

Mike Lucero

Born January 15, 1943, Santa Fe, New Mexico

High School: Santa Fe High School 1960

College: University of New Mexico Bachelor of Science: Education, K-12 (Physical Education, Recreation, Health, Drug Education), Minor Biology 1965

Post Graduate work: Special Education, Guidance & Counseling

High School

- 1957-1960 Lettered three years in basketball.
- 1958 Member of the team that lost in the state championship game to Hobbs High School 76-75. The Demons had a 29-4 record.
- 1959 Voted one of the top 500 high school players by Dell Magazine.
- 1959 Led the Demons to the District Championship.
- 1959 With a Record 27-4 lost in the Elite 8 of the State Tournament.
- 1959 Named 1st team All-State
- 1959 Second leading scorer in the State with 19 points per game.
- 1960 Led the state in scoring with 692 points in 33 games.
- 1960 Led the Demons to the state tournaments with 26-7 record.
- 1960 Named 1st team All-State
- 1960 Named to the North team that beat the South team in the North-South All-Star Game
- Scored over 1500 points in his career.
- Most recruited basketball player in the history of Santa Fe high school basketball.
- 1959 – 1960 Lettered in Track ... participating in the discus, high jump and high hurdles.
- 1960 Placed second in the discus at the State Track & Field meet.

College

- 1961-62 Led the team in Free Throw Percentage with 92-115 .800 % and rebounds with 239 and 9.2 rebounds per game.
- 1962 March 1st Ranks 10th all-time win with 21 Rebounds in a game against Brigham Young.

- 1962-1963 Mike, who along with Ira Harge carried team to a 16-9 record, Bob King's first year coaching at UNM.
- 1963-1964 One of three seniors who led the Lobos to the best season in school's history with a record of 23-6 and tied Arizona State University for the Western Athletic Conference title. He was the only native New Mexican on the team.
- Key wins my senior year were against Kansas, Purdue, Utah, BYU, Arizona State, Arizona, Texas Western (now UTEP), NMSU, Drake, and NYU. The 1964 team was ranked 12th in the US at one point, finishing 16th in the polls.
- Member of the first team from the Southwest to be invited to the NIT Tournament.
- 1964 Big Factor Offensively and defensively for the Lobos against New York University in the NIT Tournament semi-finals. Governor, Jack Campbell accompanied the team to New York. The day they played in NYC for the NIT game against Bradley, Tom Bolack, Lieutenant Gov., paid for the televising of the game in New Mexico. There was not a single car on the highway on that day, as basketball fever was rampant, gluing citizens to their TVs as they watched one of their own play at Madison Square Garden. It was at that time that the NIT was considered a better tournament than the NCAA.
- 1961-64 In three seasons, Mike scored 792 points and 551 rebounds, which ranks him 24th all-time in career rebounding. Mike was known as a smooth 6-5 forward who would shoot lights out from the corner. He averaged 10.2 points for the 1964 team they gave birth to Lobomania and the building of the PIT. The team played at Johnson Gym with a capacity of 7200.
- Post College Athletics
 - 1966 -1986 Played AAU Basketball following my tenure at UNM, qualifying and competing in 7 National AAU Tournaments with the House of Carpet and Maloof Men BB teams.
 - Played 8 years in Pizza Hut 3 on 3 Basketball events held locally and nationally.
 - 1990 to 2009 Played Senior Olympic Basketball from. Won numerous Senior NM State BB tournaments and competed 6 times at the National Sr. Olympic Games held

nationally every two years in different cities across the US. This included the Huntsman National Senior Games in St. George, Utah.

Professional

- 1965-1967 Physical Education, & Science Teacher at Espanola High School
- 1965-1966 Head Football Coach at Espanola High School
- 1965-1966 B team basketball coach at Espanola High School
- 1967 Assistant Track Coach at Espanola High School
- 1967-1974 Garfield Jr. High, Albuquerque, NM. Head Basketball Coach, Assistant Football Coach, Head Track & Field Coach, Athletic Director. Subject matter: Taught Science, Drug and Health Education, and Physical Education.
- 1974-1976 Member Bolivian Olympic Committee, South America: Head Coach for Men & Women National Olympic Basketball Teams. The team was small but very competitive at the various tournaments held in South America. Competed against teams from Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Venezuela, Panama, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Chile and others. Best showing was in the South American Games in Venezuela finishing 3rd in a field of 12 teams.
- 1982-2011 Management, Sales and Marketing for several Computer Technology Companies including, Computer Technology Associates (CTA), Integrity Networking, Computer Solutions Research, Systems Solutions Inc., and Matrix Imaging Inc.
- Supervised City of Albuquerque Summer Parks and Recreation programs for youth for 7 years. This included managing an ongoing nutritional subsistence lunch program for youth 6-17.
- 2011 Retired

Honors

- 1964 Proclamation as Official Aide de Camp on Governor Jack Campbell's staff following the NIT runner-up finish.
- 2018 Voted seventh of the top ten athletes ever from Santa Fe, New Mexico by the Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper.

Community Involvement

- Coached Little League AYBL Basketball for 5 years.
- Member of UNM Alumni Lettermen's Association.

Family

- Children: Brennan, Vanessa, Marcus, Cloe
- Grandchildren: Alora Lucero, William Lucero, Maximus Feit, Jaxon Feit