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CIF SOUTHERN SECTION ANNOUNCES 37TH HALL OF FAME CLASS

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – The CIF Southern Section is proud to announce the 37th class of inductees into the section Hall of Fame.

Nine impressive and deserving educators will be honored at a luncheon at The Grand Conference Center in Long Beach on Wednesday, October 13 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.

This is the 2020 Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service winners who had their presentations delayed by COVID last October.

“We are excited to finally have the opportunity to recognize our 2020 Hall Of Fame and Distinguished Service Award winners,” said CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics Rob Wigod. “I am proud to induct this class of outstanding individuals and congratulate them on their many accomplishments. They truly represent the very best of the Southern Section.”

Media members interested in attending must RSVP by Tuesday, October 12 to Anita Fopma (anitaf@cifss.org).

HALL OF FAME AWARDS – 2020

Lillian Brabander

- Opened Estancia High School in 1965 and was there until retirement in 1992
- Head Badminton Coach – 29 years
- Overall Record – 329-29
- 4 CIF Southern Section Championships

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Lillian Brabander (Cont.):

- 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 14 League Championships
- 1991-1992 – Estancia won 40 consecutive matches
- Served as Girls Athletic Director – 27 years
- Co-Head Coach of the Girls Tennis team that reached the CIF Southern Section Finals in 1979
- Helped created the Beach Cities League – An all-girls league formed by women coaches in Southern California prior to girls' sports being included in the CIF Southern Section

Willie Donerson

- Head Football Coach at Dominguez High School – 28 years
- Overall Record – 228-110-3
- 3 CIF Southern Section Championships
- 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 26 CIF Southern Section Playoff appearances
- 18 League Championships
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 3 times
- Served as Athletic Director at Dominguez High School
- Member – CIF Southern Section Football Coaches Advisory Committee
- Coached several NFL players – Richard Sherman, Jeron Johnson, Chilo Rachal

Lou Farrar

- 1968 – Began his career at Damien High School
- 1970 – Coached at Royal Oak High School – 15 years
- 1985 – Head Football Coach at Charter Oak High School – 39 years
- 355 Total Wins – #6 all-time in the state of California
- 5 CIF Southern Section Championships
- 4 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 19 League Championships
- 26 consecutive CIF Southern Section Playoff appearances
- 2016 – CIF Southern Section Champions for Character Award
- The football stadium at Charter Oak High School is named in his honor
- Lou Farrar passed away on November 10, 2019. Accepting the award is his son, Dominic Farrar, current Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Charter Oak High School

Chip Fenenga

- Head Boys Volleyball Coach at Santa Ynez High School – 29 years
- Overall Record – 476 Wins, 160 Losses
- 7 CIF Southern Section Championships, including 4 consecutive (1999-2002)
- 3 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 23 League Championships, 19 in a row at one point
- 208 Consecutive League Wins
- 29 CIF Southern Section Playoff Appearances
- Head Girls Volleyball Coach – 10 years
- Overall Record – 199 Wins, 86 Losses
- 7 League Championships
- 10 CIF Southern Section Playoff Appearances

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Mike Herrington

- In 1980 – Began his career as an Assistant Football Coach at Hart High School
- In 1988 – Head Football Coach at Bellflower High School – 1 year
- In 1989 – Head Football Coach at Hart High School – 32 years
- Overall Record – 304-100-1
- 7 CIF Southern Section Championships
- 4 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 15 League Championships
- 65 consecutive game league winning streak – 13 years
- Served as Athletic Director at Hart High School – 20 years
- Member – CIF Southern Section Football Coaches Advisory Committee

Mark Paredes

- In 1972 – Began his career at St. Bernard High School
- in 1976 – Began as a teacher and Assistant Football Coach at Bishop Amat High School
- In 1986 – Became Head Football Coach at Bishop Amat High School – 8 years
- Overall Record – 84-14
- 1 CIF Southern Section Championship
- 8 Consecutive League Championships in 8 years
- Served as Head Baseball Coach – Overall Record –126-67-1
- Served as Athletic Director at Bishop Amat
- In 1994 – Became Head Football Coach at J.W. North High School – 8 years
- Overall Record – 68-29-2
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships
- 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- Southern California Coach of the Year – 3 times

Linda Pattison

- Graduate of Rim of the World High School
- Head Girls Volleyball Coach at Rim of the World High School – 16 years
- Overall Record – 355-133-1
- 1 CIF State Championship
- 2 CIF Southern Regional Championships
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships
- 3 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 15 League Championships
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 2 times
- Member – CIF Southern Section Girls Volleyball Coaches Advisory Committee

Rod Petkovic

- In 1980 – Began working at Millikan High School as a Staff Assistant
- In 1983 – Became Head Boys Soccer Coach – 38 years
- Overall Record – 759-145-143
- 3 CIF Southern Section Championships
- 1 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up
- 23 League Championships

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Rod Petkovic (Cont.):

- 38 CIF Southern Section Playoff Appearances
- Coached Girls Track and Field – Overall Record – 47-5
- 1 CIF Southern Section Championship
- Coached Cross-Country – Overall Record – 48-3

Kevin Rooney

- Began his career at St. Francis High School in Mountain View, California – 6 years
- Head Football Coach at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks – 40 years
- Overall Record – 316-143-5
- 4 CIF Southern Section Championships (3 consecutive – 2002, 2003 and 2004)
- 3 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 18 League Championships
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 4 times
- Served as Athletic Director at Notre Dame High School
- Inducted – National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame
- Inducted – California Coaches Association Hall of Fame
- Inducted – Notre Dame High School Hall of Fame

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS – 2020

Speed Castillo

- In 1955 - Began his officiating career in Arizona
- In 1959 - Moved to Orange County and began teaching in the Anaheim Union High School District at Orange View Junior High
- Spent 35 years as an Educator: Teacher, Coach, Counselor, Child Welfare and Attendance Coordinator and Coordinator of Federal Projects
- 47 Years – Officiated Football and Basketball in Orange County, where he worked thousands of high school and college football, basketball and baseball games.
- In 1994 – Named one of the 10 most influential people in Orange County Sports
- In 2004 – Named the California Coaches Association Official of the Year
- Supervisor of Officials and Assignor for the Big West Conference, Foothill Conference and Orange Empire Conference where he helped develop and promote many, many officials who have gone on to work for professional leagues and college conferences
- 33 Years – Orange County Area Officials Liaison. Great relationships with schools and officials. Part of our CIF Southern Section Family: the best salsa and tamales.

Will Jacobsmeyer

- A graduate of Notre Dame High School in Riverside
- 1981-2016 – Coached Basketball, Cross-Country, Track and Field, Golf – 35 years
- Notre Dame High School (Riverside), Arlington High School, La Sierra High School
- Member, CIF Southern Section Cross Country Coaches Advisory Committee – 22 years
- Supervisor – CIF Southern Section Cross-Country Championships in Riverside – 6 years
- Finish Line Supervisory – CIF Southern Section Cross-Country Championships – 6 years
- Hurdle Crew Coordinator – CIF Southern Section Track and Field Championships – 5 years
- The driving force behind our Cross-Country Championships being held in Riverside over the last 5-year period: creating the course, organizing the staff, taking care of every detail.

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Jeff Jordan

- A graduate of Walnut High School
- In 1990, began his teaching/coaching career at Walnut High School
- Served as Head Baseball Coach, Assistant Football Coach, Athletic Director, Counselor and Instructional Dean
- Moved into administration and began as a Middle School Principal
- 2009-2015 – Principal at Walnut High School
- Walnut Valley USD – Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services – 3 years
- 2011-2015– Served as Mt. SAC Area Representative to the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee
- 2014-2020 – Served as Treasurer, CIF Southern Section Executive Committee
- Currently, the Superintendent of the Charter Oak Unified School District

Satini Sut Puailoa

- A graduate of Montebello High School
- In 1967 – Began at San Marcos High School by serving as Head Golf Coach – 7 years
- In 1970 – Became Head Football Coach at San Marcos High School – 10 years
- 4 League Championships
- Had the best record of any Head Football Coach at San Marcos High School
- In 1980 – Began serving as Athletic Director – 6 years
- Long-Time Member, CIF Southern Section Golf Coaches Advisory Committee
- Tournament Director – Numerous CIF Southern Section Golf Championships
- UCSB Athletic Hall of Fame
- San Marcos High School Hall of Fame
- The Football stadium at San Marcos High School is named in his honor

Charlie Ricards

- A graduate of Ramona High School in Riverside
- In 1977 – Began his career coaching Basketball at La Sierra High School
- 1977-1979 – Lived in Oregon teaching and coaching Basketball and Volleyball – 2 years
- In 1980 – Began at Woodcrest Christian High School in Riverside, where he coached Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Golf for 40 years
- 1984 – Became Athletic Director at Woodcrest Christian – Served in that role for 36 years
- 2002-2010 – Big Sky League President and League Representative to the CIF Southern Section Council
- 2008-2012 – Ambassador League Representative to the CIF Southern Section Council
- 2012-2016 – Served as Small Schools Area Representative on the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee
- 2017-2020 – Served on the CIF Southern Section Public/Private Committee

Jill Sleight

- A graduate of Long Beach Wilson High School
- In 1994 – Co-Founder and Executive Director of the West Coast Sports Medicine Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides over \$1,000,000 each year in free medical care to low-income high school districts

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Jill Sleight (Cont.):

- Created the Team to Win program which helps schools get physician coverage and athletic training coverage for their events, while also strongly advocating for Certified Athletic Trainers in all of our high schools
- In 1996 – Created the Sports Medicine Mentoring Program providing internships for students interested in athletic training and Sports Medicine, along with scholarships for students pursuing careers in Sports Medicine
- Member – National Federation of High Schools Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
- Held leadership positions in the California Athletic Trainers Association, advocating for state-wide licensing for Certified Athletic Trainers
- Member – CIF State Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
- Inaugural Member – CIF Southern Section Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee

Timmerie Sullivan-Henry

- A graduate of Mater Dei High School
- Played Basketball for Mater Dei prior to high school sports opportunities being possible for girls
- Despite not having high school sports opportunities, continued to play Basketball at Fullerton College and Cal. State, Fullerton
- Athletic Director – Connelly High School in Anaheim – 43 years
- Coached Softball for 20 years and Basketball for 17 years
- 20 CIF Southern Section Playoff Appearances in Softball, 17 CIF Southern Section Playoff Appearances in Softball
- Received National High School Coaches Award for both Softball and Basketball
- Was a high school and college Basketball official for 25 years
- Served as San Joaquin League President and San Joaquin League Secretary
- Served as Western Athletic Conference Liaison for 6 years
- The Softball/Soccer Field at Connelly High School is named in her honor

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