos tied 7-7, but Harbor won the overtime tie-breaker.) Therefore, on Saturday, Nov. 18, in front of over 4000 screaming fans at Cabrillo College, the SCCAL hosted its first (and last) Playoff Jamboree. Each team faced the other for 20 minutes (two 10-minute halves) to determine the league's CCS qualifier. By defeating Soquel 7-6 and Harbor 3-0, the Mariners earned their 1st CCS playoff berth. Joe led all rushers that day with 85 yards, plus he scored Aptos's only touchdown of the jamboree.

On the field, Joe was intense, aggressive, and determined. Off the field, he was humble and selfless. Joe always gave the credit for his success to his offensive line, or, as Joe says, "to the five guys in front of me. I got all the ink, but they did all the work". His o-line stalwarts were Jon Nairn, Eric Smith, Mike MacAnerney, Bill Belsey, and Tim McConnell; they were Joe's workhorses and his heroes.

On the flipside, his o-line loved Joe. As All-SCCAL lineman Bill Belsey explains: "The entire offensive line loved blocking for Joe. Running the football was what we excelled in. Leads and powers were our bread and butter plays. Our motto was 'Lead 'till they bleed, sweep 'till they weep, and power 'till they cower.'" And Joe was the perfect running back for this, he was the perfect instrument for his line's prodigious power and skill.

In 1994, AHS selected a Silver Anniversary Football Team, celebrating the first 25 years of Aptos High football, and in 2019, AHS selected a Golden Anniversary Football Team, celebrating 50 years of Aptos High. Joe was selected to both teams.

Joe was presented into the Hall by his coach, Frank Lynch.

John Baker (class of 1983) - Aptos High school has produced many generations of talented, multi-sport athletes, but few shined as brightly on the gridiron and the basketball court as 1983 graduate John Baker.

"Bake" stands above the rest as the best pass receiver in Mariner football history. He ranks number one all-time in career receptions (69) and holds the record for most receptions in a season (40), a mark that has stood for more than four decades. Quarterback Matt Walters described John as a remarkable receiver. "All I had to do was throw it up and I knew Bake would come down with it," Matt recalled.

John's incredible numbers earned him All-League and All-County honors his senior year, and the Mariners finished as co-champions in the SCCAL. In 2019, he was rightfully honored with a spot on the AHS Golden Anniversary Football Team, which honors the greatest football players in Aptos High's 1st 50 years.

While those accolades would make any athlete a shoo-in for a spot in the AHS Sports Hall of Fame, John Baker's legacy includes an outstanding career on the hardwood for the Mariners and at Cabrillo College.

John was two-year varsity starter for Coach Bill Warmerdam. His scoring and rebounding helped the 1981-82 Mariners win the school's eighth boys basketball league

championship. He followed that with a stellar senior year, averaging 11 points a game, helping the Mariners become the first boys basketball team to reach the CCS finals.

The 6'5" forward reached the pinnacle of his basketball career at Cabrillo, where he was named All-Conference both as a freshman and as a sophomore, averaging 17 points and 6 rebounds a game in both seasons. In 1985, Cabrillo head coach Carl White described John as a "coach's player, who does everything for the team." In the Sentinel that year, sports editor Ed Vyeda called John, "The heart of the Seahawks."

John was presented into the Hall by his teammate, Matt Walters.

Shelley Rains-Chavez (class of 1988) - Shelley was an outstanding two-sport athlete at Aptos High, starring in both softball and soccer. She was also a proud member of the 1st female travel ball soccer and softball teams to come out of Santa Cruz County.

Soccer was a sport that Shelley really enjoyed playing. As a tenacious sweeper, her job was to protect the last line of the Mariner defense against the rival teams, and her efforts helped the Mariners to win two SCCAL championships. In addition to all the fun she had playing and traveling with her teammates, one of her best soccer memories was playing in the CCS playoffs against powerhouse Archbishop Mitty. In her last soccer game as a Mariner, Shelley had the challenge of going up against an up-and-coming superstar named Brandi Chastain. Yep. Her. Needless to say, despite getting a tough lesson in humility, Shelley looks back on that game with the honor she feels having shared the pitch with one of the greatest soccer players of all time.

As much as she loved soccer, it was softball where she felt most comfortable and truly excelled. She was a three-year starting pitcher and, when not on the mound, she played either shortstop or third base. Shelly was a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection. As a sophomore, Shelley took the league by storm. She went 12-7 with a 1.86 ERA and 88 Strikeouts, and was honored as the SCCAL Sophomore-of-the-Year. Her future as a leader on the AHS softball squad looked very bright until tragedy struck.

In the fall of 1986, at the start of her junior year, Shelly was in a terrible car wreck. Riding as a passenger, her injuries were significant. She broke her pelvis in two places and sustained a compound fracture in her left femur. She spent three months in the hospital, including one-and-a-half months in traction, with weights hanging-off her knee to pull her broken femur back into place. Eventually, a steel rod was put in her leg and a metal plate permanently secured her broken pelvis together.

After being "rebuilt", her doctors delivered bleak news. They strongly advised Shelly to put her softball and soccer careers behind her. However, Shelly had different ideas. One of the benefits of being a teenage girl is not listening to adults and doing whatever the hell a teenage girl wants. As soon as she was released, Shelly began intensive physical therapy sessions daily at the hospital and a local gym.

The therapy was working, but she still had a major limp on her left side, so softball her junior year was out. Heartbroken and mad, but still and determined to prove others wrong, Shelly relentlessly renewed her efforts. With her parents encouraging and pushing her, and with her dad's rigorous summer workouts, Shelly eventually regained the confidence and strength she needed to return to softball full-time. She started pitching, batting, and even running the bases in time to play her senior year.

Shelley's comeback her senior year was dominant and record-setting. Not only did she return as a starting pitcher for the Mariners, but she also earned SCCAL Pitcher-of-the-Year honors going 14-8 record with 101 strikeouts, both school records that stood for 11 years, plus a 2.16 ERA. She also batted .304 with 21 hits, 17 RBI's, 7 doubles, and 3 triples. The Santa Cruz Sentinel dubbed her the Comeback Player-of-the-Year, and she earned the title of Starting Pitcher for the 1988 SCCAL Softball "Dream Team".

Shelley matriculated to Cabrillo College, where she was a very successful starting pitcher for two more years. As her Cabrillo career ended, Shelley was offered a full ride scholarship to play softball at Saint Mary's College, but she declined.

Shelley is one of the finest softball players in Aptos High School history, a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection, the 1986 SCCAL Sophomore-of-the-Year, and the 1988 SCCAL Pitcher-of-the-Year. In addition, she was a 1st-team All-SCCAL selection in soccer in 1986. In 2019, she was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Softball Team, honoring the Top 30 softball players in Aptos High's 1st 50 years. However, even more impressive is her Hall of Fame courage and determination.

Shelley was presented into the Hall by her best friend, Lisa Harger-Turner.

Kim Fennell (class of 1990) - One of the finest three-sport athletes in school history, Kim earned multiple varsity letters in soccer, softball, and tennis. Kim helped the Mariners win the 1989 tennis championship, and she was an outstanding softball player whose softball career was cut-short by injury, but it was on the soccer pitch where she truly shined. Kim was a dominant soccer player and four-year starter, and she helped the Mariners win three SCCAL team championships.

On the softball diamond, Kim was the Iron Woman. As the Sentinel reported, Kim "played every inning of every game" during her frosh and sophomore years. As a frosh, Kim was the Mariners' top pitcher, and she went 5-6 with a 4.44 ERA and 23 strikeouts, all in the Top 10 of the SCCAL. She was 5th in innings pitched (71), and also managed to steal 17 bases (7th in the SCCAL). As a sophomore, with Shelley Rains returning to the mound after recovering from her significant injuries, Kim's innings went down, but she still earned a remarkable 1.84 ERA. However, her excellence shifted to the field. In her sophomore year, Kim hit .290 with 20 hits, 22 runs scored, and 6 RBI's, all among the top marks for the Mariners.

Sadly, after suffering a significant rotator cuff injury, Kim's softball career came to a premature end.

However, her rotator cuff injury did not slow her down on the soccer pitch. Primarily playing forward, Kim was a 3-time 1st-team All-SCCAL selection, and she led the Mariners to three league titles. The only blemish was a 2nd-place finish behind Soquel in 1988-89. She was a tremendous scorer, one of the league leaders in goals and assists every year, highlighted by her Hat Trick against Watsonville as a senior, scoring 3 goals in a 4-0 victory.

In the history of Aptos High girls and boys soccer, examining the careers of thousands of girl and boy soccer players over our 50-plus years, only 14 players were ever honored with 3 1st-team selections (10 girls, 4 boys). Kim is a member of this very, very elite club.

In Kim's four years, her teams compiled a 38-4-6 SCCAL record, one of the finest four-year stretches in school and SCCAL history. Only 4 league losses in 4 years, that's pretty remarkable. Her '90 team went 11-0-1, a mark that was not matched for 25 years. Her teams qualified for the CCS playoffs all four years, and reached three CCS semi-finals. Demonstrating Aptos's difficult playoff draws, two of their semi-final losses were to the eventual CCS champions.

These days, Kim is married and lives in Lynchburg, VA, where she is a Social Studies teacher at Heritage High School, home of the Pioneers.

Kim was presented into the Hall by Tim Cecy.

Audra Dent (class of 200) - Audra's lifelong passion for volleyball first took root during her formative years at Aptos Junior High. Her journey began in 8th grade on the AJHS volleyball team. This early experience ignited her love for the sport, leading her to play on the Aptos High JV team in her freshman year, and advancing to varsity for the next three years. By the end of her senior year, Audra's hard work and dedication culminated in her being selected as the unanimous SCCAL MVP, and she led the Mariners to the 2002 SCCAL team championship.

In her three years on varsity, the Mariners won a remarkable 63 games, including back-to-back SCCAL seasons of 12-2 and 11-1. Her teams also qualified for the CCS playoffs all three years, reaching two CCS semi-finals.

Playing club volleyball in the off-seasons, Audra achieved impressive milestones there too, including two 5th-place finishes at the Junior Olympics and recognition as one of the top 50 recruits in the nation. In addition, despite no official high school beach volleyball in the 2000's, Audra's passion for beach volleyball was always evident, and she quickly made a name for herself on the beach too, winning many local tournaments.

These accomplishments paved the way for her to receive a Division I scholarship to San Diego State University, where she enjoyed a tremendous four-year career as an Aztec.

As a sophomore, junior, and senior at SDSU, Audra started every match, often leading the Aztecs in both kills and blocks, and she was honored as the Female Athlete-of-the-Semester in her last playing year. Throughout her collegiate career, she consistently showcased her skills, averaging over 3 kills per game in both 2005 and 2006, and earning selections to All-Tournament Teams at both the Aztec Invitational in 2005 and the Syracuse Tournament in 2006. Audra's performance during her time at SDSU included standout moments such as a season-high 22 kills against UNLV, a remarkable streak of matches with double-digit kills, and a HUGE upset over 20th ranked BYU her senior year.

Audra's passion for the sport has extended beyond her playing days. While at SDSU, she discovered her love for coaching and began mentoring high-level club teams. After completing her collegiate career, she transitioned into high school coaching, where she quickly made her mark. As the first assistant coach at Cathedral Catholic High School, Audra was instrumental in the team's success, helping them to win four consecutive CIF D3 State Championships. Following that, she took on the role of head beach and indoor coach at Francis Parker, leading the indoor team to the CIF D4 State Semi-Finals in 2021. She also founded a developmental club called GRIT during her time at Parker which helped to lay the foundation for many more successful athletes.

With the rise of beach volleyball as an organized sport, Audra eagerly embraced the opportunity to coach at 692 West, a nationally recognized club program focusing entirely on beach volleyball, where she has been the longest-serving coach over the past 15 years. Under her guidance, this pioneering club has played a crucial role in the growth of beach volleyball in San Diego and has successfully helped countless elite athletes secure spots at top colleges across the country.

Additionally, Audra is now navigating the world of coaching at a JUCO. She leads both the indoor and beach volleyball teams at San Diego City College.

In addition to her notable coaching career, Audra is an accomplished educator. She earned her Master's Degree in The Study of Human Behavior in 2013, and she has applied her expertise in special education and behavior management to work with diverse student populations. Her background in education has also enhanced her coaching approach, allowing her to implement positive behavioral strategies that maximize her athletes' performance both on and off the court.

Audra Dent's journey from a young volleyball enthusiast at Aptos Junior High to a respected coach and educator exemplifies her dedication to the sport and her commitment to developing the next generation of athletes. With her extensive experience and passion for volleyball, Audra continues to be an inspiring figure in the world of sports.

Audra was presented into the Hall by close friend, Cristin Murphy.

Andrew Ortega (class of 2004) - Andrew Ortega is one of the most talented and versatile athletes to come out of Aptos High. He was a three sport athlete, playing football, basketball, and baseball for multiple Mariner SCCAL Championship teams, and he was a key member of our first-ever CCS Football Championship team. In all three sports, he excelled at multiple positions and played any place that his coaches asked.

His abilities to create plays and be versatile were often on display on the basketball court and the baseball field. Starting as a point guard, he was great at defense and creating havoc for the other team while leading the team in assists. In baseball, he was a two-year starter, and he earned 1st-Team All-SCCAL honors playing shortstop as a junior while helping the Mariners to the 2003 SCCAL Championship, our 1st in five years. In true AO fashion, in his final home at bat, he would leave his mark at the school with a Grand Slam.

However, his biggest accomplishments were on the football field. After being moved up as a sophomore to the varsity team in 2001, Andrew remained a starter for the rest of his career. He was a two-time 1st-Team All-SCCAL defensive back, and he was honored as the SCCAL Defensive Player-of-the-Year as a senior. He was also selected to the 1st-Team All-CCS squad as a defensive back by the San Jose Mercury News, and he was selected to the 2003 Cal-Hi Sports All-State Team as a Specialist/Multi-Purpose player. Lastly, in 2019, Andrew was selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Football Team, honoring the greatest football players in Aptos High's first 50 years, making him one of the elite in Mariner football history.

As a junior, in addition to being an all-league DB, Andrew also led the Mariners in rushing yards, receiving yards and points scored. He set a school record, which still stands 20-plus years later, for the longest kickoff return, scoring on a 99 yard return against Watsonville. That year the Mariners fell one game short from being SCCAL champions, finishing 2nd behind 6-time league champ SLV.

Then came the A-Train's senior campaign, the fall of 2003. Andrew and his teammates won our 1st league championship in 12 years, and, in the process, defeated SLV 14-8, our 1st victory over the Cougars in 15 years. On the season, led by Andrew in the secondary, the Mariner defense gave-up less than 14 points a game.

The '03 team also won our 1st CCS Football Championship in school history. Before beating Hollister 26-16 in the championship game, the Mariners won a nail-biter against North Salinas in the semi's, overcoming a 21-point deficit and scoring the go-ahead touchdown with only 4 seconds remaining. In the championship game, Andrew scored on an 85 yard kickoff return and a 15 yard pass reception. In the final Mercury News poll, the Mariners ranked 4th in the CCS, behind Palma, St. Francis, and Valley Christian. Pretty rarefied company.

Andrew matriculated to San Diego State to play football for the Aztecs but, after one season, he retired from competitive sports to focus on his studies. He subsequently transferred to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and earned his B.S. in Biological Sciences. Andrew then moved-on to THE Ohio State University to attend medical school. Today, Andrew currently serves as an Emergency Medicine Physician at the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula. However, his love of sports hasn't stopped. He continues to coach his daughters Bella, Baylynn, and Braxton, in various sports, and he currently volunteers as the Team Physician for Carmel High School Football and Track and Field teams.

Andrew was presented into the Hall by his wife, Jessica.

Michelle Park (class of 2010) - Michelle is one of the most decorated golfers, male or female, to graduate from Aptos High School.

Michelle was a four-year varsity golfer. As a frosh and soph, she was selected as the team MVP. As a junior and senior, she was a 1st-team All-SCCAL selection, and she was also honored as the SCCAL MVP both years. Traditionally, the league MVP is awarded to a player from the league championship team, but Michelle won the award two-years in a row despite Aptos finishing in the bottom half of the league both years. This shows the respect that Michelle's dominance garnered from the SCCAL coaches. In addition, as a junior and a senior, she was the SCCAL Individual Champion, and she finished 2nd as a sophomore.

As a senior, at the 2009 SCCAL Championships at DeLaveaga, Michelle shot a 79 over 18 holes and beat 2nd place finisher Ellie Lousalot of Harbor by 16 strokes. As a junior, playing at Seascape Golf Course, she shot a 93 over 18 holes, and beat 2nd place finisher Sofi Beck of Harbor by 3 strokes. As a sophomore, Michelle shot 91 at Seascape, finishing 2 strokes behind league champ Debbie Bouzeos from Scotts Valley.

In the CCS Championships her senior year, at Rancho Canada Golf Course, she shot an 83 and finished in 29th place. As a junior, also at Rancho Canada, Michelle led all Santa Cruz County golfers with an 8 over par 80. And as a sophomore, still at Rancho Canada, Michelle was the 2nd best finisher from the county with a 13 over par 85.

Michelle had hoped to transfer her success on the SCCAL circuit to a similarly successful career at Santa Clara University, but, after graduating in 2010, a significant back injury in a car accident derailed those plans. Michelle was unable to play golf again until her mid-twenties.

Today, Michelle plays golf recreationally, allowing her dad and his friends to beat her every once in a great while. She also works in the skincare field, and she is currently the Managing Director for the Korean tech-based skincare brand Saelo.

Michelle was presented into the Hall by her mother, Kim.

Cody Gilbert (class of 2010) - Cody was a four-year member of both the Aptos swim team and the Aptos water-polo team, earning a remarkable eight varsity letters.

As a freshman at Aptos, Cody and his swimming teammates practiced in the ocean because the new Aptos High pool was being built. Workouts included swimming around the cement ship. This happened before the area was known as “Shark Park”. In the pool, Cody won many individual SCCAL titles in the butterfly and backstroke events, and he led the Mariner boys to three SCCAL team championships. Cody also qualified for the CCS Swimming Championships several times.

However, it was in water-polo where Cody really established his dominance. He was a four-year starter and he was chosen as a 1st-Team All-SCCAL selection three times. Remarkably, Cody was selected as the SCCAL Frosh-of-the-Year, Sophomore-of-the-Year, Junior-of-the-Year, and Senior-of-the-Year, a feat that never happened before or since.

Matriculating to Cabrillo after graduation, Cody continued to swim and play polo. In swimming, he was a Coast Conference Champion in the 100 yard backstroke, and in water-polo, he was the captain his sophomore year and earned Junior College All-Conference and All-American Honors. In both seasons, he led the Hawks deep into the Conference playoffs.

Cody has also been coaching water polo at Aptos High for over 14 years, first as the boys JV coach, then 9 years as the boys head coach. Last year, he segued to the girls program. Taking over the head coaching duties, Cody led the Mariner girls water-polo team to our 1st-ever CCS and Nor-Cal team titles. In an exciting and historic CIF Nor-Cal Division 3 Championship Game, Aptos won the title by beating Morro Bay HS 9-7.

Outside of the pool, Cody has worked for the California State Lifeguards for 10 years, and he also led the Junior Lifeguard program for the county. In addition, while working as a Junior Lifeguard instructor, Cody was honored as the Junior Guard Instructor-of-the-Year.

Cody was presented into the Hall by his coach, Doug DeMuth

Linda Hitchcock (coach) - Linda grew up in Orangevale, CA, where she played tennis at Casa Roble High School. After high school, she matriculated to UC Santa Cruz, where she put down the tennis racket and focused on her studies. She graduated with two degrees, one in Marine Biology and one in Economics. Linda then embarked on a long career with the CA State Parks, first as a State Park Ranger, then as an Interpreter, and now as a Senior Park and Recreation Specialist.

Knowing her past passion for tennis, her husband John bought her a tennis racquet for her 40th birthday, along with tennis lessons at the Seascape Sports Club. With instruction and

encouragement from the club's Tennis Pro, Rick Kepler, Linda's fire for tennis was reignited and she soon became a fixture playing in USTA tennis leagues.

Linda's renewed enthusiasm and passion for tennis impressed Rick, and he soon introduced her to the "Schools" tennis program, where Linda, with Rick's tutelage, started teaching tennis to elementary school students. Once Linda started teaching tennis, she was hooked, and her love for coaching began.

Soon after that, Rick, who was the head varsity coach at Aptos at the time, brought Linda aboard as his JV tennis coach. While coaching the JV team at Aptos, Linda realized how beneficial it would be to start a junior high school tennis program that could prepare junior high students for high school tennis. Linda, in addition to coaching the JV team, also spearheaded the junior high program for several years. After serving three years as the Aptos JV coach, Athletic Director Mark Dorfman promoted Linda, and she became the head varsity girls tennis coach.

Linda coached the varsity girls for 11 years, and she and her trusty and extremely dedicated assistant Marc Godoy led the Mariners to 7 SCCAL team championships and 8 berths into the CCS Championships. Linda is the 2nd winningest girl's tennis coach in AHS history, only trailing behind fellow Hall of Fame coach Gay Finch. In addition, her 2012 team won the CCS Scholastic Team Championship, awarded to the team with the highest collective GPA in the entire section. Linda also helped several of her players make the leap to tennis at the collegiate level, including Cal Poly SLO, Claremont McKenna, UC Irvine, and more.

In 2021, Linda was honored as the CCS Honor Coach in Girls Tennis, a prestigious award.

A typical Linda-day during tennis season would see her begin her full-time job with the State Parks early in the morning, and then she'd head up to Aptos High to start her coaching day. Linda's passion for tennis inspired her family too. Her husband John became the Aptos JV tennis coach, and her two children, Amy and Aaron, both became successful varsity tennis players at Aptos High.

Despite her teams' tremendous successes on the tennis courts and her outstanding and remarkable record, Linda is most proud that she inspired her student-athletes to have fun while competing hard and developing a love for tennis, along with making lifelong friendships.

Linda was presented into the Hall by former players, Maddy Miller & Juliet Sweet.

Mark Hull (coach) - In the late sixties, growing-up in the northeastern hills of Los Angeles, Mark Hull's favorite PE sport at Eagle Rock High School was volleyball. But it was only after graduating in 1970 and enrolling at LA Community College where his first formal volleyball class hooked him and changed his life.

In 1974, he escaped the smog of LA and came to Santa Cruz to continue his education at Cabrillo College.... but mostly to surf and play beach volleyball. Enrolling in just enough classes at Cabrillo College to qualify for the men's indoor team, he formed many early

friendships which established his lifelong connection to the vibrant “volley” community of Santa Cruz. While completing his undergraduate work at UCSC in Biology (class of ‘78), he helped organize and play on UCSC’s first USVBA Men’s Club, which evolved into the Banana Slug’s NCAA championship program today.

Mark completed his teaching credential at San Jose State and secured his first classroom position at Holy Cross, and then Good Shepherd. While teaching there, he accepted his first coaching position at Santa Cruz High as the girl’s JV coach. Marrying his wife Alta in 1982, and welcoming son Wyatt in 1984, he continued to pursue his dream career goal of both teaching and coaching at one of the county’s high schools.

Subsequently, while working at Pajaro Middle School in Watsonville, he met future Aptos AD Mark Dorfman, and they formed a friendship that would deeply influence Mark’s teaching and coaching career and life. In 1988, Mark was hired by varsity coach Mark Brewer to lead the JV girls volleyball team at Aptos High, and he worked for 3 years under Mark Brewer as his JV coach and varsity assistant.

In 1989, daughter Trinity was born and the family moved to Corralitos. He taught at E.A. Hall and at Watsonville High while still coaching the JV team at Aptos, patiently waiting for a coveted on-site teaching spot at Aptos to open.

Finally, in 1991, he was hired as a full-time science teacher and truly became a Mariner. In 1992, as an assistant under head coach Crista Cook, the girls volleyball team were CCS and Nor-Cal champs, and reached the CIF State Championship Game, ultimately losing to future Olympian Misty May and her Newport Harbor team. From 1994 to 1996 he was given the opportunity to serve as the head varsity coach, and the second part of his dream became a reality. He led the Mariners to the SCCAL title, the CCS Finals, and Nor-Cal playoffs, losing in the quarter-finals. At the time, it was only our second trip to the Nor-Cals.

With Wyatt also hooked on “the family sport”, Mark switched to the boys program, and in 1997-98, he coached his son’s teams at Aptos Junior High before “re-enlisting” at Warmerdam Gym to lead the boys JV team in 1999 and assist the varsity in 2000. He stayed involved with the boy’s program, led by Jacob Hendrickson, in 2001-02, and then as varsity assistant with Jonah Carson from 2003-05. Concurrently, he also assisted his former student-athlete and now coach Jen Bryan at the Junior High while his daughter Trinity played there.

As the sport transitioned from side-out to rally scoring, introduced the libero position, and continued to evolve and grow, Mark joined Jen Bryan, now the head girls coach at Aptos, as both the JV coach and her varsity assistant from 2004-10. In 2011, he accepted the opportunity to lead the girls varsity team during his final year of teaching at Aptos so that he could retire alongside the graduating class of 2012 after 25 years as a Mariner. In 2014-15, he came out of retirement to assist Lucas Bol with the girls varsity team once again.

As a player, coach, referee, and mentor across fifty years in the Santa Cruz volleyball community, Mark was also deeply involved in the promotion of the outdoor beach game as a player, club advisor, and CBVA tournament director at the sand courts throughout

Santa Cruz County, including Cowell's, Capitola, Harbor, and Main Street beaches. As an original director of the Main Beach Sand Club and CBVA Juniors tournament events, he found joy and meaning in supporting the growth of the outdoor sand game and its recent expansion as an NCAA and high school sport.

Mark was presented into the Hall by Mark Dorfman.

Class of 2026 Reggie Roberts - Keynote Speaker

Nick Hathaway (class of 1970) - Nick Hathaway was the first of the great baseball players at Aptos High School.

"Nick was one of the best baseball players I've ever seen," said Mike Gruber, the catcher on the Mariners inaugural baseball team in the spring of 1970 and a fellow Hall of Fame member. "He had great control. I didn't have to move my glove at all," said Mike, who described his teammate as someone "who went his own way."

Nick came up through the ranks of Santa Cruz County baseball in the 1960's, a dominating pitcher and hitter, and he earned spots on multiple youth league All-Star Teams.

He first entered Watsonville High in the fall of 1966, before Aptos opened, and where he was an ace pitcher for the Wildcatz, throwing a no-hitter his junior year. In the fall of 1969, when the Aptos High campus opened, Nick made the move and joined the Mariners. He quickly established himself as the baseball team's top player.

Against Soquel, in the Mariners first-ever league victory in baseball, Nick earned the win. And he did so in legendary fashion, throwing a no-hitter. It would be the Mariners only no-hitter until 1980. As spectacular as that was, the lanky righthander would accomplish an even more incredible feat just weeks later. In a league matchup versus Monterey High, Nick pitched all 11 innings, striking out 21 batters. Both marks still stand today, 56 years later.

Nick would finish the year with a 2.29 ERA. He also led the team in hitting, with a .349 batting average, earning him a spot as the Mariners' lone representative on the 1970 All-Monterey Bay League Baseball Team.

After graduation, Nick took his talents to Cabrillo College, where, according to longtime Coach Jerry Fishel, he became "one of the five greatest pitchers" in the program's first 20 years. Nick led the Seahawks to the Coast Conference title in 1972, and was voted "Most Valuable Player" in the conference. He went 10-1 on the mound, with a 1.10 ERA, throwing nine complete games. He was also a standout at the plate, hitting .315.

Amy Lamb (class of 1982) - Amy is the finest gymnast in Aptos High history. As a frosh in 1979, Amy made an immediate impact, earning a spot as the team's only frosh gymnast on the varsity squad, a rare achievement that set the tone for her standout high school career.

As the gymnastics team grew in both size and strength, Amy emerged as a natural leader, helping guide the varsity squad to unprecedented success. In 1980, under her leadership, the team placed 2nd in the SCCAL, where Amy finished 2nd overall at the league championships. She lost to the 1st-place gymnast by .4 points. The following year, in 1981, the team captured the SCCAL Championship, marking a historic win for the program. Individually, Amy delivered a dominant performance at the SCCAL Finals, earning 1st-place in the uneven bars, balance beam, and vault. She was also 1st in the All-Around. No gymnast before her had this much success.

In addition, Amy qualified for the Central Coast Section Championships all three years of her varsity career. Her skill, discipline, and dedication made her not only a top competitor, but also a respected teammate and role model. She was voted the team MVP all three years. Her legacy includes championship titles, individual honors, and the lasting impact she made on her team and school community.

Unfortunately, at the end of the 1981 season, gymnastics was cut to funding challenges, so Amy was unable to compete her senior year.

Amy was also an accomplished swimmer. Throughout her high school swimming career, Amy competed in the 100-yard Individual Medley, 50-yard Butterfly, 50-yard Breaststroke, and the 100-yard Freestyle. However, it was in the 100 IM, the 200 Medley Relay, and the 200 Freestyle Relay where she truly excelled, becoming a key contributor to the team's success. The Mariners won two SCCAL titles during Amy's tenure. And, after gymnastics were eliminated, Amy played soccer her senior year.

Amy graduated from Aptos High and went on to complete the teacher credentialing program at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. She then completed her master's degree in school counseling from San Jose State University. She and her husband raised two daughters in San Jose, and Amy will be retiring this summer from a 39 year successful teaching career.

Amy was presented into the Hall by her husband, Ron Richardson

Danny Eller (class of 2001) - Back in 2000, Aptos High's wrestling team developed an elite contingent of warriors known simply as the "4 Horsemen". At whatever event they were competing, other teams quickly found out why they earned that nickname. They were widely respected in local wrestling circles for their complete dominance over the opposition. Each possessed a specific skillset that set them far apart from other grapplers. Through their speed, power, intelligence and grit, many opponents were left stunned at their collective talents. A fifth horseman was added to the mix in 2001, and their five names continue to be legendary in the history of Aptos Mariners wrestling. Much like the

superhero Avengers, Rollie Delfin, Tim Smith, Chris Carr (RIP) and Adan Marquez had a Captain America-like figure leading them into repetitive battle situations.

The fifth horseman? Captain America? His name is Danny Eller. Danny was the proverbial match that lit the competitive fire for the Horsemen's success, and his ability to trounce opponents in routine fashion soon elevated this talented group to even higher levels of success. Danny's resume at Aptos High was an outstanding one. He was a three-time SCCAL Champion, a two-time CCS medalist, a CCS finalist, and a CA State Qualifier. In addition to earning two 30+ win seasons for the Mariners, Danny was also named the team's Most Outstanding Wrestler twice. He added a team MVP award to his collection during his final season as a Mariner wrestler as well.

In 2001, all five Horsemen were crowned SCCAL individual League Champions, a school record that had never been achieved before or since, and wrestling started at AHS in 1969. This remarkable group was also the first-ever Mariner wrestling team to finish in the Top 10 at the CCS Championships. In ____, they finished 9th in CCS out of 175 schools.

Danny's humble leadership bolstered his team's firepower every year. His career winning percentage of .792 (114-30) still remains the BEST of all-time in AHS wrestling history, a record covering the span of 57 years! Even today, over 20 years later, Danny's career statistics rank him amongst the finest wrestlers to ever wear a Mariner singlet. He is 3rd in wins (114), 4th in pins (58), 2nd in tech falls (9), 4th in dual meet victories (28-5), 2nd in dual pins (18), 3rd in dual team points (133), 7th in career matches (146), and he owns the 2nd highest season win total in history with 38 (2000).

And Danny was not just a stalwart on the mat, he was also a two-year starter in both football and baseball, and he led both teams to winning records every year. He was an exceptional athlete. Longtime Sentinel sportswriter Jim Seimas described Danny: "He was incredibly entertaining to watch compete. He's also a great person, which made me want to cover him more to further develop our bond. As reporters, we're taught to not show any bias, but I always pulled for Danny's success because of the manner in which he carried himself".

After graduating as a Mariner in 2001, Danny took his talents to Arizona and attended the prestigious Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, where he continued to be a wrestling standout for four years at the NAIA collegiate level. After earning his BA in Global Securities & Intelligence Studies in 2006, Eller embarked in a career as a Patrol Supervisor for the Prescott Valley Police Department, a position in which he has served for the past 20 years. In 2017, Danny was awarded his Department's "Medal of Valor" for going above and beyond the call of duty during an extreme crisis situation within his community.

Danny married his lovely wife, Christina, in 2008 and have two sons, Landon (15 yrs old) and Dylan (10), both currently enjoying wrestling, just like their Dad once did.

Supporting Danny's journey through his athletic years at Aptos were his mother, Patti (a former Resource teacher at AHS and high school swim coach), his Dad, Anthony, a former football coach, his brother Chris (another former AHS wrestler and gridiron player), and sister Hillary (former track and field competitor as a Mariner).

Danny Eller's positive light continues to shine in life to this day, and perhaps Jim Seimas sums it up best when reflecting upon Danny's admirable growth mindset, stating "Danny is always up to proving himself at the next challenge. After high school, I knew he would greet adulthood and live with the same fervor he's always shown...that's who he is!"

Danny was presented into the Hall by his former coaches, Nick Richards & Reggie Roberts.

Chris Doerksen (class of 2003) - Chris is one of the greatest volleyball players in Aptos history. He was a four-year varsity standout for the Aptos Mariners who made an indelible mark on AHS athletics as an outside hitter. Recognized early for his talent and leadership, Chris was named the SCCAL Sophomore-of-the-Year and the SCCAL Junior-of-the-Year, and he capped his high school career being selected as the SCCAL MVP in 2023.

Chris's impact extended beyond individual accolades. He led the Mariners to their first two CCS playoff berths in school history, where they reached the quarter-finals both years, setting a new standard for Aptos volleyball. As a senior, the Mariners won 28 matches—still second most in AHS history—and Chris recorded 247 kills in 2003, ranking third all-time for the program.

After graduation, Chris attended the University of the Pacific, where he continued his volleyball journey with the Tigers before choosing to focus on earning his Civil Engineering degree. Throughout his athletic and academic pursuits, Chris's appreciation for his coaches remained central. He credits Mark Mattern for introducing volleyball to him and many of his friends at Valencia Elementary, Mark Hull for his guidance as a club and high school coach and his wizard-like understanding of the game, and Jacob Hendrickson and Jonah Carson for their outstanding leadership of successful AHS boys' volleyball teams.

Chris attributes his competitive volleyball experience—and the rigorous training it required—with instilling the fortitude necessary to pursue a meaningful career and face life's challenges head-on. In 2013, Chris married Kate Endress (a basketball Hall of Famer in her own right, Ball State Univ.), and together they are raising their children, Grace and Calvin, in Danville, CA. Chris and Kate dedicate significant time to mentoring and coaching their (very tall) children in various sports, especially volleyball and basketball, passing on the values of sportsmanship and competition to the next generation of Doerksens.

Chris was presented into the Hall by his friend and teammate, Serge Sirisena.

Katie Pleski (class of 2006) - If you had told me over 22 years ago, when I first transferred to Aptos High School as a sophomore, that one day I would be voted into the Aptos High School Sports Hall of Fame, I would have said that you were crazy.

Writing this isn't very easy for me. I have never been one to like the light shining on me. I have always been, and still pride myself on being, a team player, always trying my best to help my team succeed. It still blows my mind. If it hadn't been for Shauna Roth back in 2003, my amazing friend that I made during our JV basketball season, encouraging me to play softball, I would have never stepped onto the field and tried out for the team.

I still remember Frank looking at me and saying, "What am I going to do with you?" Everything you could do wrong while hitting I did. I pulled my head, dropped my shoulder, threw my hands out, and I felt like there was a lot more that I did wrong. All those reps off the batting tee, and all the other drills I did to help me correct all my mistakes. I did have a few things going for me though. I could catch, throw, run, and bunt. And I like to think I was a good listener to my coach's advice, which in the end has obviously paid off.

It was the summer between my junior and senior year that I played on the 16U Crusher Team. With the help of Kevin Roth and Shawn Gallardo, things at the plate finally started clicking for me. I was starting to not just be a base hit player, but one who could also hit doubles and triples. I remember Shauna and I asked Frank on a January afternoon if we could borrow the pitching machine for a little batting practice. He was happy enough to come out and unlock it so that we could take some reps. Everything started to click. I was hitting the ball all the way to the batting cages, which I had never been able to do. Now Frank had a new problem on his hands because I was no longer your typical leadoff hitter, which I had been for the previous 2 years.

The '06 season arrived. We had tryouts and it was a whirlwind. We ended up having five frosh starting that season. That's something that didn't happen very often. I ended up moving to the infield, to play up the middle with our other senior and co-captain, Catilyn. We knew we would have to help these younger players the best that we could and help them believe in themselves.

That season seems like a blur. We hit the ground running in the Steinbeck Classic, taking second place. I remember taking each at bat and thinking that I wasn't going to let the pitcher beat me. I was going to get on base to give the person behind me the chance to drive me in.

The next thing I knew, we were playing our Senior Game and we had only two more games of the season to go. The Senior Game was a close one. We beat Scotts Valley 2-0. It was so much fun, and afterwards tears were shared with everyone. What most people didn't know, after all those great moments, is that I ended up going to the ER with Andrew, my boyfriend at the time. He suffered a serious flair-up of pancreatitis, and I spent the rest of my evening there 'till my dad came and picked me up. I had to get-up the next day and go to school, and then play Harbor for the league title. Vying for the league championship was something no one expected us to do at all that season. I knew my team needed me, so I put all my worries to the side for those couple of hours. I dug down and

ran out onto that field to play the best that I could for my teammates. We ended up playing another great game, just like we were coached to do, winning 5-3 for the SCCAL Championship. That season I ended up getting the SCCAL MVP Award. My batting average was .606, with a .696 OBP, and 1.030 SLG.

I decided to go to Cabrillo College for the next two years and play for the Seahawks. We ended up making it to the second round of playoffs my 1st year. The next year, we came back with a good solid team and some amazing new additions. I felt more confident that season. I knew what to expect. That season, I was selected to the All-Coast Conference 1st-Team, and I was nominated for the All-State Team and the Coast Conference MVP. I batted a .516 with seven home runs.

In 2019, I was chosen to be on the Aptos High Golden Anniversary Softball Team, representing 50 years of Aptos softball. That took me by surprise, but I was very thankful. The phone call that I got from Frank, asking if I would accept this honor, was a big surprise. Reading what he wrote about my senior year, noting that we faced 5 pitchers that year who had signed to go D1, still blows my mind. Our '06 team accomplished a lot.

Years later, I got into watching college softball and all the stats that they have. I still can't wrap my head around that I was able to perform at the level that I did. If I hadn't been for my amazing coaches believing in me and pushing me to be the best, I wouldn't have accomplished what I did. Not just on the field, but in life too. Frank, Kevin, and Shawn worked with me, talked to me, and helped not just my physical performance, but the mental part of the game too.

I am also so thankful for my dad, always supporting me and being there for me, and for making sure I always made it to my practices and games. I will never forget that game against Soquel when you got talked to by the ump and by Frank. You were making "chicken calls" from the bleachers because they kept walking me. I think that is the most anyone had ever heard out of you. And all the amazing photos and memories you were able to capture for me.

Finally, I want to thank Donna for always taking me to practice and being there for my games, and for dealing with my grumpy moods when things didn't go quite right. For always being nervous when I would get hit at the plate by a pitch. For all the long car rides to tournaments and away games.

Fast forward to now, and I am happily married for 17 years this month. My husband, Jeffery, is an amazing man, and every day I thank God for bringing him into my life. We have 5 amazing children. Our two oldest, Temperance and Jeffery, are just starting their high school years, and I am having a blast helping them grow and navigate the sport systems in high school, which has changed significantly since I played. And I never thought I would be a cheer mom, but my wonderful 9-year-old daughter, Keira, has given me that title. It is really a whole different world. And my youngest boys, Liam and Lawrence, are just trying to figure out how to give me more grey hair. I am also starting to put myself out there by doing some softball lessons and helping with a couple 8U

softball teams. Coaching, helping kids to learn, and watching how excited they get when they make improvements, is amazing.

Katie was presented into the Hall by her husband, Jeffery Price.

Frank Knights (class of 2007) - Frank Knights is one of the most versatile and talented student-athletes in Aptos High history, lettering in four varsity sports. As you'll see below, Frank was a highly-decorated football player, a record-setting track & field athlete, and an indomitable force on the wrestling mat and the lacrosse field.

Frank played football all four years, from his frosh through his senior year. He was both an offensive and a defensive lineman, and he earned 1st-Team All-SCCAL honors in both his junior and senior seasons. Recognizing his excellence on both sides of the ball, Frank was honored as the SCCAL Lineman-of-the-Year in 2006. In addition, Frank earned All-CCS honors, and he led the Mariners to two consecutive CCS playoff berths. Off the field, Frank was selected as the 2006 AHS Football Weightlifter-of-the-Year. He was also a member of the prestigious 1000 Pound Club, and he held two weightlifting records when he graduated.

On the track, Frank competed in shot put and discus all four years. He was a two-time SCCAL individual champion, and he placed 6th in the shot put at the 2007 CCS Championships. When he graduated, Frank held the school record in the shot put, a record which stood for the next 18 years. He is also a member of three Top 5 Relay teams. Plus, selected as a captain of the track & field team, Frank helped the Mariners win two SCCAL team championships. He was also honored as the Sophomore-of-the-Year, and as a two-time team MVP.

Fearing idle hands, Frank added wrestling and lacrosse to his resume as a senior. As a 1st-year wrestler in the Heavyweight class, Frank was honored as the SCCAL Rookie-of-the-Year, and, as a punishing defender in lacrosse, Frank earned 2nd-team all-league honors. Capping-off his remarkable senior year, Frank was named the 2006-07 Aptos High Male Athlete-of-the-Year. In 2019, Frank was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Football Team, which celebrates the top football players in AHS's first 50-years.

Following high school, Frank continued his football career at Cabrillo College. Playing on the offensive line, Frank earned All-Conference honors as both a frosh and a sophomore. He also helped the Seahawks win the 2007 Coast Conference Championship.

Frank then transferred to Southeast Missouri State, where he was a two-year starter. He earned 1st-Team All-Ohio Valley Conference honors, and was selected as a 1st-team Sports Network All-American. Continuing his winning ways, he also helped the Redhawks to the 2010 OVC Championship and to their 1st FCS playoff berth in school history. They finished the season ranked #13 in the country in FCS, and were the #3 rushing team in the country. In 2011, Frank was selected to play for the USA Men's

National Football Team, competing in Austria, and he helped Team USA bring home a gold medal.

Known as a reliable and unselfish teammate, Frank consistently credited his successes to the support of his teammates and coaches, believing his accomplishments were the result of teamwork, trust, and strong leadership.

Frank was presented into the Hall by his wife, Andrea.

Lindsey Sotomayor (class of 2011) - Lindsey is one of the most decorated athletes in Aptos High history. She was a remarkable four-year starter in two varsity sports, basketball and softball, earning 8 varsity letters in the process, and it is impossible to pick her best sport. In basketball, she earned All-SCCAL honors all four years, including two 1st-team selections, and in softball, she also earned All-SCCAL honors all four years, and that includes three 1st-team selections. Eight varsity letters and five 1st-team selections, that's rarefied air that only a few athletes have breathed.

In Basketball, Lindsey led the Mariners to three consecutive CCS Quarter-Finals. She is #4 in Career Scoring and #8 in Career Threes, and her name is all over the Single Season record book, ranking in the Top 20 multiple times for most points in a season, most three-pointers in a season, most assists in a season, and average points per game.

Her Softball stats are even more impressive. She led the Mariners to three SCCAL Team Championships and a 42-6 SCCAL record over four years, including a perfect 12-0 season in 2008. The team qualified for CCS all four years, and reached two Quarter-Finals. As in basketball, her name is all over the Single Season record book, including Top 20 rankings for most hits, most RBI's, most runs scored, most doubles, most triples, and most stolen bases.

In 2011, Lindsay was honored as the Aptos High School Female Athlete-of-the-Year, and in 2019, she was selected to AHS Golden Anniversary Teams in both basketball and softball. That's the best of the best over the first 50 years of AHS sports.

Lindsay would like to thank her coaches and mentors, Frank DeBernardo, Tony Pepperdine, Joey Diaz, and Victor Balli, and also her parents for their dedication, sacrifice, and belief they invested in her. Despite Lindsey's successful sports careers, she never did it for recognition or accolades, but for the passion of the game itself, for camaraderie and personal growth, and, most importantly, for the team's success. Lindsey is very grateful for the memories and relationships that were built through playing sports at AHS.

Lindsay matriculated to Sonoma State University, where she focused on her studies. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Today, Lindsey works for the Federal Government, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), where she protects the nation's transportation system.

Lindsey was presented into the Hall by her former coach, Frank DeBernardo.

Jenna Belton (class of 2014) - At an imposing 6'0", Jenna Paschke (Belton) was a three-year starter for our Aptos High indoor volleyball team. Playing outside hitter, Jenna led the Mariners to SCCAL team championships in 2011 and 2013, and to three consecutive CCS semi-finals. In her three years on varsity, her teams never won fewer than 20 games each year.

Earning 1st-team All-SCCAL honors in both 2012 and 2013, she was also selected as the SCCAL Junior-of-the-Year in 2012, and as the SCCAL MVP in 2013. Additionally, she was picked as the team MVP, and was also named her team's Offensive and Defensive Player-of-the-Year. Capping-off her senior indoor season, she also earned All-State honors.

On the beach, Jenna began playing junior and adult CBVA tournaments around the state as a 14 year old, and she earned an "Open" rating at age 16. In 2012, by the year's end, she was ranked 3rd in the state for CBVA U16 players.

Jenna played four years for Santa Cruz Beach Volleyball Club. She was a two-time member of the USA U19 Beach National Team, and she captured many beach tournament titles. Included in her victories were the prestigious 2012 California Beach Volleyball Association (CBVA) Cal Cup State Championship in Manhattan Beach, and the 2012 16U USA Beach Volleyball Junior Tour Championship in Milwaukee. In 2012, she was invited to, and trained at, the High Performance Camp at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista.

Jenna signed with University of Southern California beach volleyball, joining the nation's top NCAA D1 collegiate program. A four-year starter and senior team captain, Jenna helped the Trojans secure three consecutive National Championship titles, in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Yes, Jenna won three National Championships in four years!... and the Trojans lost in the semi's to the eventual national champ the other year. Plus, USC won two Pac-12 titles during her time at USC. Along the way, she earned multiple PAC-12 Pair-of-the-Week honors with her partners.

After college, Jenna moved into professional beach volleyball, competing in AVP and other beach events. And in 2019, Jenna was selected to the Aptos High Golden Anniversary Volleyball Team, celebrating the Top 20 volleyball players in the 1st 50 years of Aptos High. Today, she lives and works in Hermosa Beach with her husband, Jeff, and their two golden retrievers. She still finds time to play beach volleyball at a high level, just this winter, she competed on the International Beach Volleyball Tour in New Zealand for team USA.

Jenna was presented into the Hall by her mother, Mary Wood.

Ben Dorfman (class of 2015) - Ben is one of only two male athletes in AHS history to lead teams in two different sports into both the CCS Championship Game and the Nor-Cal Playoffs. Ben was a tremendous two-sport athlete, earning six varsity letters, starting in both basketball and volleyball. He was selected as the 2014-15 AHS Male Athlete-of-the-Year, as well as the 2014-15 SC Sentinel Male Athlete-of-the-Year. He was also selected to the AHS Golden Anniversary Team in both sports. In addition, as a senior, he was selected as the team captain for both his volleyball and basketball teams.

In volleyball, Ben was a four-year starter at middle blocker, and he was a multiple all-league selection. He was also a rarity, a middle-blocker who played all the way around the court. He was never subbed-out in the back row. His quick hands and accurate passing were as deft and precise as his blocks and hits were thunderous.

As a senior, he led the Mariner volleyballers to an overall 25-8 record, 11-1 in the SCCAL, and to their 1st SCCAL Team Championship after a seven-year drought. Ben led the team in hitting percentage, serve percentage, blocks per match, and digs per match, and he was second in kill percentage. He also led the Mariners to only their 3rd CCS Championship Game in AHS history. The team qualified for CCS in three out of Ben's four years.

However, it was in basketball where Ben really shined. He was a two-year starter and a two-time 1st Team All-SCCAL selection. He was also a two-time Register-Pajaronian 1st Team selection, and, in 2014, the RP selected him as "The X Factor" because of his all-around game. He did it all on both ends of the court. In 2015, he was selected as the SCCAL MVP and the RP Player-of-the-Year, and he was selected to the 2015 All-CCS Team.

He led the 2014-15 Mariners to the 3rd best season in school history. They won the 2015 SCCAL Team Championship and reached the CCS Championship Game. In Nor-Cals, opening the on the road at Weston Ranch HS in Stockton, the Mariners came from behind to upset the Cougars 75-71. Ben led all scorers with 22 points, plus 7 boards, 5 assists, and 3 steals. Their season ultimately ended in the Nor-Cal Quarter-Finals, where they lost to #1 seed Sir Francis Drake HS 61-54. Sir Francis Drake, the #9 ranked D3 team in the state, was the state runner-up the year before. Ben had 20 points to again lead all scorers.

The 2014-15 Mariners went 24-8. All 8 losses were to CCS playoff qualifiers, and the team beat three section finalists during the regular season. It was the first-time in 7 years that Aptos swept Santa Cruz in the regular season, and it was the first-time in 28 years that Aptos qualified for Nor-Cals. St. Francis of Watsonville had only 3 regular season losses (22-3), and 2 were to Aptos, both in overtime. At the end of the season, MaxPreps ranked the Mariners 3rd in the section and 34th in the state in D3.

During his senior year, despite missing 5 games with a dislocated kneecap, Ben led the Mariners in points per game, steals per game, and three pointers. He was 2nd in rebounds per game and assists per game, and 4th in blocks per game.

In the final 2014-15 CCS D3 stats, Ben finished 3rd in scoring, 8th in rebounds, 2nd in steals, and 6th in assists, and he is one of only a few select Aptos HS players to rank near the top of every AHS basketball offensive and defensive single-season record.

Ben is also one of the greatest post-season basketball players in AHS history. As a senior, he averaged 15.7 ppg, but in the CCS and Nor-Cal playoffs, he averaged 22.2 ppg. He is in the Top 5 of every AHS post-season scoring list. He is the #2 single season scorer in AHS post-season history, trailing only Hall of Fame member Jeff Jones, and he is #4 in career post-season scoring. At the state level his senior year, Ben was #6 in the state in post-season scoring. When the games were most important, Ben played at a higher level.

He was selected to the Salinas Rotary North-South All-Star Game his senior year, which his team, the North, won 72 to 69 in overtime.

Ben matriculated to UC Santa Cruz, where he was a four-year starter and a member of the finest 4-year stretch in Banana Slug basketball history, including the two winningest seasons in school history. In 2017, he was a 3rd team All-American selection, and he was also a two-time Academic All-American. He led the Slugs in three pointers as a freshman and sophomore, and, despite tearing his ACL in both his junior and senior seasons, he is 12th on the Slugs all-time three-point list. In 2016-17, he led the Slugs in points per possession (ppp) and was in the top 15% in the nation. In addition, before tearing his ACL, Ben was Top 5 for the Slugs each season in rebounds, blocks, and steals.

He graduated from UCSC in 2019 with a BS in Environmental Studies, and earned his Master's in International Environmental Studies from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in 2023. And he married his high school sweetheart, Maurea Richmond, in 2023.

Ben was presented into the Hall by his college coach, Ron DuBois.

Rich Taylor (coach) - Rich is one of the most successful coaches at both Aptos High and in the SCCAL. His 7 team championships make him the 3rd winningest Boys Tennis coach in SCCAL history, dating back over 50 years.

Before he became a Mariner, Rich was originally a Wildcat. He graduated from Watsonville High School in 1969. Rich was a two-sport athlete for the Catz, starring in basketball and track & field. He was an All-County basketball player and team captain, and, in track, he was a member of the record-setting 4x110 yard relay team. He also helped the Catz win three track & field league titles.

Rich matriculated to San Jose State University, where he continued his basketball career, and where he earned his B.A. in Business in 1973. After his career as a Spartan, Rich attended the University of San Diego School of Law. Yes, he was now a Torero. In addition to studying the law, Rich continued to play basketball in both USD intramurals and in local city leagues. He also started getting serious about tennis, and began competing in regional tennis tournaments.

Upon his law school graduation in 1977, Rich moved back to Santa Cruz County and started his law practice, specializing in Business Law . However, he never shook-off the tennis bug. For the next 35 years, Rich played tennis regionally and nationally, and a few of his highlights include:

- He represented the Nor-Cal Section in several national tournaments.
- He was ranked #1 in Nor-Cal three different times in his age group, and he was voted the Senior Player-of-the-Year three times.
- In 2003, Rich and his doubles partner, K.C. Jackson, earned the #2 national ranking in the Men's 55 Doubles category.

With this extensive background in athletics, and particularly in tennis, it surprised no one when Rich picked-up a whistle and started coaching tennis. For two years, Rich assisted fellow Aptos Hall of Fame coach Mike Schiro, and served as his JV coach as well, before taking the reins in 2009.

For the next 13 years, Rich ran the Aptos tennis program. He led the Mariners to 7 SCCAL Team Championships, including 4 unbeaten league seasons, and he coached 9 individual SCCAL champions and 8 doubles SCCAL champions.

A stroke in 2021 cut-short Rich's coaching career, but he is successfully recovering and filling his retirement with working-out, listening to lots of music, reading lots of books, and continuing his lifelong passion for learning.

In 1990, Rich married Aptos alum Jeanette Duggar ('83), who, unsurprisingly, he met through tennis. Jeanette was a league champion in high school, and continued her tennis career at UC Irvine. Together they raised three children, Jil, Katie, and Connor.

Rich was presented into the Hall by fellow coach, Mike Schiro, and a parent of former players, Bill McGowan.

Randy Blankenship (coach) - After 50 years of coaching, Randy Blankenship stands as one of the most respected and accomplished high school football coaches in California history. During his 14 influential years at Aptos High School, and throughout his half-century on the sidelines, he has built programs, shaped young men, and elevated every community he served.

As a high school student at Atascadero High School, Randy enjoyed successful careers in both football and track (he was a champion pole-vaulter). He graduated from AHS in 1971 and matriculated to Cuesta Junior College in San Luis Obispo, where he played football and baseball.

From Cuesta, Randy transferred to Chico State, but after a season of playing football, he switched to Sacramento State so that he could coach football. He graduated with a BA in Physical Education and a minor in Humanities from Sac State, and Sacramento is also where he started his coaching and teaching odyssey. His first coaching job was in 1974 at

Mira Loma High School in Sacramento, where, as the head frosh coach, he led the frosh Matadors to a 9-0-1 record, an indication of things to come.

Randy's first head-coaching job was in 1984 at Nevada Union High School in Grass Valley. He led the Miners to several league championships, and his 1989 team went 13-1 and finished 5th in the state rankings.

In 1991, he moved to Clovis West High School where, according to Cal-Hi Sports, "he started a run of success from 1992 to 1998 that remains one of the most dominant for any school in CIF Central Section history." At Clovis West, he had three consecutive unbeaten seasons and his Golden Eagles won four CIF Central Section titles in seven years. Another highlight at Clovis West was in 1998, when they travelled to Massillon, Ohio, for a game against one of the most famous high school football programs in U.S. history, the Massillon Tigers, a 25-time state champ (Clovis West won 21-9).

Seeking a change in scenery, Randy moved-on to Fallbrook High School in 1999. It didn't take him long to build-up their program. In his second year, the Warriors won the 2000 CIF San Diego Section title, and finished 11th in the final state rankings.

Next stop, considering how to segue into college football, Randy had a brief layover at Granbury High School in Texas. However, he quickly learned that Texas high school football and the Blankenships were not a great fit, so the next year he quickly pivoted to Capistrano Valley High School in Mission Viejo. However, despite his success on the field, as a newly-hired teacher during financial cut-backs, Randy was the victim of "last hired, first fired", and he was pink-slipped after one year.

Randy was fortunate and quickly landed a teaching and head-coaching position at Madera High, in the central valley. He led the Coyotes for six years, but shortly after arriving in 2003, a new high school opened nearby and halved Madera's enrollment. His teams were up-and-down, but always competitive.

Then, in 2009, Randy saw the posting at Aptos High for a PE teacher and head football coach. He applied, interviewed, got the job, and turned sleepy Aptos High into a football power. In 14 years as our head coach, the Mariners won nine league championships and four CCS championships, including, in 2018, a CCS Championship in the prestigious Open Division.

Randy is the only football coach in California to win section championships in three different sections, the Central Section (Clovis West), the San Diego Section (Fallbrook), and the Central Coast Section (Aptos). That is a remarkable achievement that reflects his ability, adaptability, and strategic mastery in building championship-caliber teams.

He retired with 319 career wins, which made him the active wins leader in the state of California at his retirement, a testament to his consistent excellence and longevity at the highest level of high school football.

Just a few of his accomplishments tell the story of a coach recognized across the state, the nation, and even internationally:

- Sacramento Optimist All-Star Football Game (1986)
- California Shrine Game, North Coach (1990)
- California State Coach-of-the-Year (1998)

- NFL High School Coach-of-the-Year (2000)
- Southern California Football Coach-of-the-Year (2000)
- DownUnder Bowl Coach, Australia (2005)
- Northern California Shrine All-Star Football Coach (2009)
- CCS Honor Coach (2016)

Randy is also a nationally recognized expert in the Wing-T Offense, and has been a mentor to many, many coaches. With its angles and deception and different ways to attack, the Wing-T was the perfect offense for an often undersized Aptos team to achieve success on the field.

A highlight every Spring was the Secret Society Clinic, a Wing-T clinic held in the Aptos cafeteria and on the Aptos field. Wing-T coaches and their staffs from all over the western United States came together to watch film, share ideas, and learn from the master.

Randy also hosted the True Blue Wing-T High School Football Camp and Clinic each summer. Again, Wing-T teams from everywhere would come to Aptos for a week, bring their sleeping bags, and camp in our gyms and weightroom, learning and scrimmaging each day and bonding over pizza or burritos and sodas each evening. He also hosted the Lil' Mariner Youth Football Camp each fall, focusing on the fundamentals of football, with skills and techniques taught by our players to the local kids.

An annual highlight was the Mom's Game each fall. After our Blue & White intra-squad scrimmage, the players' moms would come down to the field and scrimmage, with their sons teaching their moms techniques and plays on the spot. Junior moms vs. senior moms, it was often a hotly contested scrimmage, and it was easy to see where many players got their competitive juice.

And don't forget the Steak & Dogs Game. Spring ball always ended with this intra-squad scrimmage, where the winning team got barbecued steaks afterwards, and the losers got hot dogs. Coaches too!

As you can see, beyond the awards and victories, Randy's mentorship in youth development was remarkable. He taught thousands of athletes and hundreds of coaches (and moms), not just Mariners. His camps were known for their energy and their strong sense of community.

Coach Blankenship is proud of all the championships and wins, yet it was his ability of crafting homegrown players into championship individuals that he is most proud of. He took a small public school on the central coast of California and turned it into a football powerhouse.

Randy Blankenship is more than a legendary coach, he is a program builder, a mentor, and a cornerstone of Aptos football. His 50-year legacy stands as one of the greatest in California high school football history.

Finally, to quote Coach: "I've been blessed to have a family that has supported and inspired me for my career. Rhoda Lynn, my wife of 49 years and counting, is the heart and soul of our family. Our children: Clinton Arthur (Houston), Senta Ann (Arkansas), Beau Wesley (Capitola) and grandchildren Hayden Cash, Kayla Brynne, Georgia Mae, fill my life with joy."

Randy was presented into the Hall by his former o-line coach, Mark Dorfman.

Ward Pitman (Honorary member) - Despite a serious childhood ailment that cut-short his promising high school athletic career, Ward and Anne, his wife of over 50 years, raised three very athletic daughters, Joy, Janelle, and Lacy. Their athletic careers at Aptos High reignited Ward's athletic passions, and he and Anne often travelled around the county, the state, and the nation, supporting their daughters' athletic endeavors in cheer, soccer, track & field, and more. With his deep voice and healthy vocal cords, you could often hear Ward's cheers and encouragements across the field and throughout the stadium, often to his daughters' chagrin. An exuberant "GO BLUEEEEE" was a Ward Pitman trademark.

Then, in 2001, because Lacy was running track at Aptos, Ward agreed to take-over the starter's duties for Aptos track. 25 years later, he's still at it.

Since earning his official starter's certification through the USTA, Ward has started hundreds of track meets, primarily for Aptos High, but also, at one time or another, for every high school in the county. He has also worked at many large invitationals around the Central Coast, plus the SCCAL Championships every year, and also at the CCS level. He is a respected and distinguished starter, and a valued member of a very tight community.

Born in Torrance, but raised in Santa Cruz, Ward attended Branciforte Middle School, and, in 1965, he graduated from Santa Cruz High School. Matriculating to LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, Ward got a degree in Aviation before returning to Oakland to work for World Airways.

Shortly thereafter, Ward was drafted into the U.S. Marines, and he served in Vietnam for 2 years as a member of the Marine 1st Air Wing. Upon discharge, Ward returned to Santa Cruz, married Anne in 1975, moved to Aptos, and began his work in the construction industry, a job he had for the next 45 years.

Today, in addition to his jobs as official track & field starter, and AHS bronze plaque installer, Ward and Anne are deeply involved in the lives of their 8 grandchildren, and particularly love attending all their many sporting events. Their grandchildren are Chance (22), Joshua (17), Cooper (16), Hank (14), KadyMae (12), Sage (10), Lucy (10), and Scout (6).

And, recovering from his childhood ailment, Ward became an avid bike rider, and he and Anne joined the Santa Cruz Track Club and have run several marathons and other races together.

Ward was presented into the Hall by former AD & track coach, Mark Dorfman.

