Los Angeles City Section
Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

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Culver City, CA
Pacifica Ballroom
CIF LOS ANGELES CITY SECTION HALL OF FAME

On behalf of the CIF Los Angeles City Section and the Los Angeles Unified School District, I would like to welcome you to the induction ceremony of our second Class of the Los Angeles City Section Hall of Fame! The Los Angeles City High School District was founded in 1890. With all of the outstanding athletes who have been a part of our schools over the course of more than a century, we are proud to showcase these prominent athletes, coaches and contributors. This year’s inductees include Warren Moon, Quincy Watts, Al Scates, Donna Caponi Byrnes, Sidney Wicks, Pat Harvey, Gene Vollnogle, Garret Anderson, Kiki Vandeweghe, Robin Yount, and many other outstanding representatives of our schools.

Some of the inductees tonight have already been inducted into their sport’s professional Hall of Fame, such as baseball legend Eddie Murray, football star Mike Haynes, and golf pro Donna Caponi Byrnes. This class also recognizes inductees who were outstanding high school and college athletes, to include basketball star and Los Angeles Police Captain Anita Ortega, softball star Laura Espinoza Watson, and Olympic star Quincy Watts.

Along with the outstanding professional athletes who will be inducted this evening, are those teachers and coaches who personified the goal of mentoring not only outstanding athletes, but outstanding students as well. Among this group are Volleyball Coach Al Scates, Softball Coach Carolyn Gunny, and the trailblazer for girls’ high school sports in Los Angeles, Pat Harvey.

This class also includes Olympic Gold Medal winners Lenny Krazelburg and Sue Gossick, Florence Griffith-Joyner, NCAA Coach Al Scates, and athlete and prominent sportswriter, Bill Henry. Some inductees this evening excelled in sports after they left high school, such as Oscar De la Hoya, who went on to make his name in the sport of boxing, and is a member of the United States Olympic Hall of Fame.

With so many years to cover, the Hall of Fame Steering Committee determined that a significant number of inductees would be recognized over the course of a few years. Tonight we are honoring 42 accomplished men and women who have been part of the storied history of sports in our high schools. Of these 42 honorees, some members will be inducted posthumously. The selection of these honorees did not only include those who excelled as athletes, but also those who made their mark as coaches and significant contributors to sports history.

We are very proud of this class of inductees, whose accomplishments cover a span of over eighty five years! We look forward to many years of continued recognition of accomplished graduates and champions in the world of sports! Thank you for helping us celebrate this outstanding group – the Class of 2013!

Barbara Fiege
Interscholastic Athletics,
Los Angeles City Schools
Programme

Banquet Presider
Fred Roggin

Introductions
Hall of Famers

National Anthem
Sam Tejada

Dinner

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Induction of the second class of 42 members

Closing Comments
Commissioner Barbara Fiege
Los Angeles City Section
Hall of Fame
2013 Inductees
Contribution:

**Harlow Rothert**  
**Los Angeles 1926**

The 1925 Los Angeles High School football team is considered one of the greatest in Los Angeles City School history and one of the stars of that team was Harlow Rothert. Rothert went on to Stanford University where he began to highlight his amazing all around athletic ability. He was a basketball All American and captain in 1929 and a football All American, also in 1929. In track and field he was the NCAA shot put champion (1928-30) and the IC4A discus champion (1929-30).

Rothert’s best track and field event was the shot put and he participated in the 1928 Olympic Games, but did not place. Setting a world shot put record in 1931, Rothert was well prepared for the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games, but he placed second earning a silver medal.

Following his athletic career, Rothert became a prominent bay area attorney and a Law Professor at Stanford Law School and Hastings Law School. A member of the Stanford Athletic Hall of Fame, he carried the torch for the 1996 Olympics at the age of 88.

**Oscar De La Hoya**  
**Garfield 1991**


De La Hoya is a member of the United States Olympic Hall of Fame and was Ring Magazine’s “Fighter of the Year” in 1995. He has generated more money than any boxer in history. He currently heads Golden Boy Promotions, a group that promotes boxing matches and other events.

**Bill Henry**  
**Los Angeles 1909**

Bill Henry is a true legend of Los Angeles sports. Following Los Angeles High School he attended Occidental College where he participated in football and track. He then joined the Los Angeles Times as a sportswriter and soon had one of the most popular columns in Los Angeles. He was very instrumental in securing the 1932 Olympic Games for Los Angeles and appointed the technical director of the Games.

In 1939 Henry moved from the sports department and wrote a very popular daily column in the Times, “By the Way.” During World War II he was a war correspondent and helped establish Douglas Aircraft.

Henry was married to early tennis great, Corrine Stanton and is the father of tennis star, Patricia Henry Yeomans. He was the author of the first great book on the Olympic Games, *An Approved History of the Olympic Games* and was presented the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom.
Pat Harvey
LAUSD 1955

Patricia Harvey began her career in the Los Angeles Unified School District in 1955 at Pacoima Jr. High School and in 1961 opened Sylmar HS as the physical education department chair. During her time there she began her commitment to develop a girl’s interscholastic athletics program for LAUSD.

In 1971, with the passage of Title IX, she was selected for the position of Consultant in the Interscholastic Athletics Office. Pat was given the responsibility for the development and implementation of girls’ basketball, tennis, softball, swimming, and track and field. As a member of the California Women’s Coaches Academy, Pat was instrumental in securing equitable pay and equal opportunities for female coaches in the state of California. The Interscholastic Athletics within LAUSD became a model program for other school districts within California for their inclusion of female athletes. Pat was a trailblazer and was very instrumental in mentoring many successful female coaches and administrators.

Al Scates
Westchester 1957

If ever someone could be called Mr. Volleyball, it would be Al Scates. At Westchester High School there was no interscholastic volleyball during Scates years, so he played basketball. At UCLA he was an All American volleyball star in 1963 and then was a member of the Gold Medal winning 1967 U.S. Pan American volleyball team.

It was as a coach that Scates made his mark, coaching volleyball at UCLA from 1963-2012. While he was coaching at UCLA, he was teaching physical education in the Beverly Hills School District. Scates was NCAA Coach of the Year six times and his teams won a record 19 NCAA titles. He produced 51 All Americans and 33 Olympians. Among his athletes were Karch Kiraly, Sinjin Smith, Doug Parie, Steve Salmons, and Ricci Luyties.

The author of four books on volleyball, he is a member of the U.S. Volleyball Hall of Fame, AVCA Hall of Fame, California Beach Volleyball Hall of Fame, and the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame.

Carolyn Gunny
Granada Hills Charter HS 1973-Present

Few coaches, male or female, have left their mark on a school or section like Carolyn Gunny. During her 43 years of dedicated service she has accumulated many accomplishments. Since arriving at Granada Hills High School in 1973 she has led the softball, basketball, cheer, and drill teams to much success culminating in 3 softball city titles (1975, 1980, and 1981) and 2 basketball city titles (1983 and 1992). Being one of the most successful coaches in the history of the CIF Los Angeles City Section, Carolyn was recognized as a Model Coach in 2005 and South Western Model Coach in 2006.

Carolyn Gunny has also assisted the world of athletics outside of Granada Hills High school serving as a coach’s representative on the Interscholastic Athletics Committee, teaching the coaches principals class to new coaches, and serving as the softball coordinator for over 25 years.
Estel Johnson
Jefferson 1931

A track star at USC, Estel Johnson grew up in San Luis Obispo. At USC he placed 4th in the 1935 NCAA 880 and 2nd in the 1935 National AAU Intermediate Hurdles. Johnson also was a member of the world record setting USC 4x400 relay team.

He began coaching track and field at Jefferson High School following World War II and his teams won ten straight (1946-55) Southern League championships. At that time the Southern League was the elite high school track and field league in the nation. His teams won Los Angeles City championships in 1947 and 1949-53. Many of those teams were also coached by co-coach, Joe Barry. California State championships were achieved in four straight years (1949-52). Many believe the 1950 Jefferson team was the greatest high school track team of all time.

Among the great athletes coached by Johnson were Gary Green, Lang Stanley, Guy Blackburn, Willie White, O.W. Rhodes, and Rosslyn Range. Johnson finished his teaching career at Grant High School.

Gene Vollnogle
Fremont 1948

Gene Vollnogle played his high school career at Fremont under the legendary, Harry Edelson. In college he was a Little All American tackle at Pepperdine in 1951.

It was coaching, however, where Vollnogle became a legend. Teaming with co-coach Paul Huebner, his Banning High School teams won Los Angeles City Football championships in 1958 and 1960. Those Banning teams featured such great players as Lynn Gaskill, Danny Espalin, and Jack O’Malley.

When Carson High School opened in 1963 Vollnogle moved to the new school. Again his teams were very successful and won City championships in 1966, 1971, 1972, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, and 1990. Among his many great players were Wesley Walker, Michael Wilson, Arnold Ale, Anthony Caldwell, and J.R. Redmond.

Vollnogle once led all California football coaches with 310 wins.

George Toley
Los Angeles 1935

Considered by many the greatest tennis teacher of all time, George Toley began high school at LA Polytechnic, but graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1935. At Los Angeles he played tennis and was the number two singles on a powerful Los Angeles tennis team. He even had a victory over Bobby Riggs in high school. At USC he was a fine player and was rated as high as #20 in the United States in 1939.

It was as a coach, however, where he found his true calling. He was the USC tennis coach from 1954-80 and his teams produced ten NCAA Championships. Among his great players were Dennis Ralston, Alex Olmedo, Rafael Osuna, Stan Smith, and Raul Ramirez. He was the NCAA Coach of the Year in 1978.

Toley is a member of the College Tennis Hall of Fame, the USC Hall of Fame, and the Southern California Tennis Hall of Fame.
John Muir
Fremont 1946

Serving as Student Body President of Fremont High School, John Muir also lettered in basketball and gymnastics. He continued his gymnastics at Los Angeles City College and then Occidental College.

Muir began his teaching and coaching career at the junior high level, coaching at Hollenbeck, Gompers, and Mt. Vernon. He then moved to Los Angeles High where he began his successful gymnastics coaching career. Muir’s teams were city champions four times and he produced numerous city individual champions, including future Olympians Makoto Sakamoto and Kanati Allen.

In 1964 he was named U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Coach, a rare honor for a high school coach. In 1966 he moved on to Pierce Junior College where he produced 10 individual state champions in 8 years. Muir also served several years as the Southern California gymnastics technical director.

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Lenny Krazelburg
Fairfax 1993

Born in the Soviet Union, Krazelburg came to the United States in 1988. After leaving Fairfax, he began swimming at Santa Monica City College and then USC. At USC, he was the 1997 NCAA champion in the 200 meter backstroke.

Krazelburg gained international acclaim in 1999 when he set world records in the 50 meter backstroke (24.99), the 100 meter backstroke (53.60), and the 200 meter backstroke (1:55.87). He followed up at the 2000 Olympic Games winning Gold in the 100 meter backstroke, the 200 meter backstroke and the 4/100 meter medley relay. He later competed in the 2004 Olympic Games, placing 4th in the 100 meter backstroke.

Krazelburg is a member of the USC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Marjorie Gestring Bowman
Los Angeles 1940

The youngest Olympic Gold Medal winner ever, Gestring earned her Gold in springboard diving at the 1936 Olympic Games. She was 13 years, 268 days at the time and attending Bret Harte Junior High (now Bret Harte Middle School) in Los Angeles.

She was U.S. National springboard champion in 1937, 1938, and 1940 and U.S National platform champion in 1939 and 1940. As the 1940 Olympic Games neared, she was favored to win springboard gold, but the Games were cancelled due to the outbreak of World War II. Gestring attempted an Olympic comeback in 1948, but finished fourth at the U.S. trials.

Following her days at Los Angeles High School, she attended Stanford University and is a member of the Stanford Athletic Hall of Fame. She is also a member of the International Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame (1976).
Sue Gossick
Taft 1965

A horseback rider as a child, an ankle injury sustained during a fall turned Sue Gossick to swimming and then diving. She gained prominence at the 1964 Olympic Games by placing 4th in springboard diving at the age of 16. Finishing Taft High School, she was the U.S. National springboard champion in 1966 and the 1967 Pan American Games springboard champion. Gossick was selected as the 1967 Los Angeles Times Woman of the Year.

Gossick’s greatest fame came in 1968 when she was the springboard diving gold medal winner at the 1968 Olympic Games and later that year was inducted into the International Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame. Gossick attended Valley Junior College and the University of California Berkeley.

Bobby Doerr
Fremont 1935

Learning his early baseball at Manchester Playground under Pa Doerr (his dad) and Bill Duvernet, Bobby Doerr became an immediate baseball star as a tenth-grader under Les Haserot. Doerr was so good he signed a pro contract with the Pacific Coast League San Diego Padres and was starring in that league at age 16. He still was able to graduate from Fremont in 1935.

Doerr began his big league career with the Boston Red Sox in 1937 and remained with that team until his retirement in 1951. An eight-time all star and the 1944 Sporting News American League Most Valuable Player, he led American League second basemen in fielding four times. He once held the record for playing 73 consecutive errorless games at second base.

He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1986 and had a lifetime batting average of .288 with 223 home runs. As a Red Sox, he became teammates and lifelong friends with Ted Williams, Dom DiMaggio, and Johnny Pesky.

Eddie Murray
Locke 1973

A 2nd team All Los Angeles City Baseball choice in 1973, Eddie Murray was part of a high school team that also included future Hall of Famer, Ozzie Smith and future big leaguers Darrell Jackson and Rich Murray.

Signing with the Baltimore Orioles, he was the American League Rookie of the Year in 1977. Murray played with Baltimore, the Dodgers, the Mets, the Indians, and Angels in a career that spanned from 1977-97. The winner of three Gold Gloves at first base, he was an eight-time all star who batted over .300 seven times.

Elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2003, he is one of the few players to end his career with over 500 home runs (504) and 3000 hits (3255).
Garret Anderson  
Kennedy 1990

A fine all around athlete at Kennedy High School, Anderson starred in football, basketball, and baseball. He was an All Los Angeles City Baseball pick in 1989 and 1990.

He signed his first pro contract with the California Angels in 1994 and remained in the big leagues thru 2010. He also played with the Dodgers and Braves. An outfielder, Anderson was the Sporting News American League Rookie of the Year in 1995. He was a three-time all star and was the Most Valuable Player of the 2003 All Star game. Anderson compiled 2529 major league hits, including 287 home runs. He had four straight seasons with 100 RBI’s or more.

Robin Yount  
Taft 1973

In 1973 Robin Yount was the Los Angeles Baseball Player of the Year. By 1974, he was the starting shortstop for the Milwaukee Brewers of the American League. Yount was only 18 years old and became the youngest major league baseball starter since 1906.

He spent his entire big league career (1974-93) with the Brewers and was a three-time all star at shortstop and center field and a Gold Glove winner in 1982 and 1985. Yount was selected as the American League Most Valuable Player in 1982 and 1989. At one time or another he led the league in hits, doubles, and triples. He is one of the few players in baseball history to have 3000 hits (3142) and ended his big league career with 251 home runs and a .285 batting average.

Robin Yount was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999.

Anita Ortega  
Los Angeles 1975

Anita Ortega was one of the early greats of Los Angeles City Girl’s Basketball. One publication selected her as the 1975 California State Player of the Year, averaging 25.8 points per game. She also was a fine soccer player in high school.

At UCLA she was a three-time All Conference pick (1977-79) and an All American selection in 1979. A great all around player, she was known as a scorer, a passer, a rebounder, and an excellent defender.

Ortega represented Puerto Rico in the 1979 Pan American Games and then turned professional. She played in the fledgling WBL with San Francisco and Minnesota in 1980-81, achieving All Pro honors.

Following her basketball career she joined the Los Angeles Police Department and has achieved the rank of Captain. She is presently the Area Commanding Officer of the Hollenbeck Station in Boyle Heights. A member of the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame, she remains active in basketball as a respected referee.
Billy McGill
Jefferson 1958

A four-time All Los Angeles City basketball selection, Billy “The Hill” McGill was a second team pick in 1955 and a first team choice from 1956-58. He also was the Los Angeles City Player of the Year in 1957-58. While in high school, he is really the man who perfected the “jump hook.”

Coveted by many universities, McGill selected the University of Utah. A three-year starter, he led the nation in scoring as a junior and senior, averaging an amazing 38.8 points per game in 1962. He was selected to the All American team in 1961 and 1962.

A number one pick of the Chicago Zephers of the NBA, McGill enjoyed a fine rookie season. Severe knee injuries then limited the remainder of his pro career, which included stops in the NBA (1963-65) and the ABA (1968-70). Billy McGill is a member of the University of Utah Athletic Hall of Fame.

Joe Caldwell
Fremont 1960

Known as “Jumpin Joe” and “Pogo Joe, Caldwell was the Los Angeles City Basketball Player of the Year in 1960, averaging 24.8 points per game and leading Fremont to the City title. Also a fine high jumper, he was the Los Angeles City champion in 1959 and 1960.

Always a great defender, he was a three-year starter at Arizona St. and an All Conference pick as a senior in 1964. He continued his high jumping at Arizona St. and was the Conference champion. Following his senior season he was selected to play for the Gold Medal winning 1964 U.S. Olympic team.

As a professional, Caldwell played in the NBA with the St. Louis Hawks and Detroit Pistons from 1964-70 and was an all star in 1969 and 1970. He then played in the ABA with Carolina and St. Louis from 1970-75, earning all star honors in 1971 and 1973. He averaged a career high of 23.3 points per game in 1971.

Caldwell is the author of an autobiography about his playing career and his fight for the rights of players.

Kiki Vandeweghe
Palisades 1976

When you talk about athletic bloodlines, Kiki Vandeweghe is a great example. His father Ernie, was a basketball star at Colgate and in the NBA and his uncle, Mel Hutchins, was a basketball All American at BYU and also an NBA star. His sister, Tauna, was an Olympian in two sports, swimming and volleyball. Don’t forget his mom was a former Miss America.

Vandeweghe has done it all in basketball, beginning with his All Los Angeles City selection in 1976, averaging 24.1 points per game. At UCLA he continued his great shooting skills, earning All Pac 10 honors in 1980. He also was a Rhodes Scholar finalist.

In the NBA he did it all, first as a player, then as a general manager, head coach and television analyst. Vandeweghe played for Denver, Portland, the New York Knicks, and the Los Angeles Clippers and was an all star in 1983 and 1984. He was the general manager of the Denver Nuggets and the head coach of the New Jersey Nets.
Sidney Wicks
Hamilton 1967

Sidney Wicks was a three-time All Los Angeles City Basketball selection, earning 2nd team honors in 1965 and 1966 and 1st team honors in 1967, when he averaged 32.7 points per game. Following high school he played one season at Santa Monica City College, averaging 26.0 points per game.

Transferring to UCLA, Wicks was a member of three NCAA championship teams and was an All American pick in 1970 and 1971. In 1971, in fact, he was the Sporting News College Player of the Year. He also was an Academic All American.

Wicks broke into the pro ranks with a bang, being selected as the NBA Rookie of the Year in 1972, averaging 24.5 points per game. He was an NBA all star in a career that saw stops in Portland, Boston, and with the San Diego Clippers from 1972-80. Sidney Wicks is a member of the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame.

James Lofton
Washington 1974

James Lofton played quarterback at Washington High School, but was better known as an outstanding long jumper, winning the Los Angeles City and California State long jump title in 1974.

At Stanford University he began his career at quarterback, but was moved to wide receiver and his career took off. In 1977 Haynes was an All Pac Ten and 2nd team All American wide receiver. He continued in the long jump and was the 1978 NCAA champion.

Lofton had a long professional career (1978-93) that included stops in Green Bay, Buffalo, the Raiders, and Philadelphia. He played in 8 Pro Bowls and was an All NFL selection 1980, 1981, 1983, and 1984. He was the first player to gain over 14,000 yards receiving (14,004) and held that record until it was broken by Jerry Rice.

A longtime NFL assistant coach, Lofton is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Fletcher “Joe” Perry
Jordan 1944

Known as “The Jet” Joe Perry was a 2nd team All Los Angeles City Football choice in 1944. He also was a fine sprinter at Jordan High School. Following high school, Perry attended Compton Junior College where he scored 22 touchdowns in 1945. Soon after that 1945 season Perry enlisted in the United States Navy.

While Perry served in the Navy, a new pro football league emerged, the All American Football Conference. A scout for the San Francisco 49er’s of the AAFC had seen Perry and he was signed for the 1948 season. He was an immediate star. When the 49er’s joined the NFL in 1950, Perry was their starting fullback. He was an All NFL choice in 1953 and 1954, becoming the first runner in pro history to have consecutive 1000 yard rushing seasons (1018 in 1953 and 1049 in 1954). He was the NFL Most Valuable Player in 1954. His NFL career ended in 1962 with the Baltimore Colts. Perry was a member of the 49er’s “Million Dollar Backfield” of Y.A. Tittle, John Henry Johnson, Hugh McElhenny, and Joe Perry (All Pro Football Hall of Famer’s)
Mike Haynes  
Marshall 1971

Mike Haynes was a quarterback and defensive back at Marshall High School. Continuing his education at Arizona St., he became a football star. Haynes was a two-time All American cornerback at ASU (1974-75) and was also the Western Athletic Conference long jump champion in 1974.

As a professional Haynes was a sensation from the start. He was the American Football Conference Rookie of the Year in 1976 and was a nine-time Pro Bowler. He was an All NFL choice in 1976, 78-79, 1984-85. Spending his entire career (1976-89) with the Patriots and the Raiders, Haynes had 46 career interceptions and was also an outstanding punt returner.

He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1997 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 2001. He also was picked as a member of the NFL’s 75th Anniversary team.

Warren Moon  
Hamilton 1974

Warren Moon was a 2nd team All Los Angeles City Football quarterback in 1973. He then played quarterback at West Los Angeles JC and then on to the University of Washington. It wasn’t until the 1978 Rose Bowl game that people began to take notice of Moon as a quarterback. He was named Most Valuable Player of that game.

Moon began his professional career in the Canadian Football League and was the Most Valuable Player of that league in 1983. He then moved to the NFL in 1984 and played in the NFL thru 2000. Playing with Houston, Minnesota, Seattle, and Kansas City, he played in many Pro Bowls and was an All NFL pick in 1990.

A man who passed for over 70,000 yards and threw 435 touchdown passes in his CFL and NFL careers and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2006 played on the same youth league team as fellow Hall of Famer, James Lofton.

Donna Caponi-Byrnes  
Granada Hills 1963

Donna Caponi was the daughter of a golf pro who began her playing at age five. After a fine amateur career, she turned pro in 1965 at the age of 20. By 1969 she was the winner of the U.S. Women’s Open and repeated that victory in 1970.

Caponi remained on the LPGA tour through 1988, winning 24 tournaments on the tour, including the LPGA in 1979 and 1981. She was the female player of the year in 1981 and finished second in earnings in 1976 and 1980.

Elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2001, she works today as a television commentator on the Golf Channel.
Mitch Gaylord
Grant 1979

Mitch Gaylord dominated the 1979 Los Angeles City High School Gymnastics Championships. He was the winner in floor exercise, parallel bars, and horizontal bars. He also was the all around champion. As a junior in 1978, he was the floor exercise champion. Continuing his education at UCLA, he continued his gymnastics prowess, winning the 1984 NCAA and U.S. National all around title.

As a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic team, Gaylord earned a Gold Medal as a member of the team champions. He also earned a Silver in the vault, and Bronze in the rings and parallel bars. Gaylord also placed 5th in the 1984 Olympic all around.

Gaylord created the “Gaylord Flip” on the horizontal bar and is a member of the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame and the U.S. Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

Sharon Shapiro
Monroe 1979

Sharon Shapiro became a member of the United States National Gymnastics team in 1976 at the age of 15. In 1978 she was the U.S. National champion in the vault. But it was after high school as a member of the UCLA Bruins that Shapiro really burst into prominence. In 1980, as a freshman at UCLA, she swept all four events at the AIAW (a forerunner of the NCAA) and also was the all around champion. She repeated as all around champion in 1981.

Turning professional in 1982, she went on a pro gymnastics tour. Shapiro is a member of the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame.

Kimberly Pickup Williams
Chatsworth 1996

Kimberly played on the Chatsworth Women’s Soccer team for three years. During that time Chatsworth dominated the league. They were City Champions two of the three years. In 1996, Kim was selected by the Los Angeles Times as the City Soccer Player of the Year. She also lettered in track during her senior year, competing in four field events. She competed in the State Championship in the Pole Vault. Kim attended and graduated from Santa Clara University on a soccer scholarship. During her four years there, the Broncos were always ranked in the top 5 nationally. The team made it to the NCAA Division 1 Final Four all four years. They were undefeated and ranked number one going into the tournament her senior year. After graduation, she was drafted as the 28th pick for the new professional Women’s Soccer League. She played for the San Diego Spirit for three years.

Since that time Kim has gotten her Master’s Degree in Linguistically Diverse Education and has been teaching for the past 7 years. She spends her summers working at the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy Camps. Currently Kim is making her home with her wonderful husband Scott and her new son Jake.
Laura Espinoza Watson  
Banning 1991

A two-time All City pick (1989-90) in softball at Banning, Espinoza batted .593 in 1990. She also was a fine volleyball player in high school.

A hitting sensation at the University of Arizona, she was an All American selection in 1994 and 1995. She hit 30 home runs in 1994 and followed that up by belting 37 home runs in 19995, an NCAA record. She was the NCAA Player of the Year in 1995.

Following her playing career she began coaching softball at Banning High School, Eastern Arizona University, Loyola Marymount University, and Empire High School in Arizona. Espinoza was a member of the United States team that competed in the 2010 Woman’s Baseball World Cup.

Bobby Riggs  
Franklin 1936

No one has ever dominated Southern California high school tennis like Bobby Riggs. He was the Los Angeles City Schools and CIF Southern Section champion in 1935 and was the winner of the two prestigious prep tournaments of that era, Ojai (1934-36) and the Dudley Cup (1935-36).

Riggs was rated the number one player in the world in 1939, winning the U.S. Open and winning the singles, doubles and mixed doubles at Wimbledon. He also was the U.S. Open winner in 1941 and a member of the Davis Cup team in 1938-39.

World War II interrupted his career and when he was released from the service he turned pro. He was rated the number one professional in the world in 1947-47 and was also the professional champion in 1949.

Riggs, a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame is also remembered for his famous match with Billie Jean King, “The Battle of the Sexes.”

Florence Griffith Joyner  
Jordan 1978

Florence Griffith showed signs of greatness in high school, placing 2nd in the 1978 Los Angeles City 100 and 4th in the 200. She placed 6th in the 1978 California State 200. She began her collegiate career at Cal State University Northridge, but transferred to UCLA. At UCLA she was the 1982 NCAA 200 champion and the 1983 NCAA 400 winner.

Making the 1984 U.S. Olympic team, Griffith won a Silver Medal at 200 meters. At the 1988 Olympic Games, she won Gold Medals in the 100 meters (10.49) and the 200 meters (21.34). Her 200 meter time was a world record. Her 1988 performances earned her the Sullivan Award that year. Griffith Joyner was married to fellow Gold Medalist, Al Joyner, before her untimely death.
Kevin Young
Jordan 1984

Just beginning to find himself as an athlete in high school, Kevin Young placed 2nd in the 1984 Los Angeles City finals in the high hurdles and the intermediate hurdles. He also placed 4th in the long jump. At the California State meet that year he placed 3rd in the high hurdles. Continuing his education at UCLA, he was 1987 and 1988 NCAA intermediate hurdles champion. He later was the U.S. National champion in the 400 intermediate hurdles in 1992-93.

It was at the Olympic Games that he gained his greatest glory. Although he only finished 4th in the 400 intermediate hurdles at the 1988 Games, he won a Gold Medal at the 1992 Olympics Games with a world record time of 46.78. Amazingly, that record still stands today.

Kevin Young is a member of the United States Track and Field Hall of Fame and the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sherri Howard
Kennedy 1980

Sherri Howard and her sisters dominated Southern California track in the late-seventies and early-eighties. At Kennedy High School, Howard was the California State champion at 400 meters in 1979. In 1980 as a senior, she was the Los Angeles City 100 and 200 meter champion and the California State 200 meter champion. She topped off the 1980 season by winning the U.S. National 400 meter championship.

Howard first attended UCLA and then transferred to Cal State Los Angeles where she was the 1985 NCAA 400 meter champion. As a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic team, she earned a gold medal in the 4x400 relay. As a member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic team, she earned a silver medal in the 4x400 relay.

Sherri Howard is the sister of previous Los Angeles High Schools Sports Hall of fame honoree, Denean Howard and is a member of the Cal State Los Angeles Athletic Hall of Fame. She presently is the head track coach at Valencia High School.

Quincy Watts
Taft 1988

Quincy Watts was a track superstar at Taft High School. In 1986 as a sophomore, he was the Los Angeles City champion in the 100 and 200, as well as the California State 200 champion. As a junior, he was the LA City and California State champion in the 100 and 200. As a senior in 1988, Watts was the Los Angeles City 400 champion.

Following high school, he attended USC where he was the 1992 NCAA 400 champion at 44.0. During that 1992 season he was rated as the number one 400 meter runner in the world. That summer at the Olympic Games, Watts earned Gold Medals in the 400 meters and the 4x400 meter relay.

Coaching has been his passion since his active track career, serving as Head Track Coach at Taft High School and assistant coach at Cal State University Northridge.
Craig Buck  
Taft 1976

One of the great middle blockers of all time, Craig Buck was an All Los Angeles City Volleyball selection in 1975 and 1976. He continued his volleyball career at Pepperdine and achieved All American status in 1980 and 1981.

A member of the U.S. National team from 1982-88, he was a Gold Medal at the 1984 Olympic Games and repeated his Gold Medal winning with the 1988 U.S. Olympic team.

Buck played professionally in France, Italy, and Japan and is a member of the Pepperdine Athletic Hall of Fame and the United States Volleyball Hall of Fame.

Jeff Stork  
Taft 1978

Jeff Stork played volleyball and was a fine diver at Taft High School. He then attended Pierce Community College, but did not participate in athletics. He then transferred to Pepperdine where he was a three-time All American (1982-84).

Stork was a member of the U.S. National team for ten years and was recognized as one of the finest setters in the world. A three-time Olympian, he won a Gold Medal in 1988, a Bronze Medal in 1992, and his 1996 Olympic team placed 9th. Following his Olympic days he played professionally in Italy.

He presently is the Head Women’s Volleyball Coach at Cal State University Northridge.

Kim Ruddins  
Westchester 1981

Kim Ruddins was an All Los Angeles City Volleyball selection from 1978-80. She continued her volleyball excellence at USC, earning All American honors in 1984 and 1985.

A longtime member of the United States National team (1983-84, 1987-88), she earned a silver medal at the 1983 Pan American Games and a bronze medal at the 1987 Pan American Games.

A two-time Olympian, Ruddins earned a silver medal at the 1984 Olympic Games and played on the 1988 U.S. Olympic team that placed seventh.
Nancy Owen Fortner  
Narbonne 1961

When Nancy Owen was in high school there was no girls’ interscholastic volleyball, but she was so good she made the U.S. National team in 1963 and was on the National team thru 1971. She also played collegiate volleyball at Pepperdine.

Owen gained fame on the International level, playing on three Pan American teams (Silver in 1963, Gold in 1967, and Silver in 1971). She also was a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic team (5th place) and the 1968 U.S. Olympic team (8th place).

Following her playing days she was the Head Coach at Loyola Marymount University and is a member of the Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine Halls of Fame.

Ron Lang  
Dorsey 1955

Ron Lang played basketball at Dorsey High School and was a member of the USC Frosh basketball team. It was volleyball, however, where he made his mark.

Lang was an indoor volleyball All American from 1958-67 and was a member of the first United States Olympic Volleyball team (1964). He also was a great beach volleyball player, first teaming with Gene Selznick and then with Ron Von Hagen to win 50 beach open titles. Both Selznick and Von Hagen are volleyball Hall of Famers.

Lang was selected to the USVBA 75th Anniversary team as a member of the 1953-77 era. He also is the first athlete to be named the U.S. Beach Volleyball Hall of Fame and the U.S. Indoor Volleyball Hall of Fame.

Briggs Hunt  
Los Angeles 1928

Beginning school in Oklahoma, Briggs Hunt finished his high school athletic career playing football at Los Angeles High School. At UCLA he continued his football career, but also became very active in wrestling. He was the 1934-35 Pacific Coast Conference and National AAU lightweight wrestling champion. As the 1936 Olympic Games approached, Hunt was considered a good bet to make the U.S. team. Unfortunately, two weeks before the trials he was shot in the back in a hunting accident and failed to make the U.S. team.

Hunt became the UCLA wrestling coach in 1935 and remained in that position thru 1940 went World War II called. Returning from military service, he resumed his UCLA coaching duties and remained in that position thru 1969.

He finally reached the Olympic Games in 1956, serving as a referee. In 1960 he became the U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling coach. Briggs Hunt is a member of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame.
SOME LAUSD OLYMPIANS AND PRO ATHLETES

BOYS TRACK

Cornelius Johnson    Los Angeles
Mel Patton           University
Mal Whitfield        Jefferson
Kevin Young          Jordan
Quincy Watts         Taft
Toni Campbell        Banning
Dick Attlesey        Bell
Ralph Mann           Carson
Johnny Gray           Crenshaw
Richard Stebbins     Fremont
John Smith            Fremont
James Butts          Fremont
Wayne Collett        Gardena
Dickie Howard        Jefferson
George Brown         Jordan
Harlow Rothert       Los Angeles
Fred Dixon           North Hollywood
George Frenn         North Hollywood
James LuValle        Polytechnic
Bill Sephon          Polytechnic
Earl Young           San Fernando
Craig Dixon          University
Cliff Bourland       Venice
Lee Barnes           Hollywood High
Danny Everett        Fairfax

GIRLS TRACK

Lillian Copeland     Los Angeles
Jodi Anderson        Washington
Valerie Brisco       Locke
Florence Griffith-Joyner Jordan
Denean Howard        Kennedy
Sherry Howard        Kennedy
Jessica Cosby        Cleveland
Terrezene Brown      Dorsey
Anne Vrana O’Brien   Fremont
Jarvis Scott         Jordan
Myra Mayberry        Reseda
Jean Gaertner        Washington
BASEBALL

Sparky Anderson     Dorsey
Don Drysdale        Van Nuys
Ozzie Smith         Locke
Eddie Murray        Locke
Robin Yount         Taft
Brett Saberhagen    Cleveland
Ryan Braun          Granada Hills
Daryl Strawberry    Crenshaw
Bobby Doerr         Fremont
Earl Battey         Jordan
Fred Haney          Polytechnic
Willie Davis        Roosevelt
Larry Sherry        Fairfax
Garry Maddox        San Pedro
Paul Pettit         Narbonne
Garret Anderson     Kennedy
Peanuts Lowrey      Hamilton
Randy Wolf          El Camino
Jon Garland         Kennedy
Chad Qualls         Narbonne
Dave Kapler         Taft
Willie Crawford     Fremont
Eric Davis          Fremont
Bob Meusel          Los Angeles
Billy Console       Dorsey
Paul Blair          Manual Arts

SOFTWARE

Sheila Cornell      Taft

BOYS AQUATICS

Austin Clapp        Hollywood
Sammy Lee           Franklin
Bob Bennett         Birmingham
Don McKenzie         Grant
Lenny Krazelburg    Fairfax
Frank Kurtz         Hollywood
Bowen Stassforth    Los Angeles
Dixon Fiske         Los Angeles
Mickey Riley        Roosevelt
Wally O’Conner      Venice
Paul Wolf           Venice
William Farrell     Washington
GIRLS AQUATICS

Georgia Coleman Poly
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Tauna Vandeweghe Palisades
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Clarita Hunsberger Neher Jefferson
Esther Williams Washington
Ruth Jump Huntington Park

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Craig Buck Taft
Ricci Luyties Palisades
Ron Lang Dorsey
Dan Patterson Hollywood
Chris Marlowe Palisades
Steve Salmons Palisades
Dave Saunders Palisades
Jeff Stork Taft
Bob Samuelson Westchester
Gene Selznick Manual Arts
Al Scates Westchester
Randy Stoklos Palisades
Kent Steffes Palisades

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Jean Gaertner Washington
Nancy Owen Narbonne
Roxanne DeMik Westchester
Linda Chisholm-Carrillo Birmingham
Kim Ruddins Westchester
Mary Perry Birmingham
Ninja Jorgensen Los Angeles

GYMNASTICS

Jack Beckner Franklin
Armando Vega Wilson
Makoto Sakamoto Los Angeles
Steve Hug Chatsworth
Mitch Gaylord Grant
Dick Beckner Franklin
Charlie Simms Franklin
### Boys Tennis

- Bobby Riggs: Franklin
- Budge Patty: Los Angeles
- Bob Falkenburg: Fairfax
- Bruce Manson: Grant
- Welby Van Horn: Los Angeles
- Pancho Gonzales: Manual Arts

### Girls Tennis

- Mary K. Browne: Poly
- Pauline Betz Addie: Los Angeles
- Helen Pastall Perez: Fremont
- Barbara Breit: No. Hollywood
- Anya Korhoff: Palisades
- Pat Henry Yeomans: Los Angeles

### Boys Basketball

- Frank Lubin: Lincoln
- Willie Naulls: San Pedro
- Billy McGill: Jefferson
- Gail Goodrich: Poly
- Marques Johnson: Crenshaw
- Trevor Wilson: Cleveland
- Luscious Harris: Cleveland
- Nick Young: Cleveland
- Gilbert Arenas: Grant
- John Williams: Crenshaw
- Kevin Ollie: Crenshaw
- Darwin Cook: Crenshaw
- James Wilkes: Dorsey
- Craig Smith: Fairfax
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Chris Mills    Fairfax
Sean Higgins    Fairfax
Joe Caldwell    Fremont
Curtis Rowe    Fremont
Alex Hanum    Hamilton
Sydney Wicks    Hamilton
Tex Winter    Huntington Park
Glenn McDonald    Jefferson
Kiki Vandeweghe    Palisades
Steve Kerr    Palisades
Darren Daye    Kennedy
Arthur Harris    Jordan
Freeman Williams    Manual Arts
Derrick Strong    Palisades
Jordan Farmar    Taft
Trevor Ariza    Westchester
Bobby Brown    Westchester
Marcus Johnson    Crenshaw
Amir Johnson    Westchester

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Cardie Hicks    San Pedro
Anita Ortega    Los Angeles
Cynthia Cooper-Dyke    Locke
Charisse Sampson    Washington
Heidi Nestor    Granada Hills
Kelly Park    Granada Hills
Ebony Hoffman    Narbonne
Lisa Willis    Narbonne
Wilnett Crockett    Narbonne
Loree Moore    Narbonne

BOYS SOCCER
Joe Zomar    Hamilton
Hugo Perez    Los Angeles
Waldir Guerra    Bell

BOYS GOLF
Bob Risch    Washington
Tony Sills    Palisades
Duffy Waldorf    Taft
Barry Jaeckel    Palisades
Ken Ellsworth    Narbonne
Bud Bradley    Marshall
Roy Tufts    Los Angeles
Fred Morrison    Lincoln
GIRLS GOLF

Donna Caponi -Young  Granada Hills
Joyce Deese    Granada Hills
Amy Alcott    Palisades

FOOTBALL

Kenny Washington   Lincoln
Hugh McElhenny   Washington
Mike Garrett   Roosevelt
Mike Haynes    Marshall
John Elway    Granada Hills
Vince Ferragamo    Banning
Freeman McNeil    Banning
Wesley Walker    Carson
Wendell Tyler    Crenshaw
Kabeer Gbaja-Bianila    Crenshaw
Keyshawn Johnson    Dorsey
Na-il Diggs    Dorsey
Jamal Anderson    El Camino Real
Jack Kemp    Fairfax
Az-Zahir Hakim    Fairfax
Ricky Bell    Fremont
Tony Lorick    Fremont
Gaston Green    Gardena
Ernie Smith    Gardena
Rod Martin    Hamilton
Warren Moon    Hamilton
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Steve Broussard    Manual Arts
Jon Arnett    Manual Arts
Nhamdi Asomugha    Narbonne
Charles White    San Fernando
Anthony Davis    San Fernando
Ben Agajanian    San Pedro
Steve Smith    Taft
Jeff Fisher    Taft
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