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CIF SOUTHERN SECTION ANNOUNCES 32ND HALL OF FAME CLASS

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – The CIF Southern Section is proud to announce the 32nd class of inductees into the section Hall of Fame.

Fifteen impressive and deserving educators will be honored at a luncheon at The Grand Conference Center in Long Beach on October 14 starting at 11:30 a.m.

Additionally, seven outstanding individuals will be honored with a CIF Southern Section Distinguished Service Award for years of dedicated contributions toward the student-athletes of the CIF-SS.

“We are looking forward to honoring the 2015 CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame inductees and Distinguished Service Award winners at our upcoming luncheon on October 14. They represent excellence in every way and their many accomplishments have made a major contribution to the history and tradition of our section. We are very proud of the Class of 2015 and congratulate them on a job well done.”

HALL OF FAME AWARDS – 2015

Marijon Ancich

- 31 Years, Head Football Coach – St. Paul High School and Tustin High School
- Overall Record - 360-134-4; 2nd winningest coach in California, winningest coach in the history of the CIF Southern Section
- 3 CIF Southern Section Championships, 8 CIF Southern Section Finals appearances
- 19 League Championships

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- Also coached as an assistant at Northern Arizona University and Cerritos College

Marijon Ancich (Cont.):

- Hall of Fame – National High School Hall of Fame (1999) and Cal Poly SLO (2004)
- Coach of the Year – LA Times, LA Herald Examiner, Whittier Daily News, NFL/KABC
- Two sons – Dusan (Villa Park High School) and Visko (Whittier High School) are currently Head Football Coaches at CIF Southern Section schools

Tom Bergeron

- In 1969, began his career as Head Baseball Coach at Warren High School – 3 years
- 32 Years – Head Baseball Coach – Gahr High School
- Over 600 career wins, .670 winning percentage
- 2 CIF Southern Section Finals appearances
- 21 League Championships
- Coached 9 Major League Baseball players, 2 of which were members of the United States Olympic Baseball Teams in 1984 and 1988
- The baseball field at Gahr High School is named Tom Bergeron Field in his honor
- His son Greg played for his Dad at Gahr and is currently a college baseball coach at Long Beach State University

Dan Bodary

- Overall Record – 615-284-13
- Top 20 winningest coaches in California all-time
- 4 CIF Southern Section Championships
- 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up finishes
- 18 League Championships
- Northern Santa Barbara County Athletic Hall of Fame
- In 2001, the baseball field at Lompoc High School was named Dan Bodary Field
- After retirement, Dan has remained active in the Lompoc community through the local Kiwanis Club, organizing fund raising and charity events

Earl Engman

- 38 Years – Santa Ana High School – Teacher, Coach and Administrator
- Had a tremendous impact on athletic programs in Orange County, the CIF Southern Section and the CIF State organization
- Worked as a coach, official, referee and manager of countless track meets
- Created Earl's Army, a group of volunteers who helped run track meets locally, but also the CIF State Track and Field Championships
- As a coach, won 2 CIF Southern Section Track and Field Championships
- The track at Santa Ana High School is named in his honor
- Earl Engman Relays – A local track meet named in his honor
- Famous for his smile and "Earl Hugs"
- Passed away in 1993

Frank Gonzales

- In 1973, began as an assistant wrestling coach at Pacifica High School

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- 1975 – Head Wrestling Coach at Pacifica High School, won league title in only year as Head Coach
- 14 Years – Head Wrestling Coach at El Dorado High School

Frank Gonzales (Cont.):

- 1 CIF State Championship – (1982) and 1 CIF State Runner-Up finish – (1986)
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships, 1 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up finish
- 12 League Championships
- After El Dorado High School, coached for 9 years at Santa Ana College
- Honors – El Dorado High School Hall of Fame, Orange County Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame, California Wrestling Hall of Fame, National Wrestling Hall of Fame

Ed Goorjian

- 16 Years – Head Basketball Coach at Crescenta Valley High School
- Overall Record – 328-103, 8 seasons with 20 wins or more
- 1 CIF Finals appearance (1971) – Team’s only loss of the season, 29-1 record
- 7 League Championships
- 2 Times – National High School Coach of the Year (1977 and 1978)
- Son Greg played for his Dad at Crescenta Valley and was 1978 California State Player of the Year
- 2008 – Inducted into the Crescenta Valley High School Hall of Fame
- After high school, was Head Coach at Loyola Marymount University for 5 years and also coached at USC, UNLV, Cal. State Fullerton and Glendale College

Steve Grady

- 29 Years – Head Football Coach at Loyola High School
- Overall Record – 269-79-6
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships
- 4 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up finishes
- 28 CIF playoff appearances, including 24 consecutive seasons
- 16 League Championships
- 2003 California State Coach of the Year
- In 1962, was CIF Southern Section Player of the Year for Loyola High School’s CIF Southern Section Football Championship team
- Only person to be named California Player of the Year and California Coach of the Year

Maury Halleck

- In 1955, began coaching football at a high school in Washington
- 2 Years – Santa Barbara High School, coached football and basketball
- 23 Years – Head Basketball Coach – San Marcos High School
- Overall Record – 341-202
- 2 CIF Southern Section Finals appearances
- 7 League Championships
- 4 Times – CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year
- 1981 team was 26-1 (only loss was in the CIF Southern Section Final)
- The gymnasium at San Marcos High School is named in his honor

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- Also Coached: Tennis – 3 League Championships; Softball – 2 League Championships

Don Hyatt

- In 1976, began coaching at the college level; Men's Volleyball at Cal Lutheran University, then Women's Volleyball at Cal Lutheran University and Moorpark College
- 1986-2007 – La Reina High School – Head Softball Coach
- Overall Record – 417-148
- 3 CIF Southern Section Championships, 1 Runner-Up finish
- 16 League Championships
- 1994-2012 – Head Volleyball Coach – La Reina High School
- Overall Record – 377-80
- 1 CIF Southern Section Championship, 1 Runner-Up finish
- 16 League Championships
- In 2000-01, won CIF Southern Section Championships in both Girls Volleyball and Softball

Larry James

- In 1965, began his teaching career at La Quinta High School
- In 1973, started the Boys Volleyball program at La Quinta High School
- 37 Years – Head Boys Volleyball Coach
- 13 League Championships
- Helped launch Boys Volleyball as an approved sport in the Garden Grove League
- 22 Years – Head Girls Volleyball Coach
- 8 League Championships
- In 1994, was selected as La Quinta High School Teacher of the Year
- Member, CIF Southern Section Volleyball Coaches Advisory Committee
- Volunteered at the volleyball venue for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles

Joanne Kellogg

- 12 Years – Head Girls Basketball Coach at Huntington Beach High School
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships (1977 and 1978)
- Overall Record was 42-3 during those two championship years
- 4 League Championships
- In 1978 – Was selected as California State Basketball Coach of the Year
- Also served as Athletic Director at Huntington Beach High School
- In 1989 – Was selected as CIF Southern Section Athletic Director of the Year
- In 1994, inducted into the Southern California Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- Served on CIF Southern Section Athletic Directors Committee
- In the early 1970's served on the committee that helped Girls Athletics transition from GAA activities to CIF sports

Ron LaRuffa

- Began at Boron High School – 2 years
- Colton High School – 1 year
- 12 years – Head Baseball Coach at Edison High School
- 16 Years – Head Baseball Coach at Fountain Valley High School
- 546 career wins

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- 2 consecutive CIF Southern Section Championships (Fountain Valley – 1994 and 1995)
- 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up finishes

Ron LaRuffa (Cont.):

- 11 Sunset League Championships (Edison and Fountain Valley combined)
- 5 Years – Served as Athletic Director at Fountain Valley High School
- 7 Years – Junior College Assistant Coach (Cypress College and Orange Coast College)

John Romano

- Began at Yucca Valley High School – 1 year
- 34 Years – Nogales High School
- Overall Record – 635-334-9
- 6 League Championships
- 30 CIF Southern Section Playoff appearances
- 11 Tournament Championships
- Member, CIF Southern Section Baseball Coaches Advisory Committee
- In 2006, inducted into the California Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- In 2014, inducted into the San Gabriel Valley Coaches Hall of Fame

Lyle Wilkerson

- 20 Years – Head Baseball Coach – Corona High School
- Over 300 career wins
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships
- 6 League Championships
- 10 Years – Assistant Baseball Coach – Corona High School
- 6 Years – Coached football at Corona High School
- 5 Years – Assistant Baseball Coach – Riverside Community College
- 3 Years – Head Baseball Coach – University of California, Riverside
- The baseball field at Corona High School is named Lyle Wilkerson Field

Billy York

- 29 years - Boys/Girls Cross Country Coach Woodcrest Christian
- Head coach from 1992-2013
- Started track program at Woodcrest Christian
- Boys Cross Country League Champion 25 consecutive years (1989-2014)
- Six (6) Boys Cross Country CIF-SS Championships (2001, 2005-2009)
- Six time Boys Cross Country CIF State Championships including five (5) in a row (2005-2009)
- 20 time Girls Cross Country League Champions
- Two (2) Girls Cross Country CIF-SS Championships (2003, 2007)
- Nine (9) time Girls Cross Country CIF State Championships appearances
- Five (5) Girls Cross Country CIF State Championships runner-up finishes
- 2009 Mt. SAC Invitation Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2012 Riverside Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Jim Clover – Athletic Trainer/ Sports Medicine

Bill Dabbs – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee

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Tony Diaz – Athletic Administrator/ Oxnard Unified School District

Ray Moore – Vista Murrieta HS – Athletic Director

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE (Cont.):

Rick Obrand – CIF Southern Section

Greta Rens – CIF Southern Section Office

Doug Speck – Arcadia HS – Track and Field

Media members interested in attending must RSVP by Friday, October 9 to Anita Fopma (anitaf@cifss.org).

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