



2009

42ND HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Welcome

Rick Wilson, President

Masters of Ceremonies

Rick Wilson, President

Dave Pintard, Board Member

National Anthem

Gisele Tremblay, Senior, Bishop High School

Hall of Fame Inductees

Russ Hargreaves Memorial Award

Louise Lowry Davis Award

R.F. MacFarland Memorial Trophy

Master Athlete

Special Olympics

Scholarships & Awards

Phil Womble Awards

Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Coaches of the Year

Athletes of the Year

We hope you will patronize our many business friends and sponsors listed in this program. It is their generosity, along with that of our guests this evening, that helps contribute to the development of our athletic community and to the lives of our student-athletes.

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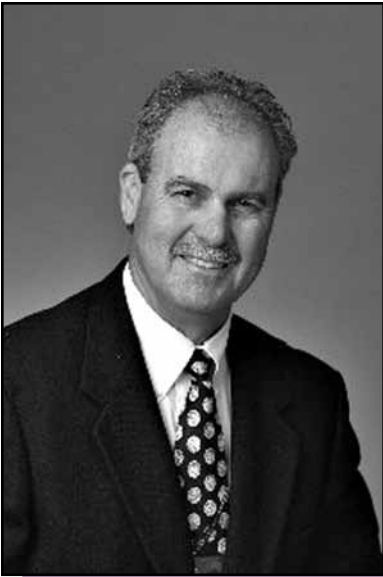
Caesar Uyesaka
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Bill Bertka	1970-72	Joan Russell-Price	1995-97
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SBART President Rick Wilson is serving the second year of his two-year term.

I want to welcome all of you to the 42nd Annual Hall of Fame Dinner. We are here to honor the past and acknowledge those of our present and our future. This is a very special night for honorees, families and coaches. Thank you for coming.

As I finish up my last year as the President of Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table, I have many thoughts going through my mind, far too many to mention all of them. I would like to share some of them with all of you.

First, I look back on all the Past Presidents – without their leadership and dedication, this great organization would not have the respect of the community and the impact on student-athletes that it has today. Each in his or her own way put a personal stamp on the SBART. Please take a look in

the program at those people who have served as President.

Second, my thoughts are on the Board for their dedication and time. I would like to thank all of them for their support and willingness to serve SBART. A particular thanks to all the Officers, Event and Committee chairs. The current Board is also listed in the program. If you know any of them, please say thanks for their involvement.

Third, I would like to thank newly elected Board member and first time Co-Chairperson of the Hall of Fame dinner, Jeanie Purcell-Hill. Jeanie took this on, along with Board Member Pat Moorhouse-MacPhee, having never worked on the committee before. She “rolled up her sleeves” and took on this memorable event. Thanks Jeanie.

Next and definitely the highlight for two years as President are all the student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors and parents I have met at the Monday Press Luncheons. Every Monday is a new experience with many highlights. As I have said many times, the Press Luncheon is who we are and what we do and has the biggest impact on our community. The Athletes of the Week, Scholar Athletes, Phil Womble Ethics, Sportsperson of the Month and Special Olympic awards are the fabric of SBART. All the coaches proudly talk about their student-athletes and their teams accomplishments. To a coach, all are interested in the well-being of their athlete and the life lessons they can teach. We are fortunate to have many great coaches and teachers in our schools – both high school and college. Of course we would not have a Press Luncheon without the press. I would particularly like to thank Presidiosports.com, the Santa Barbara News-Press, the Independent and the Daily Sound for their consistent coverage of local sports and the Press Luncheon.

Finally, I want to wish President-Elect Catharine Manset Morreale much success. I know, along with the Board, she will continue the great tradition of SBART.

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SBART Founders



Over forty years ago, Jerry Harwin and Caesar Uyesaka sipped coffee at Caesar's Restaurant, talking about the need for a sports group in Santa Barbara that could help the local athletic community in times of need. After Jerry and Caesar shared a couple more coffee breaks together, the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table was born. Its motto: The advancement and betterment of all sports and athletics in the greater Santa Barbara area.

The Round Table got off to a fast start. Its first organizational meeting was held at Santa Barbara's East Beach on January 25, 1968. Hundreds of people attended this meeting and over 200 joined that evening as Charter Members.

The Round Table's first annual banquet was held at Santa Barbara City College on June 22, 1968. Through membership dues, contributions, fundraising events and local foundations, the Round Table has raised more than \$2 million.

Harry's Plaza Café was the site of the Round Table's first press luncheon held on September 14, 1970. The luncheons, initiated by the new president, Bill Bertka, were similar to a "Monday Morning Quarterback Club." All area schools were represented by the head coaches of the sports in season. For 39 years the Round Table luncheons have been held at Harry's every Monday, attended by standing-room-only crowds. Since its first meeting back in 1968, the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table has helped thousands of individuals and organizations by raising funds to support their athletic programs. The Round Table is proud to help student-athletes at all levels compete in events they would otherwise not have been able to attend.

It is with our deepest regards and warmest thanks that we acknowledge and celebrate the vision and hard work of our founders, Caesar Uyesaka, Jerry Harwin and Bill Bertka.

Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table

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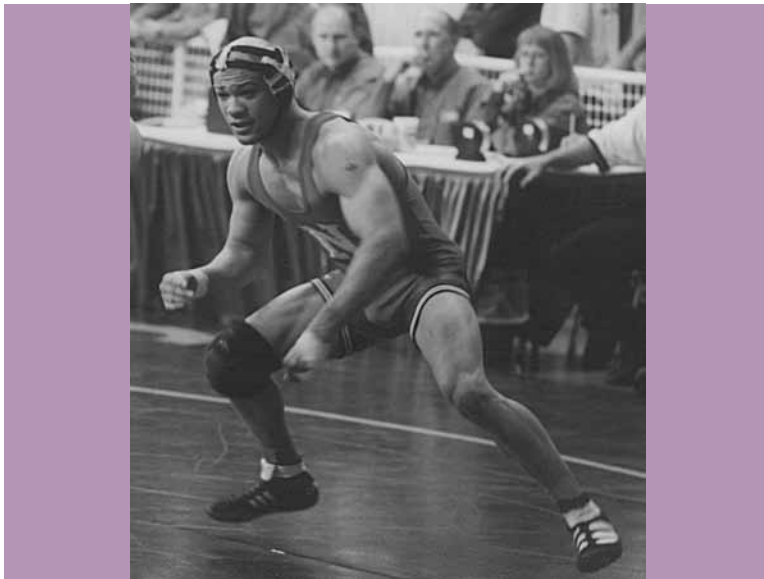


JEFF AZAIN Outstanding Athlete

Jeff Azain was a three-year varsity basketball letterman at San Marcos High School (1978-81). A member of the legendary “Running Royals” team that advanced to the CIF-4A Championship game, Azain was a second-team All-CIF selection (1980-81) and a two-time All-Channel League member (1979-80, 1980-81). Helping the Royals to a 50-2 record over two seasons (1979-81), Azain averaged 15.3 points and 10.5 rebounds per game in his senior year. Azain, a member of the San Marcos High School Hall of Fame, still holds school records for the most career rebounds in CIF playoff games (100), most single-season rebounds in CIF playoff games (64), all-time leading single-season field goal percentage (70 percent, 1980-81) and is the third all-time career rebounder (498).

After a one-year stint at Cal State Northridge (1982-83), Azain returned to Santa Barbara to star as a three-year letterman for Westmont College (1983-86) and played on two Warrior teams that advanced to the NAIA national tournament, including the Final Four team of 1984. The 1985-86 Defensive Player of the Year, Azain averaged 10.4 points and 8.0 rebounds per game as a senior. Azain is second in Westmont career field goal percentage (.611) and first in single-season field goal percentage (.676 in 1985-86). Sixth in single-season steals (68 in 1985-86) and eight in single-season steals per game (2.2 in 1985-86), Azain also served as the Team Captain and was honored as the Tom Byron Most Inspirational Player in 1985-86, his senior season. Azain wrapped up his 18th season as an Assistant Coach for Westmont Mens’ Basketball. He also serves as Associate Director of Warrior Sports Associates, coordinating fundraising activities such as the Westmont Golf Classic and Golf Marathon.

Azain and his wife, Sandy, live in Santa Barbara with their two daughters, Allison and Erin.



ATI CONNER

Outstanding Athlete

Ati Conner began his wrestling career at Dos Pueblos High School competing in the 119-pound weight class under the exceptional coaching of Mike Yamasaki. He wound up his freshman season wrestling at the league tournament on the varsity team.

The following year, Conner made the varsity team wrestling in the 135-pound weight class and captured his first Channel League Championship and a 5th-place finish at the CIF Championships. As a junior, Conner again took the league championship, a 2nd-place CIF finish and 6th place in the California State Championship.

In his senior year, the most successful for Conner's high school career, he won a third league title and 2nd-place finishes in both CIF and the State tournament – making him the only Charger wrestler to place twice in the State tournament. Shortly after the state championships, Connor wrestled on the High School National team where he earned a 7th-place finish at the National Championships while the team won the championship.

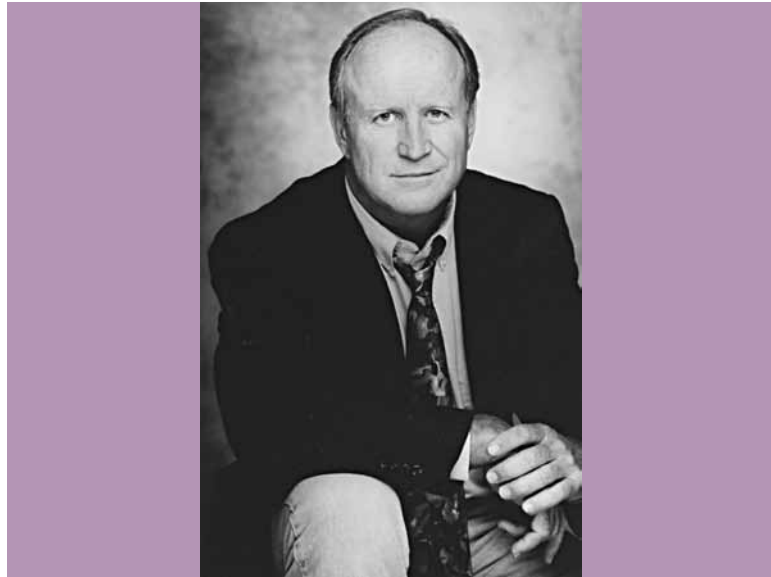
Conner went to Moorpark Junior College and wrestled under head coach Paul Keysaw. Developing his athleticism, technique and work ethic, Conner placed 3rd at the 158-pound weight class in his freshman year and 1st at 167-pounds in his sophomore year. He was named MVP of the California Junior College State Championships and still holds the takedown record at Moorpark. He left Moorpark for a full-ride scholarship to the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

In his senior year at Nebraska, Conner placed 3rd in the Big 12 Tournament, 8th in the NCAA Tournament and earned All-American honors.

Conner has served as an assistant wrestling coach at his alma maters Nebraska-Lincoln, Moorpark Junior College and Dos Pueblos High School – in addition to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He currently lives in Santa Barbara and works as a cardiac sonographer for Cardiovascular Technical Services.

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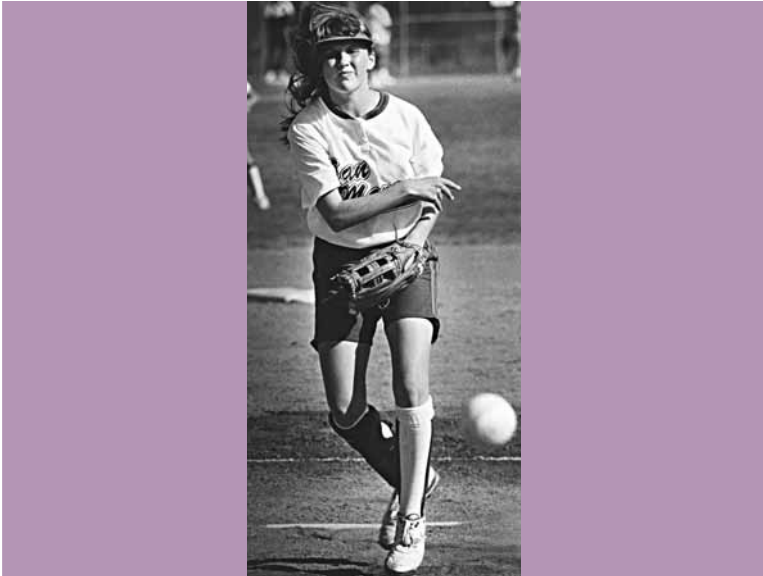
KEN DUNCAN Outstanding Athlete

Ken Duncan was a standout three-sport athlete competing in football, basketball and track & field. Starting his high school career at San Marcos, he earned his first varsity letter in track & field in 1962. Duncan's family moved to Carpinteria and he earned varsity letters in football, basketball and track & field in both his junior and senior years, graduating in 1964. He was a two-time All-Tri-Valley League selection in both football and basketball and a first team All-CIF selection in 1964. He was the TVL shot put champion as a junior and the high jump champion in his senior year.

Duncan enrolled in Ventura Community College in 1964, playing both football and basketball. He was named All-Western States Conference (WSC) in football and captain of the basketball team in 1964. He played on the 1965 WSC Championship football team and was named an All-WSC first-team receiver, catching a school record 56 passes.

Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967, Duncan served a year-long tour in Vietnam. He returned to the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma in the spring of 1969 where he played two seasons of football. Duncan was selected a Sporting News All-American as a punter in 1970 and was chosen as team co-captain and tied the school record punt of 87 yards that year.

Duncan was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in 1971. He played for the Green Bay Packers from 1971-72, until a knee injury sidelined his career. Duncan is now a professional personal trainer and can occasionally be seen on television, commercials and film.



JENNY HEHNKE

Outstanding Athlete

Jennifer Hehnke dominated the local softball scene as the starting pitcher and four-year varsity letterman at San Marcos from 1993-96. Winning 85 games, the second most in CIF as of 1996, Hehnke was a three-time Channel League MVP (1994, 1995, 1996), two-time All-County MVP (1995, 1996) and a First-Team All-County selection (1993, 1994, 1995, 1996). The three-time SBART Softball Player of the Year (1994, 1995, 1996) and San Marcos Female Athlete of the Year (1996) notched 55 shutouts, eight no-hitters and two perfect games in her career – all while never losing to Dos Pueblos or Santa Barbara. Hehnke holds a .77 career ERA and a .404 career batting average.

Hehnke attended Mississippi State University on a full athletic scholarship. Named as an Easton Second Team All-American in 1998, Hehnke also pitched MSU's only perfect game and 19.1 scoreless innings in 1997. She was awarded the Newsom Award – given to an MSU athlete for academic performance – in 1999.

One of Hehnke's proudest moments was competing in a 24-inning playoff game against Agoura High School in 1995. She recalls the emotional and intense match-up and the team coming together to last all those innings and win. She credits her supportive family, coaches and the incredible combination of teammates that have played together at a very high level.

Currently, the Santa Barbara News-Press Softball Player of the Decade lives in Eugene, Ore., where she is writing her dissertation to complete her doctorate in political science.

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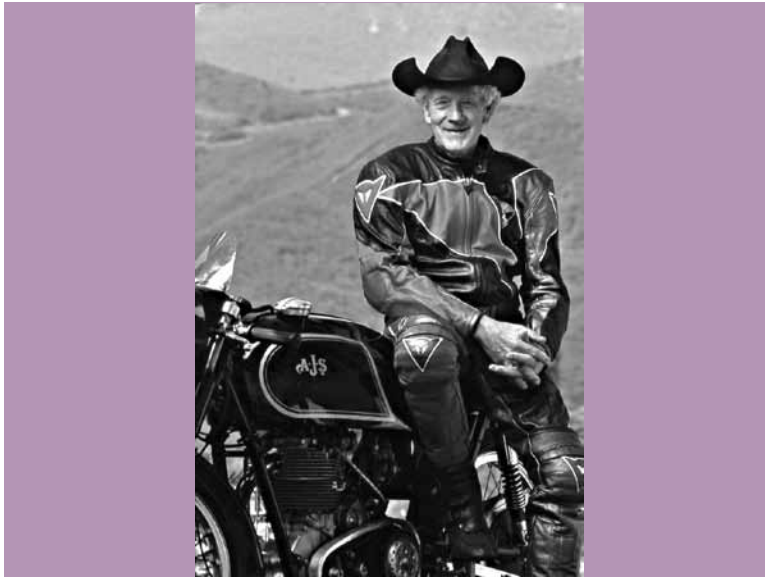
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AMELIA WHITE-ESCALANTE Athlete

A girls' tennis standout at Santa Barbara High School and the Santa Barbara News-Press Women's Tennis Player of the Decade, Amelia White-Escalante was a four-time channel league champ (1988-92) and awarded a full athletic scholarship to UCSB in 1992.

As a Gaucho, White-Escalante played No. 1 doubles and No. 2 singles in her senior year. She attended NCAA Women's Tennis Championships three times with her team and two times individually. A 1996 All-American selection, she reached the NCAA quarter-finals in 1996. She was ranked No. 2 in the nation in doubles in that same year. White-Escalante is married with two children – Ellie and Jake – and lives in Santa Cruz, Calif. In addition to being a full-time mom, she has been the head pro at a resort in the area for the last 10 years and coached a local girls' high school team for the last three years.



VIRGIL ELINGS

Community Leader

Virgil Elings has helped give thousands of youth in Santa Barbara and Goleta the opportunity to play and enjoy sports through his donations to local parks and recreation facilities. He has donated over \$2.5 million to Elings Park, creating soccer fields, softball diamonds, a BMX track, mountain biking trails and hang-gliding facilities.

He donated \$1 million to the Elings Fields at Girsch Park, \$1 million to the Dos Pueblos Aquatics Complex and significant funds to other swimming facility projects and directly to youth organizations. He also encouraged his former wife, Betty Wells, to match most of his donations – creating a tremendous share of the necessary capital to develop these major recreation facilities.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Elings began and ended his outstanding athletic career as a Little League pitcher. He went to a technical high school training to be a machinist. Earning his B.S. at Iowa State, Elings went on to complete his PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and came to Santa Barbara as a teacher and researcher at UCSB. Elings left UCSB in 1987 and founded Digital Instruments with a former student Gus Gurley. That company became the world's leader in Scanning Probe Microscopes, microscopes that “feel” the surface of a sample with molecular resolution.

Elings has two sons, Jeff and Mike. Virgil and Jeff took up vintage motorcycle racing in 1989 and it became clear that a young brain works better than an old one. He retired in 1999 and lives on a ranch in Santa Ynez trying to figure out if he has given too much money away.

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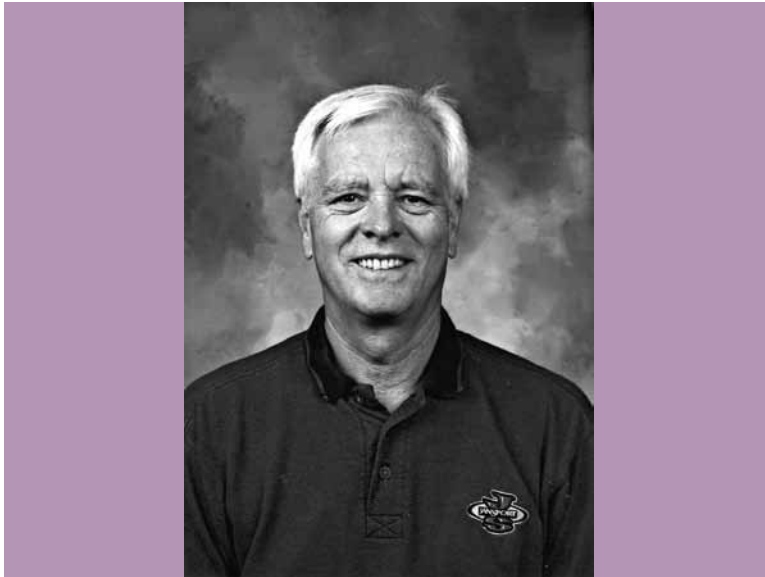
ALEXANDER "STUBBY" HERMAN Special Achievement

Alexander Herman, a seventh-generation Santa Barbara native, attended local schools and, along with his brothers Ernest and Fred, was a life-long and well-known baseball player, umpire and coach.

Affectionately known as Stubby, Herman was awarded the first-ever SBART Russ Hargreaves Award. A dedicated local umpire for 28 years, Herman was also a familiar face at the Fairview Unocal Car Wash in Goleta for 23 years. Herman called minor-league games at Laguna Park as well as for UCSB, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Westmont, Ventura College and the local high schools. Herman also organized leagues and taught baseball at the Boys Club.

Herman briefly played professional baseball in the Texas-Arizona League, batting .385 as a catcher and outfielder. He played for the Santa Barbara Cubs, one of the local semipro teams in the 1930s. Satchel Paige, the great Negro League pitcher, played some exhibition games in Santa Barbara and Herman was his catcher.

Herman passed away at the age of 91 in 2006.



MIKE BERESFORD

Coach

Mike Beresford has coached volleyball for the Santa Barbara schools since 1980. For three years, he coached the boys' varsity team at San Marcos High School, reaching CIF playoffs each year. In 1982, the team placed second in the CIF championship game against Laguna Beach High School. Starting in 1984, he was head coach for both the boys' and girls' varsity volleyball teams at Dos Pueblos High School as well as P.E. Department Chairperson. He retired from the girls' team in 1998 after reaching CIF playoffs in all but two years. He retired from the District and the boys' team in 2002 after reaching CIF playoffs in all but one year.

In 1998, the boys' team advanced to the CIF finals, winning the CIF Division II championship over Tustin High School in a four-game match. He was named CIF Coach of the Year for Division II Volleyball that same year. Beresford continues to work with the Dos Pueblos volleyball program as an assistant coach and consultant for the Dos Pueblos Invitational Tournament.

A graduate of Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach, Mike grew up playing beach volleyball. Recruited off the sand by the Hollywood YMCA, he became a two-time member of their National Indoor AAU Championship Team in 1960 and 1961. Mike attended UCSB where he was a javelin thrower for the varsity track team, placing second in conference championships during his junior and senior year. He was instrumental in starting the men's volleyball program at UCSB.

One of Mike's proudest accomplishments is assisting 32 boy and girl players, many of whom received scholarships, to continue in the sport in Division I and II collegiate volleyball.

Beresford and his wife Hattie live in Santa Barbara where they continue to enjoy a variety of sport activities including hiking, tennis, bike riding and golf.

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Special Awards



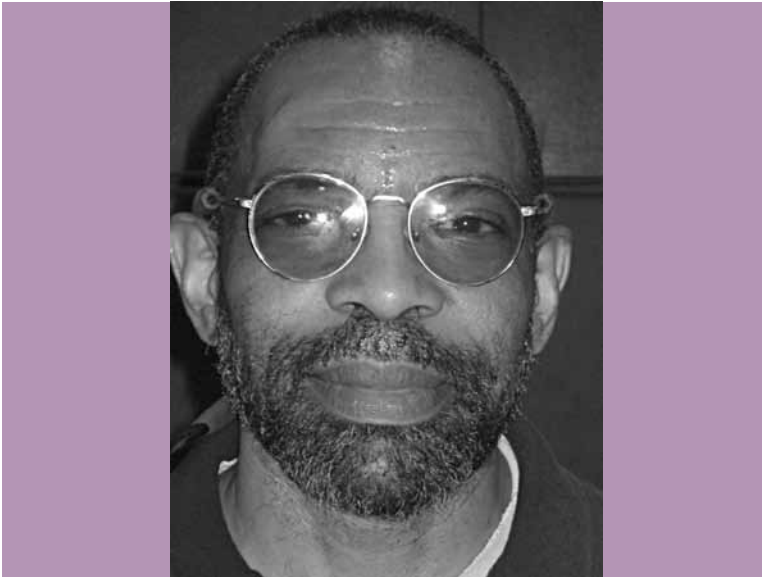
Scholarships



*Coaches & Athletes
of the year*



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BERNARD HICKS

Russ Hargreaves Memorial Award

Bernard Hicks was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Although he loved the city, he left New York in 1972 to come to California to attend Hartnell College in Salinas. In 1978 Hicks transferred to the University of California Santa Barbara to complete his education. While in southern California, Hicks fell in love with Santa Barbara and decided to remain in the area to raise his family.

Hicks has been married to his wife, Lilly, of 35 years. Together they have raised five children, three boys and two girls – Maurice, Aisha, Khary, Noni and Jelani. While attending the University of California Santa Barbara, Hicks began taking his oldest son to the local Boys & Girls Club in Goleta. He was quickly recruited as a volunteer coach of his oldest son's Boys & Girls Club basketball team. Soon after, Hicks was hired as a Boys & Girls Club staff leader.

For the past 10 years Hicks has been the Athletic Director of the United Boys & Girls Club's West Side Club. He coaches and officiates youth sports including basketball, soccer and flag football at the Club. Currently, he is also serving as the interim Unit Director of the West Side Club. Hicks has been influential and a positive role model in serving over 700 local youth each year at the Club. Partnering with the City of Santa Barbara's Parks and Recreation Department, Hicks has supported many local basketball kids and teams, allowing the after school blacktop league to play inside a positive and safe environment at the West Side Boys & Girls Club's gym.

Hicks enjoys playing tennis and basketball and also has a passion for music. On Sunday mornings for the past 29 years, Hicks has hosted a radio program focusing on a musical mix of African styles on KCSB-FM 91.9. During his years hosting the show, Hicks has conducted interviews with artists and speakers from all over the world.

Russ Hargreaves Memorial Award

Russ Hargreaves was a dedicated member of the Santa Barbara Recreation Department. He spent a lifetime creating opportunities for others to enjoy the benefits of recreational activities. He loved jogging and was committed to total body fitness. He knew that a healthy mind and body were the first steps to a happy and productive life. This award is given to a person recognized by the Parks & Recreation Department as a leader in maintaining quality sports programs



DIANE WOOTTON Louise Lowry Davis Award

A Santa Barbara native, Diane Wootton attended local schools, graduating from Santa Barbara High School in 1955. She was a junior tennis standout notching a notable victory in 1955 at the United States Junior Doubles Championship in Philadelphia. She won singles and doubles championships in New York, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Ojai and Pasadena. In 1953, Wootton was voted second place in the balloting for Santa Barbara's Athlete of the Year. The winner was football star, Ernie Zampese; this was the first time a female athlete had threatened the leaders in the voting.

Wootton attended Santa Monica City College and Cal State Los Angeles. In 1965 Wootton began teaching at Ventura High School where she stayed for 29 years before retiring in 1994. While at Ventura, she coached the girls' and boys' tennis team – the first-ever female coach for the boys' team – and was the Dean of Girls and Assistant Principal. She was inducted into the Ventura High School Hall of Fame in 1994.

Also an avid and accomplished golfer, Wootton has notched 19 Ladies' Golf Championships at Birnam Wood Golf Club.

Since retirement, Wootton has channeled her love of sport into creating opportunities for

women and girls in local athletics. She helped start the women's golf team at SBCC in 1996 and is currently on the Girls Inc. Charity Golf Tournament Committee. In 1995 she started up a women's golf team at Birnam Wood Golf Club which continues to compete with other clubs as a part of the Women's Southern California Golf Association. In March of 2009, Diane was honored at the 16th Annual SBCC Golf Classic at La Cumbre CC for her outstanding amateur athletic career, respected career as an educator and a strong supporter of Vaquero athletics, particularly women's golf.

In 2002, Diane was honored by Santa Barbara High's "Ye Ole Gang" for her tennis accomplishments. Diane is active as a Director with the Women's Southern California Golf Association. A 2008-2009 Trustee for the WSCGA Foundation which raises money for scholarships and grants for girls and young women, she was co-chairmen of the 2009 Foundation's Pro-Am Tournament held in March at Lomas Santa Fe CC in Solana Beach. In 2008, the tournament raised \$58,000.

Louise Lowry Davis Award

Louise Lowry Davis was Supervisor of the Santa Barbara Recreation Department for over 30 years before retirement in 1966. As director of the Womens' Sports League, she made women's sports activities one of the biggest draws in town in the 1930s and 1940s. Louise was a State Champion and nationally ranked table tennis player in 1936 and 1939. Over the years, Louise has generously contributed to the youth of Santa Barbara. This award is given to a person recognized as a player, coach or sponsor or excels in leadership and sportsmanship.



ETHEL BYERS

R.F. MacFarland Memorial Trophy

Ethel Mae Heacock Byers, a Santa Barbara native, has been a faithful servant to local athletics for the last three decades. Attending local schools, she married Dale Byers and had three children, who have also given her three grandchildren.

Byers has worked in public accounting for most of her professional career, but her labor of love in athletics began about 30 years ago when her son Danny was playing junior tennis. She was asked to help at a Santa Barbara Tennis Patrons Tournament at the Kellogg Courts in Goleta and, as Ethel described it, “ That was the beginning of a fabulous relationship with the sport of tennis.”

She has served on the board of directors for the Santa Barbara Tennis Patrons, helping with tournaments through most of that time. Byers also worked on committees at the sectional level of the United States Tennis Association and has served as tournament director for several national championships. For the past decade, she has served as Assistant Tournament Director to Larry Mousouris for the USTA’s Men’s 50-and-Over National Hard Court Championships, which are held annually at the Tennis Club of Santa Barbara.

At about the same time Byers began her service with the Tennis Patrons, the late Callie Brennand introduced her to the local running community. Ethel and Dale soon became best friends with Callie and John Brennand, and both lent their help at all the road runs sponsored by the Santa Barbara Athletic Association. Byers still offers her service for the Santa Barbara Half Marathon.

Byers later volunteered her help to the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table, serving on its board of directors while managing its database.

R.F. MacFarland Memorial Trophy

R.F. MacFarland was one of the founders of Semana Nautica in 1936. This award is given annually to the person or organization who best exemplifies community leadership in the area of sports and athletics. It is sponsored by the Elks Club, Recreation Department, local media and the Semana Nautica Association.



VIC BIRTALAN Masters Athlete Award

Vic Birtalan began competing in triathlon in 1983, he transitioned to Ironman racing (2.4-mile swim / 112-mile bike / 26.2-mile run) in 1998, following years of doing short distance triathlon. Birtalan qualified for his first Ironman Hawaii at the METrX Half-Ironman in 1998, and has qualified for the World Triathlon Championships in Hawaii every year since 1998.

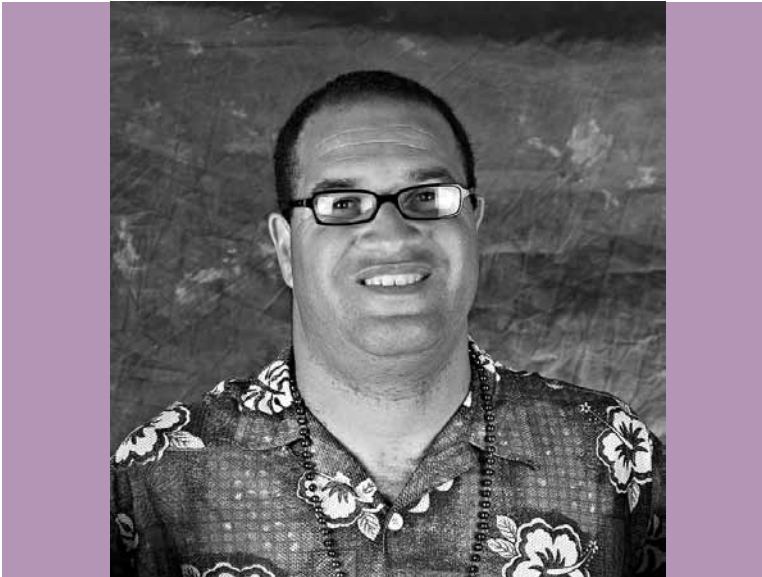
Birtalan has competed in Ironman New Zealand, Arizona, Idaho and California multiple times and Ironman Australia, Utah and Lake Placid as one-time events. With eleven finishes at Kona from 1998 through 2008, Birtalan reached the podium twice.

In 2008, racing in the 65-69 age group, Birtalan finished first place in Ironman Arizona and Ironman Idaho. He was seventh place at the World Triathlon Championships in Kona. Additionally, he notched a first-place finish in the Death Valley Trail Marathon, second place in the Buzz Marathon and second place in the Santa Barbara Triathlon.

Birtalan is a senior engineer with Frontier Technology. He has three children – Sara, Scott and Keith – and he lives, works and trains in Goleta.

Masters Athlete Award

This award was established and endowed by Louise Lowry Davis to encourage the continued participation in competitive sports, regardless of age. It is given for achievement by an athlete over the age of 40 years.



RAMON HOOPER

Special Olympics Mayor's Trophy

Ramon "Hoop" Hooper is a long time Special Olympics athlete, having joined the program in 1982, just one year after moving to Santa Barbara. During his 27 years of participation, Ray has competed in basketball, bowling, cycling, floor hockey, powerlifting, softball, soccer, swimming, tennis, and track & field. His favorite team sport is basketball, and his favorite individual sport is track & field.

Ray is an outstanding athlete who competes at the highest level of competition offered by Special Olympics and dreams of attending the National and World Special Olympics Games during his career as an athlete. His coaches comment that they are "continuously impressed with Ray's athleticism, sportsmanship and leadership" and call him the "Gentle Giant" who is quick to lend a hand to opposing athletes after knocking them down. At 40 years of age, Ray grows daily in his passionate commitment to personal improvement through sport and plans to continue competing for "as long as physically possible".

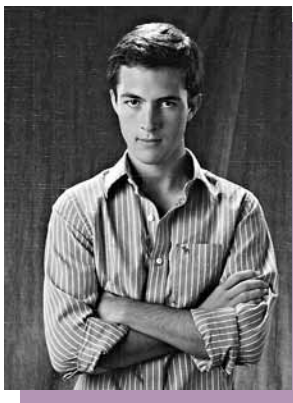
In addition, Ray is highly respected in the Special Olympics community for his kindness, generosity and hard work. As a result, he was recently elected by his peers to serve on the Special Olympics Santa Barbara Athlete Input Council. In this capacity, Ray serves as an athlete leader, providing input on programs and activities, as well as representing Special Olympics in the community.

When not at Special Olympics, Ray works at Cap 1 as an aide for people who use wheelchairs and has also worked for New Directions Travel and Sojourn. Ray's favorite hobbies include volunteering for local political campaigns, reading and singing Karaoke with his fiancé of 11 years, Nicole.

Special Olympics Mayor's Trophy

This award was first established by mayor David Shiffman. It is presented annually to a Special Olympics Athlete.

Russ Morrison Memorial Scholarship



WOLF THIELMANN

Wolf Thielmann has been playing golf since he turned eight years-old, and competitively since he was twelve. Currently a member of the Dos Pueblos High School varsity golf team, he considers golf to be the most mentally demanding sport he has played. "It has taught me volumes about persistence, perseverance, and honesty," he writes. In addition to golf, Wolf has volunteered in his community, interning with the City of Goleta's engineering department during the summers of his sophomore and junior years; serving as Lead Coordinator for his high school Jazz Festival; and playing Lead Saxophone for his school band and for the Santa Barbara City College Goodtimes Band. For his extensive service, Wolf was honored as a Goleta Teen of the Year finalist. On an academic level,

Wolf has been enrolled in the rigorous International Baccalaureate program at Dos Pueblos, earning a 4.50 GPA. He will attend Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, and will major in aeronautical engineering.

Gina Ruskauff Memorial Scholarship

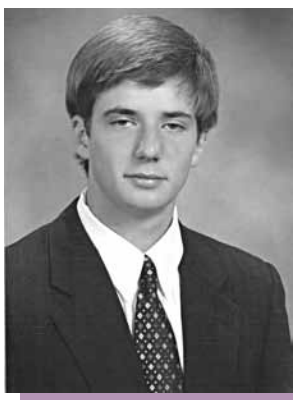


KELLEY CHILTON

Kelley Chilton finds being relatively short in height and light in weight a challenge when it comes to playing her favorite sport, basketball, but that has not prevented her from participating as one of the key players on the San Marcos High School girls' varsity team. She describes basketball as one of her passions since third grade and credits her involvement in the sport for providing her with an appreciation for "motivation, trust, teamwork, and hard work." Her coach writes, "Kelley's work ethic and character shine as a real strength for her. Her teammates respect her, listen to her, and also are an encouragement to her – which is a true testament of what she has invested in them." Earning a respectable 3.96 GPA while playing a varsity sport and holding down two jobs at the same time, Kelley takes pride in earning money

to pay for her car expenses and in taking responsibility for good time management. She has also found time to volunteer for her church, traveling to New Orleans during her sophomore year to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina by painting homes and helping rebuild a homeless shelter. Kelley has applied to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and will major in business and marketing.

SBART Founders Scholarship



ALBERT "A.J." FLING

Albert (A.J.) Fling credits his deep love for sports and his participation in basketball, baseball and football as the reason his transition into high school at Bishop Garcia Diego was so successful. He has developed strong bonds with his teammates in all three sports, and created lasting memories to carry with him as he embarks on his college career at Loyola Marymount University in the fall. Described by his teacher and coach as "bright, motivated, humble, very mature, as well as athletically and academically successful", A.J. has earned the respect and admiration of his coaches, teachers, and peers and is recognized for the positive influence and contribution he has made to his school and community. In addition to his extensive involvement in sports, A.J. has volunteered for Safety Town, is a member of his school's surf club, and has been an Altar Server at his church. A scholar-athlete with a 4.04 GPA, A.J. plans to major in Business

and Marketing, with a career goal in International Business.

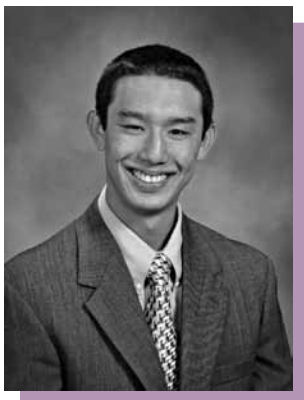
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NICOLE GEE

Nicole Gee credits her family and her first all-star coach with instilling in her the confidence to succeed at her favorite sport, soccer. A senior at Dos Pueblos High School who has earned a 4.60 GPA, Nicole was selected by her peers to serve as captain of the girls' varsity soccer team and has been a four-year starter. Her coach writes, "Nicole is one to speak with her actions. If we need more effort in a game or practice, she will be the first to increase her output. If she is subbed out during a game, she will cheer from the bench and support the field players. Most to her credit is that she is consistent with such high standards of behavior and character." Nicole has volunteered her services as a youth soccer coach and as an ESL teacher's aide for Adult Education. Nicole has applied to UC Los Angeles and will major in Education.



NATHAN SAITO

Nathan Saito will graduate from Carpinteria High School this June, where he has lettered in baseball and basketball and earned a 4.6 GPA. Named to the Baseball Academic All-League in his sophomore and junior years, Nathan's skills helped his school baseball team win their first league championship in thirty-two years. In addition to his athletic skills, Nathan is an accomplished pianist and has twice reached the level of finalist in annual showcase festivals. He also volunteers for his church and the Orthopedics Wing at Cottage Hospital, and is in the process of advancing to Eagle Scout standing for the Boy Scouts of America. His teacher writes, "I can only offer my certainty that funds invested in Nathan will be well spent and yield a bountiful return." Nathan has applied to UC Los Angeles as a Biological Science major. His career goal is to become a physician.



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DAVE WOLF

WESTMONT MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER

College Coach of the Year

The sixth seed in the Golden State Athletic Conference Tournament, Westmont's men's soccer team upended third-seeded Vanguard and second-seeded Concordia to earn a place in the conference championship against top-seeded Azusa Pacific.

But before the GSAC championship game could be played, the Tea Fire swept through Westmont's Montecito campus, destroying nine buildings, 50 dorm rooms and 15 faculty homes. The home of head coach Dave Wolf, his wife Jill and their five children was among the faculty homes that were burned to the ground.

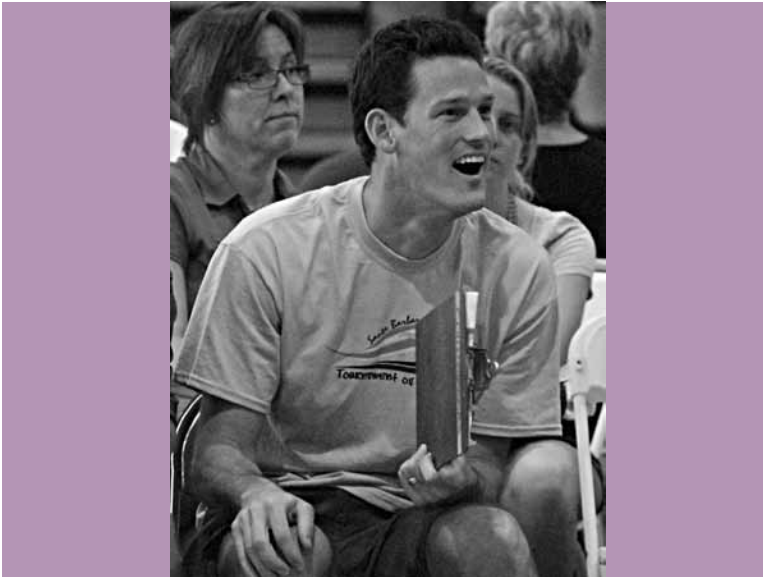
In a remarkable display of sportsmanship by Azusa Pacific, the GSAC championship game was delayed two days to allow Westmont to regroup after the fire. On Monday, November 17, Westmont defeated Azusa Pacific 2-0 in the championship, bringing an end to the season for the reigning national champions and earning a berth in the national championship. The Warriors made it all the way to the quarterfinals.

Wolf's nationally-ranked Westmont women's team ended its season in the first round of the GSAC Tournament, finishing with a record of 7-7-3 overall and 6-3-1 in the conference.

Not only has Westmont won more games (552) than any other NAIA school, but in the Warriors 43 year history, there have been only four coaches, all of whom have produced a win-loss percentage of at least .625. In 2007 Wolf tied legendary Russ Carr (202-106-31) for longest tenure of 17 years as Westmont's head coach.

A graduate of Wheaton (Ill.), where he is a member of the Athletic Hall of Honor, Wolf helped lead the Thunder to a NCAA Division III National Championship in 1984 and was named an NCAA All-American in 1985. Following his graduation, he played one year in the Major Indoor Soccer League with the Chicago Sting and five years in the National Professional Soccer League. He also competed abroad with Missionary Athletes International and Lay Witness for Christ.

Wolf began his coaching career at Westmont in 1991 and has twice been named GSAC Coach of the Year. He has also received NAIA Far West Region Coach of the Year honors. His coaching accomplishments include back-to-back 20-win seasons (1994-95), advancement to the NAIA National Tournament six times, seven Golden State Athletic Conferences championships and 17 players named as NAIA All-Americans.



JOHN GANNON

SANTA BARBARA GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

High School Coach of the Year

John Gannon led the Santa Barbara High girls volleyball team to the CIF Division I-A Title this past season, as the Dons swept top-ranked Dos Pueblos in front of a capacity crowd at UCSB's Rob Gym. The Dons were the underdogs in the match, having lost to the Chargers in both of their regular-season meetings.

Gannon and assistant coach Lee Carlander have amassed a 78-24 record in their three seasons with the program, making appearances in the 2006 CIF championship game, the 2007 semifinals, and of course winning the 2008 title.

A native of Irvine who played his prep volleyball at University High School, Gannon went on to UCSB where he made the redshirt squad for the Gauchos before moving on to the rowing team and becoming an avid mountain biker.

He began his coaching career as a frosh-soph coach at Newport Harbor High School, then moved on to work with Chip Fenenga at Santa Ynez High. Gannon then went back to his alma mater, University High, to teach and coach. He came to Santa Barbara High in 1999, assisting Nan Verkaik as the girls varsity squad won a dramatic 5-game CIF title in 2000. He spent some time assisting Mark Walsh in the water polo program before taking the head job with the girls team in 2006. It's been a success story ever since.

Scholar Athletes of the Year

Generously Sponsored by The Human Performance Center

The Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table Scholar Athlete of the Year Award was initiated in September 1986 after the Round Table's Board of Directors recognized the need to honor those students who are not only successful athletes, but who also maintain strong academic and extra-curricular credentials.

Qualifications for nomination include participation in varsity athletics at the high school level and in designated athletic programs at the college level. Academic qualifications include outstanding grade point averages, usually greater than 3.5, in conjunction with other scholarly activities such as honor societies, scientific societies, extra-curricular activities and outstanding aptitude test scores for high school. Students have been selected by principals, senior counselors, athletic directors and coaches at the various high schools and colleges in the Santa Barbara area, in association with the Athletic Round Table.

The Round Table feels that the significance of this award goes beyond recognizing individual students who have outstanding academic and athletic records. It is also a reminder to the community that it is possible for a student to participate in athletics and still maintain outstanding academic achievement. We are proud to present this year's recipients.

2008-09 Scholar Athlete of the Year Awards

Michael Schlesselmann.....	Bishop Diego
Nick Bern.....	Cate School
Nathan Saito	Carpinteria
Alejandro Veloz	Dos Pueblos
Monica Beltran	Laguna Blanca
Erik Holliday.....	San Marcos
Ken Myers.....	Santa Barbara
Amber Siddiqu.....	SBCC
Milos Golic	UCSB
Annie Johnson	Westmont



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Athletes of the Year

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Tennis	Lauren Stratman	DPHS
Volleyball	Carly Wopat	DPHS
Golf	Nicole Bullemer	DPHS
Cross Country	Danielle Gemberling	SMHS
Basketball	Brandi Blackwell	SBHS
Water Polo	Sami Hill	DPHS
Soccer	Erin Stone	LBHS
Softball	Andria Castagnola	DPHS
Track & Field	Sam Wopat	DPHS
Swimming	Lindsay Parrish	SBHS
Lacrosse	Cascade Zak	CATE

COLLEGE WOMEN

Cross Country	Lisa Griego	WEST
Soccer	Genelle Ives	UCSB
Volleyball	Lauren McLaughlin	UCSB
Swimming	Anne Marie May	UCSB
Water Polo	Gillian Morgan	UCSB
Basketball	Jenna Green	UCSB
Golf	Asaka Sim	SBCC
Softball	Christine Ramos	UCSB
Tennis	Michelle Murphy	UCSB
Track & Field	Barbara Nwaba	UCSB

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

Football	John Uribe	SBHS
Water Polo	Ian Gamble	SBHS
Cross Country	Kevin Lunn	LBHS
Basketball	Roberto Nelson	SBHS
Soccer	Emmanuel Angulo	SBHS
Wrestling	Zack Belway	SMHS
Baseball	Nathan Saito	CARP
Tennis	Billy Grokenberger	SBHS
Volleyball	Chris Pratt	SBHS
Golf	Jack Perry	SBHS
Swimming	Drew Casier	DPHS
Track & Field	Patrick Smith	DPHS
Lacrosse	Flynn McGuire	CATE

COLLEGE MEN

Water Polo	Milos Golic	UCSB
Soccer	Mark Knight	SBCC
Football	Nathan Goldie	SBCC
Cross Country	Scott Smith	UCSB
Basketball	Chris Devine	UCSB
Swimming	Bradley Matsumoto	UCSB
Volleyball	Jeff Menzel	UCSB
Golf	Andrew Perez	SBCC
Tennis	Alex Konigsfeldt	UCSB
Track & Field	Scott Smith	UCSB
Baseball	Brian Gump	UCSB



Athletes of the Week 2008-09

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9/08/08

David Walker, UCSB, Soccer
Jacqui Simon, UCSB, Soccer

9/15/08

Adrian Stimson, SMHS, Football
Erica Cano, DPHS, Tennis

9/22/08

Dane Limosnero, DPHS, Football
Caitlin Racich, DPHS, Volleyball

9/29/08

Cody Clark, SMHS, Football
Rachel Decker-Sadowski, SBHS, Tennis

10/06/08

John Uribe, SBHS, Football
Meigan Maiwald, SBCC, Soccer

10/13/08

Anthony Martinez, Bishop, Football
Carly Wopat, DPHS, Volleyball

10/20/08

Randy Person, CATE, Football
Anna Samson, DPHS, Golf

10/27/08

Tyrone Harris, SBCC, Football
Asaka Sim, SBCC, Golf

11/03/08

Justin Alvarado, CARP, Football
Danielle Gemberling, SMHS, Cross Country

11/10/08

Andrew Mendoza, SBHS, Football
Lauren Stratman, DPHS, Tennis

11/17/08

Mark Knight, SBCC, Soccer
Jackie Harvey, LBHS, Volleyball

11/24/08

Anthony Niboli, Westmont, Soccer
Katherine Keller, SBHS, Volleyball

12/01/08

Amber Stevens, Westmont, Basketball
Kevin Lunn, LBHS, Cross Country

12/08/08

Sam Kwock, Bishop, Basketball
Rebecca Griffin, SBHS, Basketball

01/05/09

Manny Rodriguez, CARP, Basketball
Zach Belway, SMHS, Wrestling
Sami Hill, DPHS, Water Polo
Lauren Pederson, UCSB, Basketball

01/12/09

Dan Rasp, Westmont, Basketball
Imelda Bealer, SBCC, Basketball

01/19/09

Peter Aquilar, SBHS, Soccer
Kiley Neushul, DPHS, Water Polo

01/26/09

Roberto Nelson, SBHS, Basketball
Jeanette Mendoza, SMHS, Basketball

02/02/09

Luis Urbina, SMHS, Wrestling
Jade Fitzgerald, SMHS, Water Polo

02/09/09

Nick Wagner, DPHS, Wrestling
Kelley Chilton, SMHS, Basketball

02/16/09

Connor MacGillivray, Bishop, Basketball
Brandi Blackwell, SBHS, Basketball

02/23/09

Luther Tarver-Burks, LBHS, Basketball
Janelle Kohler, Bishop, Basketball

03/02/09

Luis Santana, SBHS, Soccer
Sami Hill, DPHS, Water Polo

03/09/09

James Nunnally, UCSB, Basketball
Lauren Pederson, UCSB, Basketball

03/16/09

A.J. Fling, Bishop, Baseball
Nicole Pearce, CARP, Softball

03/23/09

Nick Scarvelis, DPHS, Track & Field
Erin Ristig, DPHS, Track & Field

04/06/09

Blake McFarland, SBCC, Baseball
Jennifer Jimenez, Bishop, Softball

04/13/09

Drew Casier, DPHS, Swimming
Emily Mason, SMHS, Softball

04/20/09

Robert Vickers, DPHS, Baseball
Hannah Harris, DPHS, Softball

04/27/09

John Warren, Cate, Baseball
Gillian Morgan, UCSB, Water Polo

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Regal	\$250	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Diamond	\$100	✓	✓	✓							
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