Los Angeles City Section
Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
Culver City, CA
Pacifica Ballroom
On behalf of the CIF Los Angeles City Section Board of Managers I would like to welcome you to the Hall of Fame induction ceremony for the Class of 2015! It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we honor these very elite athletes and individuals who exemplify the Los Angeles City Sections' diversity and spirit. These individuals represented here today are some of the greatest high school athletes and contributors who have performed in interscholastic, intercollegiate, professional, and world class arenas. Many have gone on to become some of the world's finest athletes in their chosen sports, and others have taken their talents and skills to become prominent in other pursuits. All have had a significant impact on interscholastic athletics helping to provide a uniqueness that has set new standards of performance and direction, and pioneered the vision that allowed the rest of the world to view sports from a different lens.

Among our inductees here today are some coaches, athletic administrators, and representatives from the local media. Their contributions have also been well documented and their vision and influence to the design of high school sports and their ability to influence and increase the opportunities for participation and exposure of high school sports was essential to the Sections growth, vision, and success.

The athletes to be inducted into the Class of 2015 represent every level of competition and each possess tremendous qualifications and extraordinary achievements and accomplishments. The Class of 2015 represents men and women from every generation spanning the past one-hundred years, and were selected from the sports of Aquatics, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling, and four sport related categories. This is a very select few; needless to say, many deserving candidates were left off this list who may have been just as worthy and therefore will continue to be considered in future years.

Tonight, the Los Angeles City Section takes great pleasure in honoring the 44 Hall of Fame inductees into the Class of 2015. We have invited the honorees, their families, guests, and the families of those honorees who will be inducted posthumously to share in this memorable moment. I thank you for your participation as we celebrate these outstanding individuals who have provided us with many incredible moments of spectacular achievements on the field or court and in their chosen careers.

Now let's all enjoy as we reminisce the stories and accomplishments with our inductees and as we salute the Hall of Fame Class of 2015!

John A. Aguirre
Commissioner, CIF Los Angeles City Section
Programme

Banquet Presider
Fred Roggin

Introductions
Hall of Famers

National Anthem
Tiffany Holmes

Dinner

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Induction of the third class of 44 members

Closing Comments
Commissioner John Aguirre
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2015 Inductees
Brad Pye, Jr.
Jefferson 1949

The man who made sure Los Angeles African-American athletes of the second half of the twentieth century got their due recognition was Brad Pye Jr. He played football at Jefferson High School, but earned his greatest accolades as the Sports Editor of the Los Angeles Sentinel for 30 years. While the major Los Angeles newspapers often ignored African-American athletics, Pye’s columns highlighted them. He also was a columnist for the Los Angeles Watts Times and was the director of radio station KGFJ. Pye was also very active away from the sports scene serving as an assistant to County Supervisors Kenneth Hahn and Yvonne Braithwaite Burke. He was a member of the California State Athletic Commission, the Coliseum Commission, the LA County Department of Family Services and was the first African-American on the Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Commission.

Dennis Gilbert
Gardena 1965

Dennis Gilbert began his long, varied baseball career at Gardena High School. He signed with the Boston Red Sox and spent five years playing in the minor leagues. He became a scout and then branched off into a career as an agent. Among his sports clients were George Brett, Barry Bonds, and Jose Canseco. He also represented many show business luminaries including Sally Field, Quincy Jones, and Rod Stewart. He later became a special assistant to Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of the Chicago White Sox. Today Gilbert is involved in a large life insurance company, but his interest in baseball remains. He financed a new baseball stadium for Los Angeles Southwest College and is involved with RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner City). Another passion for Gilbert is the Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation, which helps former baseball scouts. Truly a career in baseball and in helping those who need help.

James Lu Valle (The Westwood Whirlwind)
Polytechnic 1931

The boyhood idol of four term Los Angeles Mayor Thomas Bradley, Jim LuValle led a storybook life. He was the LA City 440 champion in 1930 and placed 2nd in the 440 at the 1931 California State Meet. At UCLA he was the NCAA champion in the 440 in 1935. Going to UCLA and working to help his family, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA and then earned a PHD from Cal Tech. The 1936 U.S. National champion in the 400 meters, LuValle advanced to the 1936 Olympic Games and won a bronze medal in the 400 meters. Ending his athletic career, he became the first African-American employed by Eastman Kodak. As a senior chemist he was deeply involved in the development of color photography (3 patents). He later served as administrator of the Stanford Chemistry Lab. He is a member of the UCLA Hall of Fame and LuValle Commons at UCLA is named in his honor.
Sam Balter  
Roosevelt 1925

A basketball star at UCLA when it was still located on Vermont Ave., Sam Balter was the Bruin basketball captain in 1929. As pro basketball was in its infancy in those days, the better college players joined AAU teams. He played for the Universal Studios team for many years and when they decided to add basketball to the Olympic Games in 1936, Balter was selected for the team along with four former UCLA teammates. Balter and the U.S. team won the Gold Medal. He then began a lengthy career as sports broadcaster and sports columnist. He announced for the Cincinnati Reds, UCLA, the Los Angeles Stars, and the Pacific Coast League. His newspaper column, *One For the Book*, often featured Los Angeles high school sports stars. Sam Balter is a member of the Helms Hall of Fame, UCLA Hall of Fame, Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, and Southern California Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Barbara Fiege  
LAUSD 1975

Barbara Fiege began her career in the Los Angeles Unified School District in 1975 at Dorsey High School, and continued her teaching at Belmont High School from 1980 to 1993. After coaching three sports and holding the position of Athletic Director while at Belmont, Barbara was selected as the Director of Interscholastic Athletics in LAUSD, and appointed the position of CIF Los Angeles City Section Commissioner. During her tenure, the number of member high schools grew from 48 to 140 by 2013. Barbara’s career included a focus on the advancement of gender equity in high school athletics, including the beginning of soccer, water polo and wrestling for girls, the addition of a Junior Varsity level to previously one-level sports, as well as promoting the expansion of the number of playoff divisions in each sport, allowing a greater number of students the opportunity to strive for a Section Championship. When the athletic program was hit with severe budget cuts in 2010, with much help from the LA84 Foundation and numerous outside organizations and local professional teams, she spearheaded a campaign to raise over $1,400,000 to maintain the level of coaches employed in the District, and thus provide a full athletic program for the student athletes. She has been recognized by various organizations, including the LAJCC LA Watts Summer Games, the LA84 Foundation, and the California State Athletic Directors’ Association.

Bill Thayer  
Fremont Coach

Growing up in Chicago, Bill Thayer attended Englewood High School and began his college days at the University of Illinois. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard and was stationed in California and then continued his education at UCLA. He began teaching and coaching in Los Angeles at Narbonne High School, but soon transferred to Fremont High School where he became the first full-time African-American teacher at that school. He coached track, but it was his basketball teams that shined. Thayer’s teams dominated the late 50’s and early 60’s in LAUSD winning city titles in 1959, 1960, 1962 and 1963. Among his outstanding players were Joe Caldwell, Brick Johnson, Detroit Flanagan, Malkin Strong, Elzie Johnson and so many others. Coach Thayer left Fremont and coached at Los Angeles City College from 1966-74. He also became the first African-American to referee in a Rose Bowl game. His impact was so great on his Fremont players that they gather annually to honor him.
Denny Crum  
San Fernando 1955

A life in basketball, Denny Crum was an All Valley League choice in 1955. He then enrolled at Pierce Junior College where was an All Southern California junior college choice. Transferring to UCLA, Crum was a starting guard and leader under the legendary John Wooden in 1959. Following his playing career he began a long career in coaching, with stops as Head Coach at Pierce JC and then as an assistant at UCLA under John Wooden. When Crum was selected as the Head Coach at Louisville he showed his abilities as a Head Coach. He compiled a 675-295 record from 1971-2001, winning two NCAA Championships. Denny Crum is a member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

Gene Mauch  
Fremont 1943

A fiery player and manager, Gene Mauch was a 2nd team All LA quarterback in 1942 and a 1st team All City baseball player at Fremont. He played under two legendary coaches, Harry Edelson and Les Haserot. He signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers out of high school and reached the major leagues in 1944 as an 18 year old. The Dodgers felt he was the heir apparent to Pee Wee Reese. Mauch also played the infield for the Cubs, Braves and Cardinals before returning to the minor leagues. After a fabulous season in 1956 with the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League, Mauch returned to the majors with the Boston Red Sox. He managed briefly in the minor leagues, he then began a long run as a big league manager with Philadelphia, Minnesota, Montreal, and the California Angels. Known for his innovative ideas, he was Manager of the Year in 1973.

Howard Enstedt  
University 1950

When Howard Enstedt attended University High school, volleyball was not an interscholastic sport. Enstedt did play football, basketball and ran track through. As a coach at Palisades High School he had the Bee football team and the volleyball team. His teams won nine City titles and were always in the playoffs. Among his star players were Olympians Chris Marlowe, Randy Stevenson, Steve Salmons, Dave Saunders, Ricci Luyties, and Kent Steffes. Fred Sturm was an Olympic coach. Other notable players were Randy Stoklos, Bob Clem, and Jay Hanseth.
Jim Mora  
University 1953

An Eagle Scout as a boy, Jim Mora played football at University High School. Following high school he attended Occidental College where he was an All Conference end in 1955 and 1956. A roommate and teammate at Occidental was quarterback great, Jack Kemp. Mora went into coaching following his Occidental playing days and eventually became the Head Coach at his alma mater. A renown defensive coach, he then became an assistant coach at UCLA, Stanford, Colorado, and Washington and then into the NFL with Philadelphia, Seattle, and New England. Mora became the Head Coach of the Philadelphia Stars of the fledgling USFL and led that team to two USFL titles. With the folding of the USFL he reentered the NFL and was the longtime Head Coach of the New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts, winning 121 NFL games. He is the father of present UCLA Coach, Jim Mora.

Pat Nordell  
Westchester Coach

An early advocate of gender equality in sports, Pat Nordell attended Wheaton, Illinois Community High School. She was an outstanding amateur athlete, excelling in basketball and volleyball. After graduating from the University of Arizona, she began her teaching and coaching career that led her to Los Angeles in 1972. At Westchester High School she coached girls basketball, girls track, and softball. She later became the boys track coach. Her girls track team won LA City titles in 1977 and 1979 and featured such standouts as Gwen Loud and Kim Robinson. The track team was California State champions in 1979. Nordell’s girls basketball team was California State champions in 1980. Pat Nordell was a true pioneer for gender equality in sports.

Vern Wolfe  
Gardena 1940

Verne Wolfe was a pole vaulter at Gardena High School and continued in that event at USC. World War II interrupted his college career, but he came back after the War and continued pole vaulting for the Trojans. Upon his graduation from USC he went into coaching at the high school level, first at Torrance High School and then at North Phoenix High School. At North Phoenix he coached pole vaulter Jim Brewer and Olympic Gold Medalist shot putter Dallas Long. USC, with its track coaching legacy of Dean Cromwell and Jess Mortensen, hired Wolfe as their new track and field coach. An early advocate of weight training, he coached the Trojans with the aid of longtime assistant, Ken Matsuda, from 1963-84. His teams won seven NCAA Championships and included such track greats as Bob Seagren, Earl McCulloch, and Rex Cawley. He is a member of the USC Hall of Fame.
**AQUATICS**

**Kristine Quance Julian**  
Granada Hills 1992

Trained by Bud McAlister, Kristine Quance burst onto the World swimming scene by winning the LA City Schools breaststroke in 1991 and 1992. A top contender for a spot on the 1992 U.S. Olympic team, illness held her out of the Games. At USC she was the NCAA Champion in the 400 individual medley in 1994, 1996 and 1997, in the 200 individual medley in 1994, in the 200 breaststroke in 1996 and 1997, and in the 100 breaststroke in 1994. She was the NCAA Swimmer of the Year in 1996. The American record holder in the 200 breaststroke, Quance placed 9th in that event at the 1996 Olympic Games. She was a Gold Medal winner at the 1996 Games as part of the 4x100 medley relay. Quance is is member of the USC Hall of Fame.

**James “Wally” O’Connor**  
Venice 1921

Beginning his career with the Venice Swim Association teams while attending Venice High, Wally O’Connor first gained fame at the 1924 Olympic Games. He won a Gold Medal as a member of the 4x200 freestyle relay team and he also earned a bronze medal at the 1924 Games as a member of the U.S. water polo team. Captain of the swimming and water polo teams at Stanford, he was the 1926 NCAA champion in the 220 and 440 freestyle. Following college O’Connor continued to play water polo at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. He went on to represent the U.S. in water polo at the 1928 Olympics (4th), 1932 Olympics (bronze), and 1936 Olympics. That’s correct, he participated in four Olympic Games. At the 1936 Berlin Olympics he chosen to be the U.S. flag bearer. O’Connor is a member of the International Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame and the U.S. Water Polo Hall of Fame.

**BASEBALL**

**Bob Meusel**  
Los Angeles 1914

Bob Meusel and his older brother, Emil, learned the game of baseball at Slauson Playground. Older brother Emil, led the National League three times playing for the New York Giants. Bob Meusel played across town from his brother and debuted with the New York Yankees in 1920. On September 5, 1921 he enjoyed one of the greatest days in major league history, hitting for the cycle(singel, double, triple, home run) and throwing out four runners from his left field position. The heart of the Yankees batting order was known as “Muderer’s Row” and included Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Tony Lazzeri and Bob Meusel. With Babe Ruth as a teammate, Meusel led the American League in home runs and RBI’S in 1925. He ended his big league career in 1930 with a lifetime .309 average and 156 home runs.
Darryl Strawberry
Crenshaw 1980

An All LA City outfielder in 1980 at Crenshaw, Darryl Strawberry batted .400 with 5 home runs during that senior season. He then became the number one selection in the 1980 major league free agent draft. He signed with the New York Mets and played briefly in the minor leagues before being selected as the 1983 National League Rookie of the Year. The following season (1984) he was selected for the All Star game and played in that game every year through 1991. Strawberry led the National League in home runs in 1988 with 39 round trippers. In a career that ran from 1983-1999, Strawberry finished with 335 lifetime home runs.

Eric Davis
Fremont 1980

Baseball scouts often talk about a five-tool player, one who can hit, hit for power, run, throw, and field. Eric Davis certainly fits the bill. A three year All Southern League shortstop at Fremont, Davis batted .531 as a senior. He was named to the All LA City baseball team in 1980 and also was a 2nd team All City basketball player. During that 1980 season he once had 12 consecutive hits. Signing with the Cincinnati Reds, he was converted to the outfield and reached the big leagues in 1984. He played through the 1999 season and was a Gold Glove winner and an All Star game participant. He ended his career with 278 lifetime home runs and 348 stolen bases.

Willie Davis
Roosevelt 1958

One of the greatest all-around athletes to play in Los Angeles high schools, Willie Davis was All LA City in baseball and 2nd team All City in basketball in 1958. He also was the City champ in the long jump with a best of 25-5 and was a great sprinter with a best of 9.5 for 100 yards. He signed with Kenny Myers of the Dodgers out of high school and reached the big leagues in 1960. Davis led the National League in triples in 1962 and 1970 and was considered the fastest man in baseball going from first base to third base. In 1969 Davis had an amazing 31 game hitting streak. His big league career ran through the 1979 season and he wound up with 378 career stolen bases.
Charisse Sampson  
Washington 1992

Cynthia Cooper and Anita Ortega were LA City basketball greats, but they were mainly known for their college and pro years. Charisse Sampson was the most dominant player in LA City Schools history, earning All City honors in 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992. She was the City Player of the Year in 1990, 1991, and 1992 and was an All American and California State Player of the Year in 1992. Recruited by many universities, she chose Kansas where she was an All Big Eight choice in 1996. Turning pro she played in Spain, Portugal, Germany and in the ABL with New England and in the WNBA with Seattle.

Curtis Rowe  
Fremont 1967

Curtis Rowe was the LA City Basketball Player of the Year in 1967. He was unstoppable averaging 36.6 points per game in the tough Southern League and averaged 34.1 points per game overall. A fabulous rebounder, he averaged 18.1 boards per game that senior season. UCLA was in the middle of its incredible run of NCAA championships and Rowe chose to join the dynasty. Freshman were not playing with the varsity at this time, but the next three seasons he played on NCAA championship teams. In 1969 he teamed with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (then Lew Alcindor) and Sidney Wicks to become one of the finest front lines in college basketball history. In 1971 he was a first team All American and later that year was the number one pick of the NBA Detroit Pistons. Rowe’s NBA career also included time with the Boston Celtics. 1976 was his finest season averaging 16.0 per game and playing in the NBA All Star game.

Dora Dome  
Fairfax 1984

Dora Dome was an All LA City basketball player in 1982 and again in 1983, averaging 24.7 points per game. Also a fine volleyball player at Fairfax, she was named Carnation Instant Breakfast Food Female Athlete of the Year for Los Angeles. Following high school she played at UCLA from 1985-88, earning All Pac 10 honors in 1987 and 1988. Her 1988 season was spectacular as she averaged 19.7 points per game and 8.1 rebounds. She also scored 42 points in one game. Dome then attended law school and is presently a practicing attorney specializing in school law. She handles cases involving bullying, student discipline, and special education.
John Williams  
Crenshaw 1984

One of the greatest players to come out of the legendary Crenshaw High School basketball program, John Williams was an All LA City choice in 1983 and 1984. In 1984 he averaged 26.1 points per game under the great Willie West. Recruited by many universities, he selected Louisiana State where he played two seasons (1985-86). He entered the NBA draft following his sophomore year and was the number one pick of Washington. A great passer for a big man, Williams made the All NBA Rookie Team in 1987. He later played in the NBA with the Los Angeles Clippers and Indiana Pacers, but injuries ended his NBA career in 1995.

Trisha Stafford Odum  
Westchester 1988

An All LA City basketball player in 1987 and 1988, Trisha Stafford was the Player of the Year in 1988. Following high school she attended the University of California where she was an All Pac 10 choice in 1991 and 1992. She averaged 22.3 points per game in 1992. She then played pro basketball in Italy, Spain, Israel, Brazil, and Puerto Rico. She then played with Houston and Miami of the WNBA in 2001 and 2002. Embarking on a coaching career, she became the Head Coach at her alma mater, Westchester High School. She later was an assistant at UCLA, Duke, and North Carolina and is currently the Head Coach at Concordia College in Irvine, California.

FOOTBALL

Aaron Rosenberg  
Fairfax 1930

Hall of Fame USC football coach believed Aaron Rosenberg was the finest two-way lineman he ever coached at USC. Rosenberg began at Fairfax High and was an All LA City football choice in 1928 and 1929. He also was an All Southern California pick in 1929. At USC he was an All American guard in 1932 and 1933. Following service in the Navy during World War Two, he went into the motion picture business as a producer. Among his films were The Glenn Miller Story. The Benny Goodman Story, and a remake of Mutiny on the Bounty. Aaron Rosenberg is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and the USC Hall of Fame.
Charles White  
San Fernando 1976

Named the 1975 LA City Schools Football Player of the Year in 1975, Charles White was also an All City halfback in 1974. Also a remarkable track and field athlete, he was the LA City and California State champion in the 330 hurdles in 1976. At USC he concentrated on football and was an All American in 1978 and the Heisman Trophy winner in 1979. During his Trojan career White had 31 games where he gained over 100 yards rushing. White played six seasons in the NFL with the Cleveland Browns and Los Angeles Rams. His finest season was 1987 when he led the NFL with 1387 rushing yards and was an All NFL selection. He is a member of the USC Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame.

Jon Arnett  
Manual Arts 1953

When Jon Arnett was in the 5th grade at 42nd St. School, his teacher, Mrs. McKeever, told him he could be anything he wanted as long as he was willing to work for it. Well, Arnett did work and he was the 1952 All LA City Football Player of the Year and the 1952 LA City long jump champion. He also was a fine gymnast. At USC he was an All American halfback in 1955 and placed 2nd in the NCAA long jump in 1954. A first round pick of the Los Angeles Rams in 1957, he played ten seasons in the NFL with the Rams and Chicago Bears. An amazing kick returner, Arnett was an All NFL selection in 1958 and played in five Pro Bowls. He is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and the USC Hall of Fame. Arnett gives great credit to his two coaches at Manual Arts, Jim Blewett and Charley Toney.

GOLF

Duffy Waldorf  
Taft 1980

A long hitter off the tee, Duffy Waldorf was a fine baseball player and shot putter at Taft. Golf, however, was his sport. He placed 2nd in the LA City Schools championship in 1980. At UCLA he became a star as a member of the Walker Cup team and winning the California State Amateur in 1984. As a senior at UCLA in 1985 he was the NCAA Player of the Year. Waldorf joined the PGA Tour in 1985 and has achieved four major wins, including the Buick Classic in 1999 and the National Car Rental Classic in 2000. In 1994 he finished 9th at the U.S. Open and in 1995 placed 5th at The Masters.
Lee Elder
Manual Arts 1951

Lee Elder’s father was killed in World War 2 and his mother died while he was still a child. He began caddying at golf courses to earn money and he studied the golfers. He really learned the game when famous golf instructor, Ted Rhodes, took him under his wing. Elder became one of the first African-Americans to play on the PGA Tour. He had four wins on the tour, including the Monsanto Open and the Houston Open. His most enduring fame came in 1975 when he became the first African-American to play in The Masters. Elder also was the first African-American to play for the U.S. Ryder Cup team (1979) and he helped integrate golf in apartheid South Africa. His highest finish in a major tournament was an 11th place at the U.S. Open.

Armando Vega
Wilson 1953

Involved in gymnastics for his entire life, Armando Vega was the 1952 LA City Schools parallel bars champion and placed 2nd in that event in 1953. Going across the country to attend college at Penn State, he was the 1957 and 1959 NCAA All Around champion. He also won four NCAA individual events from 1957-59. Vega was the U.S. National floor exercise champion (1960, 63), parallel bar champion (1957, 60, 63, 64), and vault champion (1957, 63-64). He competed in the 1956 Olympic Games and also in the 1964 Games. Following his active career he went into coaching at Northwest Louisiana and then LSU (1972-89). He was NCAA Coach of the Year in 1987. Retired from college coaching, he now heads up the Armando Vega School of Gymnastics.

Dallas Bixler
Los Angeles 1928

Beginning in elementary school, Dallas Bixler had a great interest in gymnastics. His father, John Bixler, was an early aviation pioneer and a protégé of the Wright Brothers. He competed in gymnastics at Los Angeles High School and was coached by Al Hemsath. He then went on to UCLA and first gained national recognition by placing in the horizontal bar at the 1930 National Gymnastics Tour. He was the 1931 U.S. National horizontal bar champion. He was now prepared for the 1932 Olympic Games and became the first American to win a Gold Medal in gymnastics (horizontal bar) by executing a “reverse giant” dismount, a move never seen before in the Olympic Games. He served many years as a gymnastics judge and was the President of the Southern California Chapter of U.S. Olympians. Dallas Bixler is a member of the U.S. Gymnastics Hall of Fame.
**Soccer**

**Chris Pezzulo**  
Narbonne 1985  

When Chris Pezzulo attended Narbonne High the school did not field a girls’ soccer team. So Pezzulo joined the boys’ team and became an outstanding goal tender. After high school she played at El Camino Junior College and then Cal St. Dominguez Hills. At Dominguez Hills she was a Division 2 All American and recorded 15 career shutouts in her two seasons.

**Waldir Guerra**  
Bell 1985  

Born in El Salvador, Waldir Guerra came to the U.S. to live with family when things became too dangerous in his native country. He played soccer his first three years at Bell and scored an incredible 117 goals in that period. He then turned pro and played in the American Professional Soccer League with LA Heat and LA Salsa. He returned to El Salvador and played professionally there from 1997-2003. He also was a member of the El Salvador National team from 1997-99. Guerra was known as a very smooth player with great ball control.

**Softball**

**Lisa Richardson**  
Verdugo Hills 1975  

Lisa Richardson was a softball star before women’s sports competed in the NCAA. She was a fine pitcher for UCLA in 1977 and 1978. In 1978 UCLA was the National Champions, but they competed under the banner of the AIAW (Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women). Richardson was an All Region pitcher with 16 wins and a 0.19 ERA.
Helen Pastall Perez
Fremont 1946

Helen Pastall Perez began life as an invisible child with a very tough home situation. Encouraged to take up tennis, the sport saved her life and gave her a place to show her talents. She won the Dudley Cup three straight years (1945-47) Beginning in 1946 (as a high school junior) she was rated in the U.S. Top Ten every year through 1955. Her number five ranking in 1955 was her highest. During that decade she enjoyed victories over such tennis luminaries as Maureen Connolly, Darlene Hard, Althea Gibson, and Louise Brough. Marrying USC tennis great Bobby Perez, she excelled in senior tennis events and teaching tennis. At the Los Angeles Tennis club she instructed such Hollywood stars as Mary Tyler Moore and Farrah Fawcett, but she also found time to conduct tennis clinics for underprivileged children. She provided tennis rackets and tennis balls for those children.

John “Budge” Patty
Los Angeles 1942

As a boy John Patty loved tennis and he idolized the star of the day, Don Budge. So he became known as Budge Patty, not John. In 1941 he won the Dudley Cup and the Ojai Tournament. The winner of 45 major tennis titles his first major was the 1946 French Open Mixed Doubles. Patty’s greatest year was 1950 when he captured the French Open Singles and the Wimbledon Singles. His final major victory was the 1957 French Open Mixed Doubles. Budge Patty is a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Joe Hunt
Fairfax 1936

In 1935 Joe Hunt advanced to the finals of the LA City Schools tennis finals. He lost that match to a fellow named Bobby Riggs. Imagine two players meeting in a high school finals who both become the number one player in the United States. Hunt was also the U.S. Boys champ (fifteen and under), and the U.S. Junior champ (18 and under). He attended USC first, but transferred to the U.S. Naval Academy where he was the 1941 NCAA Singles champion. Hunt’s greatest year was 1943 when won U.S. Open and was rated the number one player in the country. Among his wins were victories over Jack Kramer and Bill Talbert. In 1945 as a member of the U.S. Navy, Hunt’s plane went down on a training mission and he was killed. He was only 25 years old. He is a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame.
Danny Everett  
Fairfax 1985

The senior class president and track captain at Fairfax High School, Danny Everett was the 1985 LA City Schools champion in the 200 and 400 meters. He also finished 2nd in the 400 and the 1985 California State Meet. He then enjoyed a very successful career at UCLA, winning the 1988 NCAA 400 meters. At the 1988 Olympic Games he won a bronze medal in the 400 meters and a Gold Medal as part of the 4x100 relay team. Everett was a member of the 1992 Olympic team, but was unable to compete due to injuries. Today Everett keeps active coaching young runners.

Jodi Anderson  
Washington 1976

Jodi Anderson dominated LA City track in the mid-seventies. She was the LA City 80 hurdles champion in 1974-75 and the long jump champion from 1974-76. She also excelled on the State level, winning the California State long jump 1974-76. She also placed 3rd in the State in the 1975 80 hurdles and 5th in the 400 meters in 1975. Anderson went on to Cal St. Northridge where she was the 1977 and 1979 AIAW long jump champion and 1979 NCAA pentathlon champion. One of the favorites to win a medal in the Heptathlon at the 1980 Olympic Games, she lost her chance when the U.S. boycotted the Games. Anderson did compete in the 1984 Olympic in the long jump, but did not place.

Johnny Gray  
Crenshaw 1978

One of a select few athletes to compete in four Olympic Games, Johnny Gray began his domination of 800 meters at Crenshaw High School. He was the 1978 LA City Schools champion in the 880 in 1:54.46. He was the U.S. National 800 champion from 1985-87 and also was the 1987 Pan American Games champion at that distance. His first Olympics was 1984 in Los Angeles and Gray placed 7th. In the 1988 Olympic Games he placed 5th in the 800 meters and in 1992 he medaled, winning a bronze in the 800. At the 1996 Olympics he placed 7th. The American record holder in the 800 (1:42.60), he has been an assistant coach at UCLA and South Florida. Johnny Gray is a member of the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame.
Kent Steffes  
Palisades 1986

An All LA City selection and U.S. National High School Player of the Year in 1986, Kent Steffes went on to Stanford and UCLA, but did not play for either school. Considered by many to be the finest beach volleyball player of the 1990’s, he was credited with 122 wins. When beach volleyball became an Olympic sport in 1996, Steffes was part of the duo that earned the Gold Medal. Kent Steffes is a member of the Beach Volleyball Hall of Fame.

Ninja Jorgensen  
Los Angeles 1957

Swimming was her first athletic interest, but while attending Occidental College, Ninja Jorgensen developed a passion for volleyball. She became a U.S. Volleyball Association All American in 1963 and was a member of the U.S. National team from 1966-71. The highlight of her career was 1968 when she was a member of the U.S. Olympic team. The team finished in 8th place. While an active player she also began her coaching career at Glendale High School in 1962. Jorgensen coached at Glendale 36 years, retiring in 1998. She coached the badminton team.

Linda Chisholm Carrillo  
Birmingham 1975

Linda Chisholm was an All LA City volleyball player in 1975. Following high school she attended Pepperdine where she earned All American honors in 1979. She was a member of the U.S. National indoor team from 1981-84, winning a silver medal at the 1983 Pan American Games and a silver medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. Switching to beach volleyball, Chisholm had 28 tournament wins. She was the President of the Women’s Pro Volleyball Association. She also was the Head Coach at Immaculate Heart High School and Cal State Hayward.
Randy Stoklos
Palisades 1978

The son of a concentration camp survivor, Randy Stoklos began playing volleyball at Muscle Beach. He played at Palisades and then at UCLA in 1980 and on the U.S. National team in 1979 and 1980. A fine indoor player, Stoklos became dominant in beach volleyball. He won 122 beach titles, including five World Championships. He became the first beach player to earn a million dollars and is a member of the Beach Volleyball Hall of Fame.

George Retzer
Los Angeles 1901

When George Retzer attended Los Angeles High School at the turn of the twentieth century, the school did not field a wrestling team. After high school he joined the Los Angeles Athletic Club where he wrestled and played handball. When the 1912 Olympic Games grew near he qualified for the U.S. Greco-Roman wrestling team at the 135 pound level. A knee injury, however, early in the competition forced Retzer to withdraw from the competition. Retzer stayed active in the Olympic movement for many years and was still doing 50 push ups and 50 sit ups a day at the age of 91. The first Los Angeles City School Olympian, he lived to the ripe old age of 96.
PAST INDUCTEES

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2011

Sammy Lee - Franklin ’39 Aquatics
Amy Alcott - Palisades ’37 Golf
Hugo Perez – LA High ’82 Soccer
Pauline Betz Addie – LA High ’36 Tennis
Bob Falkenburg – Fairfax ’42 Tennis
Jack Beckner - Franklin ’48 Gymnastics
Mary Perry – Birmingham ’61 Volleyball
Marques Johnson – Crenshaw ’73 Basketball
Cynthia Cooper – Locke ’81 Basketball
John Elway - Granada Hills ’79 Football
Hugh McElhenny – Washington ’48 Football
Mal Whitfield – Jefferson ’43 Track & Field
Mel Patton - University’43 Track & Field
Valerie Brisco-Hooks – Locke ’78 Track & Field
Denean Howard – Kennedy ’82 Track & Field
Alex Hannum - Hamilton ’42 Basketball
Cornelius Johnson – LA High ’33 Track & Field
Mary Kay Brown – Polytechnic ’09 Tennis
Lillian Copeland – LA High ’23 Track & Field
Ricky Bell – Fremont ’73 Football
Frank Lubin - Lincoln ’19 Basketball
Tom Fears – Manual Arts ’41 Football
Dick Bishop - Polytechnic ‘30 Gymnastics
Rod Dedeaux - Hollywood ’31 Coach
Larry Hansen – Jefferson ’46-73 Coach
Lee Barnes – Hollywood ’24 Track & Field
John Ferraro - Bell ‘42 Contributor/Football
Charles Dumas - Jefferson ’53 Contributor

Esther Williams – Washington ’40 Aquatics
Sheila Cornell - Taft ’80 Softball
Jack Fernandez – LA High ’48 Wrestling
Pat Henry Yeomans - LA High ’35 Tennis
Makoto Sakamoto – LA High ’48 Gymnastics
Gene Selznick - Manual Arts ’48 Volleyball
Gail Goodrich - Polytechnic ’61 Basketball
Willie Naulls - San Pedro ’34 Basketball
Ozzie Smith - Locke ’73 Baseball
Mike Garrett - Roosevelt ’62 Football
Willie West - Crenshaw ’70-’07 Coach
Gayle Van Meter – Palisades ’70-’91 Coach
Tex Winter – Huntington Park ’40 Coach
Bret Saberhagen – Cleveland ’82 Baseball
Sparky Anderson - Dorsey ’52 Coach
Kenny Washington – Lincoln ’36 Football
Don Drysdale – Van Nuys ’54 Baseball
Dorothy Poynton Hill- Fairfax’33 Diving
Bob Waterfield – Van Nuys’38 Football
Ernie Smith - Gardena ‘29 Basketball
Harry Edelson – Jefferson ’26 Coach
Bill Schroeder – Hollywood ’23 Contributor
Emmett Ashford – Jefferson ’34 Contributor
Les Haserot - Hollywood ’23 Coach
Jim Blewett - Manual Arts ’17 Coach
Jack Kemp - Fairfax ’53 Football
Tom Bradley - Polytechnic ‘36 Contributor
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Lenny Krazelburg - Fairfax ‘93 Aquatics  
Marjorie Gestring – Los Angeles ‘40 Aquatics  
Laura Espinoza Watson – Banning ‘91 Softball  
Briggs Hunt – LA High ‘28 Wrestling  
Craig Buck – Taft ‘76 Volleyball  
Sharon Shapiro - Monroe ‘79 Gymnastics  
Jeff Stork – Taft ‘78 Volleyball  
Kim Ruddins – Westchester ‘81 Volleyball  
Joe Caldwell – Fremont ‘60 Basketball  
Kiki Vandeweghe - Palisades ‘76 Basketball  
Robin Yount –Taft ‘73 Baseball  
Bobby Doerr – Fremont ‘35 Baseball  
Joe Perry – Jordan ‘44 Football  
Mike Haynes – Marshall ‘71 Football  
Kevin Young – Jordan ‘84 Track & Field  
John Muir– Fremont ‘46 Coach  
Gene Vollnogle – Fremont ‘48 Coach  
George Toley – Los Angeles ‘35 Coach  
Pat Harvey – LAUSD ’59-’91 Contributor  
Harlow Rothert – Los Angeles‘26 At-Large  
James Lofton Football

Sue Gossick – Taft ‘65 Aquatics  
Donna Caponi Byrnes- Granada ‘63 Golf  
Kim Pickup – Chatsworth ‘96 Soccer  
Bobby Riggs - Franklin ‘36 Tennis  
Ron Lang – Dorsey ‘55 Volleyball  
Mitch Gaylord – Grant ‘79 Gymnastics  
Nancy Owen- Narbonne ‘61 Volleyball  
Sidney Wicks - Hamilton ’67 Basketball  
Billy McGill - Jefferson ‘58 Basketball  
Anita Ortega – LA High ‘75 Basketball  
Eddie Murray – Locke ‘73 Baseball  
Garret Anderson – Kennedy ’90 Baseball  
Warren Moon – Hamilton ’74 Football  
Florence Griffith Joyner – Jordan ‘78 Track & Field  
Quiney Watts – Taft ‘88 Track & Field  
Estel Johnson – Jefferson ’35 Coach  
Al Seates – Westchester ’57 Coach  
Carolyn Gunny – Granada Hills Coach  
Bill Henry – Los Angeles ‘09 Contributor  
Oscar De La Hoya – Garfield ’91 At Large  
Sherri Howard Track & Field
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