

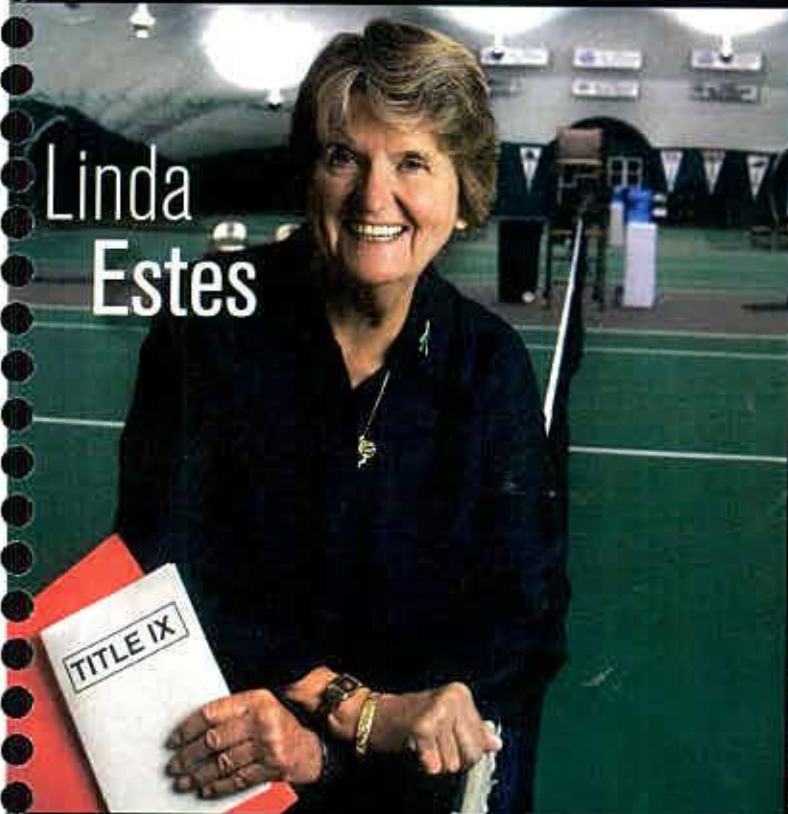


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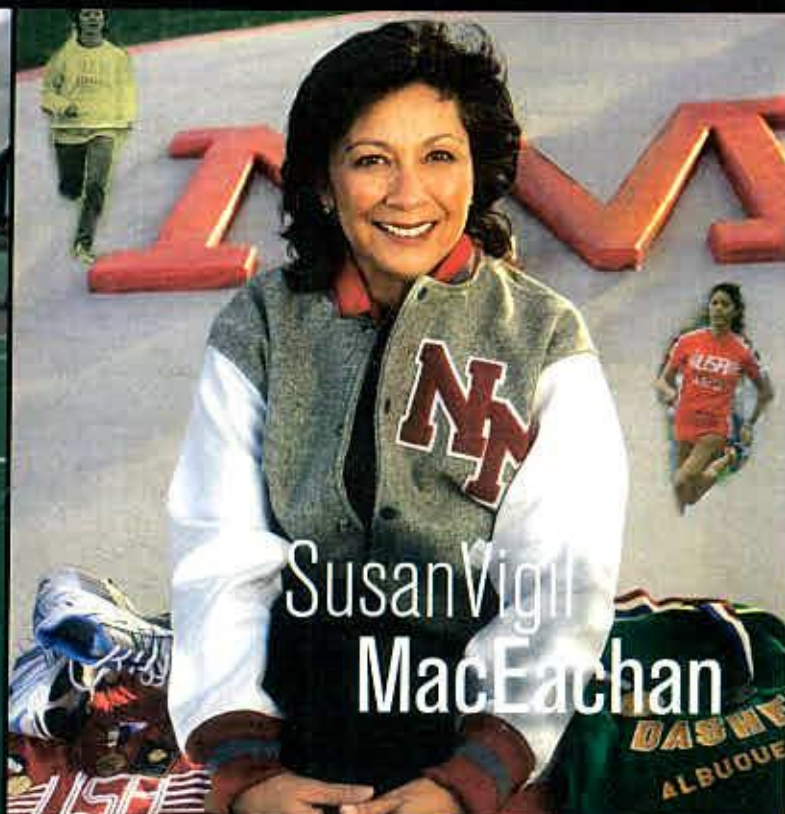


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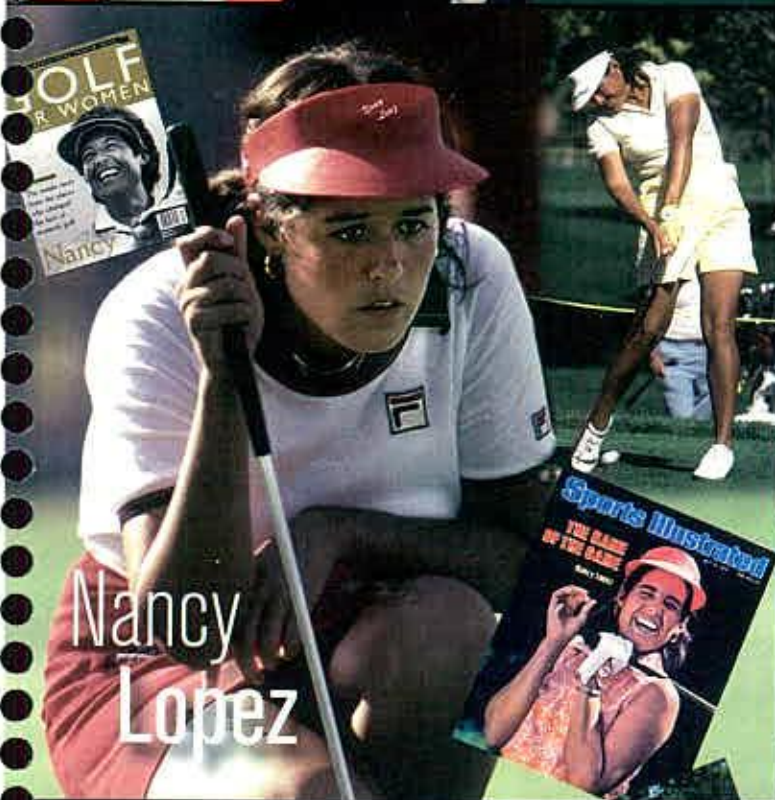
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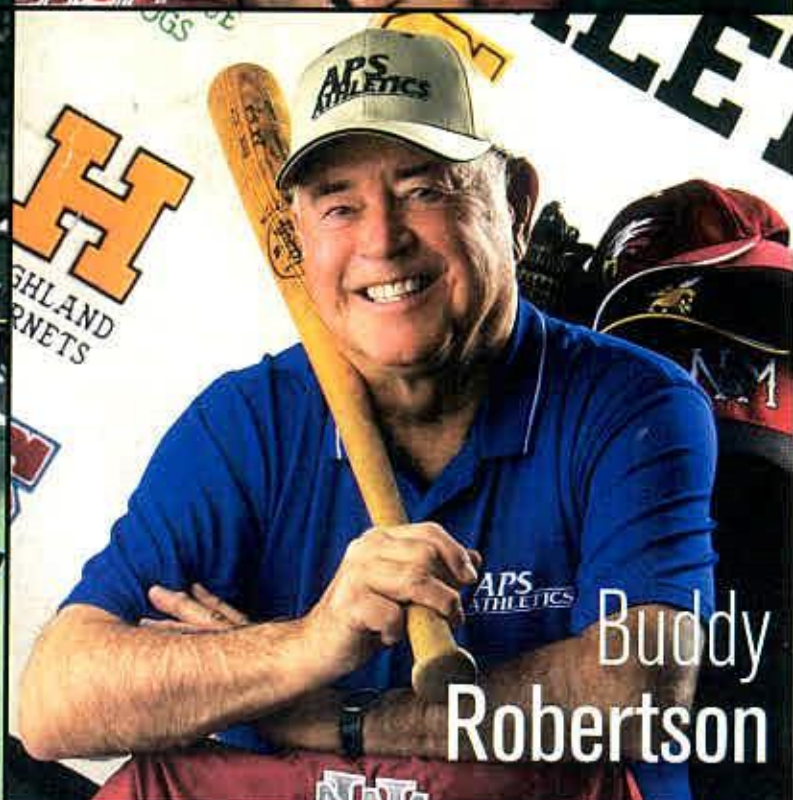
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Males:

Ben Johnson - Academy - track, cross country

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2008 AWARD WINNERS

Co-Female Athletes of the Year Alex Darling - La Cueva Track

Alex led the La Cueva Bears to the 5A Girls State Championship in 2007 by winning four events and taking 3rd in another. She won the 400 meter run, 100 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles, and anchored the 1600 meter relay. She took third in the long jump.

The most remarkable accomplishment was winning the 400 meter run and then winning the 300 meter hurdles just 19 minutes apart. She was the high point winner in 2006 and 2007 and finished 2nd in 2005.

As a senior, Alex was the team leader. Under her leadership, she led the team to the largest margin of victory in La Cueva's history, winning by 29.5 points over 2nd place Clovis.

After 1 semester out of state, she will be transferring to UNM to run for the Lobos. This season she will run unattached.

Malin Hemmingson - UNM Ski Team

Hemmingson gave UNM ski coach George Brooks a golden retirement present on the final day of the 2007 NCAA Ski Championships. The freshman from Hallen, Sweden won the women's slalom individual title. It was the 10th individual gold medal at the NCAA championship in UNM history. It was the second slalom win of the year for Malin and the first individual title at UNM since 2004. Hemmingson is the second Lobo woman to win gold in the slalom.

Malin was ranked 4th before the meet. She posted a two run time of 1:45.77, edging the number one ranked and 2006 NCAA champion, Lucia Zikova of Colorado who finished with a time of 1:46.00. Not bad for a freshman who had been sick the week before the NCAA finals.

Co-Male Athletes of the Year

Curtis Beach - Albuquerque Academy Track

Curtis had a track season that will be hard to beat. Only a sophomore, he scored 35 points and won 5 gold medals, leading Academy to its 6th straight championship.

After competing in the state track meet, he competed in The Great Southwest Track and Field Classic Decathlon. This is a national invitation only meet with athletes from Texas, Arizona, California, Oregon and New Mexico among others. Curtis knew he had to win the 1500 meter run by more than 30 seconds to win the decathlon. He did just that and finished with 7,185 points outdoing 2nd place finisher, Chase Dalton from Oregon, who had 6,988 points. His most challenging event of the year was being invited to be on the US team and competing at the IAAF World Youth Championships in Ostrava, Czech Republic. He was the only American among 21 athletes. He competed in the Decathlon, which is a decathlon minus the pole vault and discus. He placed 4th, missing first by only 91 points.

John Sullivan - UNM Football

Former walk-on, kicker John Sullivan made big strides this year in his development since arriving at UNM. He suffered from what many thought was a career ending torn ACL in his plant leg, mid-way through the spring season in April 2007. He made a stunning recovery after surgery and worked hard doing his physical therapy.

John had not kicked in a game since high school in 2002. He was put on scholarship in August of 2007. His first game against UTEP was filled with ups and downs. He

missed his first attempt from 32 yards while connecting on his 2nd attempt from 20 yards out. He missed the next attempt but made a 40 yard attempt.

From that point on, things changed. He went on to kick 4 game winning field goals. He set the record for field goals in one season as well as making 1st Team All Mountain West. To finish his fairy-tale season, he was named first team All American by the Walter Camp Football Foundation, ESPN.com and Sporting News. He was named to the third team by Associated Press and Honorable Mention by Sports Illustrated. The biggest award was being named NCAA Consensus All American. He becomes the 3rd UNM football player to be named NCAA Consensus All American following in the footsteps of UNM greats, Terance Mathis (1989) and Brian Urlacher (1993).

Team of the Year La Cueva Girls Track

What a great year 2007 was for La Cueva girls track. The Bears won the 5A State title beating the second place Clovis Wildcats by 29.5 points. They set 4 school records. They were undefeated and scored 360 points in the district meet which is virtually unheard of.

La Cueva had 3 seniors on this team. Two of those seniors accounted for more than half of the points at the state meet. Alex Darling accounted for 275 points and Asal Salehpoor had 17.75 for a total of 44.25 out of the 87.5 points scored.

Coach of the Year Jim Ciccarello - La Cueva Girls Track

Jim began coaching track in the 1980's. He started with the Duke City Dashers and The Albuquerque Track Club. He spent 5 years at Sandia High School, 6 years at Highland High School, 4 years at Manzano High School and 9 years at La Cueva High School.

2007 was one of his most satisfying years. He had a tremendous team victory winning the 2007 5A State Girls Championship scoring 87.5 points to runner-up Clovis's 58 points and third place Sandia's 57 points. Jim's teams have won state titles 3 out of the last 4 years at La Cueva. Previously, he won in 2000 at La Cueva and two state titles at Manzano, giving him a total of 6 state titles.

In July of 2007, Jim was awarded the Coach of the Year award by the NM High School Coaches Association and in January received the Coach of the Year by the NM Track and Cross Country Association. He was nominated for the National Coach of the Year, which will be announced later this year.

Promotion of the Year Triple A All Star Game

The Triple A All Star Game was a great chance for Albuquerque to see future major league stars. What makes this All Star game special was the nostalgia celebrating the legacy of the Albuquerque Dukes and their long time affiliation with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Few teams in minor league baseball have the rich baseball tradition that Albuquerque has. The All Star Fiesta was a perfect setting in which to pay long overdue homage to the great teams and players of the past.

Some of the great players that came were Mike Marshall, Tom Paciorek, Bill Russell, Ron Cey, Steve Garvey as well as Hall of Fame Manager, Tommy Lasorda. 20,000 people showed up for Fan Fest, 10,000 for the Home Run Derby and over 12,000 for the game.

The Albuquerque Isotopes held nothing back when putting this spectacular event together. John Traub must be proud of his staff for putting on this spectacular event as well as being the first City to host the Triple A All Star game twice.

Special Recognition Rio Rancho High School

Rio Rancho High School should be proud of its 2007 athletes. Winning state championships are never easy but Rio Rancho HS won 6 state titles in 2007. The boys basketball team, baseball team, wrestling team, boy's golf team, girls soccer team and volleyball team were all state champions.

Congratulations to all the coaches, players, teachers, administrators, parents, volunteers, sponsors and anyone else who had a hand in the outstanding success of 2007.

UNM Football Team

The 2007 Lobo football team won its first bowl game since 1961. The Lobos set a school record by placing 8 players on the 1st Team All Mountain West. The eight players are defensive end Tyler Donaldson, corner back DeAndre Wright, wide receivers Travis Brown and Marcus Smith, running back Rodney Ferguson, offensive tackle Devin Clark, center Vince Natali and kicker John Sullivan. The Lobos had their 3rd 9 win season in Lobo history.

Jeremy Johnson - UNM Cross Country

Jeremy was pleasantly surprised when he heard that the Mountain West cross country championships had to be moved from San Diego to Albuquerque because of the tragic wildfires in southern California.

Jeremy handed the Lobos their first league champion since 2004. His victory was the first for a native New Mexican since John Baker in 1964. His win helped the Lobos finish with 51 points, just 5 points behind first place, BYU and 1 point ahead of Air Force. This was the highest finish for the men's team since 1988.

He continued on to the NCAA championship. He finished 25th in the nation and was named All American in his senior year.

Award of Distinction Doug Zembiec

Doug was a terrific student and wrestler at La Cueva High School. He was an honor student and All State Wrestling Champion in 1990 and 1991. He went undefeated in 1991 and was a High School All American in 1990.

He received an appointment to the Naval Academy and was an NCAA All American in 1994 and 1995. Doug was commissioned 2nd Lt in the US Marines in 2005. He rose to the rank of Major.

Doug's military awards include a silver star, bronze star, distinguished for valor and 2 purple hearts. He was honored by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2007 with their Medal of Courage.

Tragically on May 11, 2007, during his fourth tour of duty in the Middle East, he was killed while leading his men on a mission. He received the NCAA Award of Valor in mid January 2008, in front of a crowd of 3000 people. The ceremony was televised on February 1, 2008 on ESPN 2.



HALL OF FAME



LINDA ESTES

Every time a girl in New Mexico puts on an athletic uniform -- a daily occurrence from Deming to Clayton, Albuquerque to Las Cruces, Jal to Farmington -- she is wearing a garment that Linda Estes helped stitch.

The longtime Associate Athletic Director at the University of New Mexico, Estes was a singular (and often, lonely) voice pushing for gender equity in an era when few wanted to hear her message.

But Estes' activism has stood the test of time. Its effects are so pervasive that in 2008, it's almost impossible to remember a moment when young girls didn't have the same athletic opportunities that boys enjoy.

However, the Dark Ages weren't so long ago. And Estes remembers the fight very well. Her vision and dogged determination (and yes, memory) are just a few of the reasons she is among the 2008 inductees to the Albuquerque/New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame.

"I was naive," she says today, "because when I took over, Title IX passed and I thought, 'Wow, women are going to have equity. What I didn't recognize was that Title IX was like the 55 mph speed limit: It didn't mean a thing unless it was enforced.'"

From 1973-2000, Estes helped write the ticket for women's athletics at UNM, creating a solid program that includes most major sports and has made a showcase of women's basketball. Her advocacy for skiing, (not always an easy sell), helped result in a national championship for New Mexico in the sport, the only NCAA team title the Lobos have ever won.

Now retired and living in Hawaii, Estes says she is proudest of two things in her long career: Helping make it acceptable for women to be in athletics in high school and college, and giving young girls an opportunity to pursue athletic scholarships in college.

In fact, her advocacy on behalf of a young Roswell golfer named Nancy Lopez in the early '70s helped bring the issue of opportunity for young girls to the forefront in this state.

Estes, 68, was exposed to gender equity a few decades earlier than most. She played on a boys' youth-league baseball team in 1947 in tiny Calico, Rock, Ark. Necessity, more than advocacy, got her on the team: the ballclub simply didn't have enough players. But she still remembers getting that opportunity. Fortunately, for hundreds of thousands of New Mexico girls, she didn't just remember something good. She fought for something better.



SUSAN VIGIL MACEACHEN

If women's sports advocate Linda Estes opened the door for girls to compete in New Mexico, Susan Vigil MacEachen was among the first to run through.

One of the great female track athletes to compete in the state, MacEachen parlayed a love for running into an athletic career that remains a standard to shoot for more than three decades later.

"The opportunities that track presented," she says, "made me who I am today."

MacEachen, then known as Susan Vigil, participated in track and field even before her high school, Highland, offered the sport to girls. She was part of the Duke City Dashers program, a club that dominated the local scene and made an imprint nationally.

Little Susan Vigil, a Dashers stalwart from 1970-75, became one of the best-known runners in the state. She attended the University of New Mexico and dominated in cross country and track, early All-American honors give times.

"I liked track because I won," she says. "But really, that just motivated me to go on and try to be more successful."

An 880-yard and 800-meter specialist before leaving UNM in 1980 with a degree in communicative disorders, MacEachen competed in the AAU national championship five times and was a member of the U.S. Junior Olympic team. She also was a finalist in the 1976 U.S. Olympic Trials and won the 1979 AIAW national title in the 800.

MacEachen, 50, and her husband, Tim, have three children: Erin Belger, Sarah Belger, and Brandon MacEachen.

MacEachen returned to her roots at UNM, coaching women's track for 10 years. She now works at the university's alumni relations office, but remains close to the sport. It's a love, she says, that never goes away.

"It's been a fun time," she says, "to see where it has brought me."

THE INDUCTEES

NANCY LOPEZ



Nancy Lopez is a living legend, a role model for millions, a golfer whose historical importance to the sport will last long after her gleaming trophies have begun gathering dust.

All that good stuff is fine, says the former Roswell resident. But there is something more important than fame or money or titles. "All the success you have," she says, her voice cracking, "isn't really success until you have a family to share it with."

Lopez, 51, credits her induction into the Albuquerque/New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame, in large measure, to the family that raised her as a kid in Southeast New Mexico.

Domingo and Marina Lopez's daughter left Roswell in the 1970s to become a champion. But even now, as Nancy raises her own children, she focuses on the parents and the state that made her what she became.

"This means a lot to me," she says of tonight's induction. "I was born in California and I live in Georgia, but I'm still a New Mexico girl. To be enshrined into a hall of fame in a state I love very much means a lot to me. It means that when I die, I'll still be around."

Lopez's ripple effect still washes through her home state, where young girls aspire to play like the kid who took the LPGA by storm in 1978, when she was player of the year, rookie of the year, the tours leading money winner. She spurred a growth in the game that gave rise to today's new legends: Annika Sorenstam and Lorena Ochoa.

In all, Lopez (an LPGA hall of famer at the incredible age of 30) won 48 times on the tour, including three majors.

Friendly and courtly, the rare superstar whose private life is as exemplary as her public talent, Lopez still plays competitively. But she's just as often found away from golf with her husband, former baseball star Ray Knight, and their children; daughters Ashley, Erin, Torri and son Brooks.

She says she cannot physically replicate her childhood in Roswell for her children, but tries to impart the lessons she learned from Domingo, the owner of an auto body shop, and Marina, a homemaker. Their message; hard work, an appreciation for people and family, family, still resonates.

"I love people," she says. "I love kids, I love older people. And I think you see a lot of good in people. And if people are nice to each other, then I think you get the best of somebody. My dad always told me it's important to treat people a special way. ... If you can look at somebody, smile and make eye contact and they can approach you, that's important."

And it's something that lasts.

BUDDY ROBERTSON



You've got a better chance of discovering an Arctic iceberg in Hobbs than of finding someone who will say a bad word about Buddy Robertson.

Hard-working. Honest. Decent. Friendly. Honorable. Family-oriented: those descriptions are the ones that followed Robertson in his long career as an athlete, coach and athletic director within the Albuquerque Public Schools.

In a business where it's easy to make an eternal enemy, Robertson found only friends. Most were, and are, amazed by his unique ability to remain positive as he worked to improve the lives of high school coaches, athletes and parents.

"I always figured my job was to help the coaches, because the coaches were the ones who made the kids happy, and the kids were the ones who made the parents happy," the 69-year-old Robertson says, trying to explain a formula for success that sounds simple, but isn't.

From 1977 to 2002, Robertson was an athletic specialist and athletic director for the state's largest school district. Sounds like administration, and it was, but Robertson was never at home in the office. He was always at games, or running track meets, or helping staff tournaments.

He became the father confessor, the trusted confidant and the honest broker for thousands of people who participated in APS sports.

"I never tried to close the door on people, even if you didn't agree with them," he says. "I never expected people to always agree, so I tried to listen to them. I guess more than anything, I was really lucky."

Robertson's athletic achievements preceded his time at APS. A Highland High graduate, he was a standout baseball player at the University of New Mexico, before embarking upon a successful coaching career at Belen and Valley highschools.

Still, Robertson's greatest achievements may have come away from sports: His success as a family man is legendary. He and his wife, Jerri, have been married 46 years. Their three children, Mike, Lisa and Thomas, grew up at APS sporting venues, and Mike and Lisa are teachers in the district.

"I was lucky," Robertson says, over and over.

But that's just the thing. It's not luck. It's Buddy Robertson.



PAST IN

Previous Years	Hall of Fame Inductees	Athlete of The Year	Award of Distinction	Promotion of the Year
1973-1974	F.M. (Tony) Wilson Bobby Unser Roy W. Johnson	Cathy Carr Bob Foster	H.L. (Hickum) Galles, Jr.	Sid Cutter
1974-1975	Don Perkins Paul (Babe) Parenti Bob Foster	Don Woods	George Malool	-
1975-1976	Ralph Bowyer Al Unser, Sr. Adolph Plummer	Janet Ely Bob Berg	Don Kirby	Albuquerque Jaycees Invitational Track Meet
1976-1977	Jim Cleary John Dolzadelli	Jesse Casteneda	S.Y. Jackson, Sr.	Frank Crosby
1977-1978	Nancy Neeld Pete McDavid Abbie Paiz	Val Boyer Chuck Walter	Frank Schifani	Mike London
1978-1979	Mannie Foster Cathy Carr West Mel Daniels	Darlene Anaya Mike Williams	Chet Caldwell	Willie Sanchez (Albuquerque Dukes)
1979-1980	L.F. (Tow) Diehm John Baker	Diana Silva John Whitson	Gwinn (Bub) Harry	Arabian International Horse Association
1980-1981	Tommy McDonald Hugh Hackett	Kathrin Keil	H.I. (Iggy) Mulcahy George Baldwin	Special Olympics
1981-1982	Bob King	Steve Jennings	Carlos Salazar	Albuquerque Journal Gymnastics Meet
1982-1983	-	Alexandra Reinhardt John Jackson	-	Pat McKernan (Albuquerque Dukes)
1983-1984	Toby Roybal 1934 UNM Football Team Charlie Rentro	Dana Miller Mike Winters	Mrs. Ruth Wilson	-
1984-1985	Ben Abruzzo Maxie Anderson Larry Newman	Rose Jones Jim Everett	W.D. (Bill) Brannin Dave Tomlinson	Rusty Mitchell (U.S. Olympic Gymnasts Exhibition)
1985-1986	Ira Harge Dick McGuire Clarence Robinson	Claudia Schleyer Terry Landrum Al Unser, Jr.	Lloyd McKee	Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
1986-1987	W. D. (Bill) Brannin Bill Gentry Carlos Salazar	Caroline Keggi Chad Fox Johnny Brown	-	Sunwest Bank Charley Pride Sr. Golf Tourney
1987-1988	Bobby Santiago H.I. (Iggy) Mulcahy Ashby Harper	Al Unser, Sr. Caroline Keggi Ibrahim Hussein	Dr. Jerome Greenblatt, M.D.	Albuquerque Journal Duke City Marathon
1988-1989	Mel Otero	Lance Ringnald Gary Kinder Laurel Kessel	Mike Roberts	McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Game
1989-1990	Dave Tomlinson Chuck Hill Jim Hulsman Owen Smaulding	Terance Mathis Jill Shaver Sheila Burrell	J.D. Kailer	Virginia Slims, 1st. National Bank Women's Tennis Tourney
1990-1991	Rusty Mitchell	Al Unser, Jr. Pauline Manser Maria Gorreri Rosemary Thompson	Joe Zeni	Pat McKernan (Albuquerque Dukes)
1991-1992	Michael Cooper Jack Rushing	Pauline Manser Dana Millar-Mackie Luc Longley Lance Little	Dr. John F. Boyd, M.D.	-

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1992-1993	Robin Cole Guyton Hays Ron Nelson	Lisa Escobedo Shelly Steely Trent Dimas Tom Jager Al Unser, Jr.	Art Gardenswartz	Larry Ahrens (Presidential Scholarship Golf Tournament)
1993-1994	George Maloff Mike Roberts Rosemary Thompson	Melissa Moore Mika Nesbitt	Kent Mathis	UNM Lobo Club Kickoff Committee
1994-1995	Vince Cappelli Al Unser, Jr. Mickey Miller	Terance Mathis (Pro) Stoney Case Greg Brown Janet Trujillo	Greater Albuquerque Medical Association	Coca Cola New Mexico Games
1995-1996	Jim Everett Dave Barney H.L. (Hickum) Galles, Jr.	Winslow Oliver Olga Appell	Dick Terwilliger	New Day Shelter Shootout Golf Tournament
1996-1997	Walt Arnold Tony Valdez Sid Cutter	John Watteland (Pro) Travis Young Bobby Newcombe Leslie Hammond Tamika Stukes	Don Flanagan	"Pack the Pit" UNM Athletics
1997-1998	Bill Weeks Don Flanagan "Cowboy" Jimmy Moore	Paul Komerik (Pro) Graham Leigh Laurie Hegadorn	Dr. James Bradley	Albuquerque Public Schools Golf Extravaganza
1998-1999	Janet Ely Lagourgue Henry Family Tom Jager	Luc Longley (Pro) Andrea Goldberg Abby Garchek A.J. Herrera	Pat McKernan Jim Schumacher	Sandia Cup Soccer Journey
1999-2000	Rudy Cordova Patie Gibson Pat McKernan Dan Woods	Notah Begay III (Pro) Katie Kern Brian Uriacher	Bobby Gibbs	Paralyzed Veterans of America - Jr. Wheelchair Championships
2000-2001	Kent Bostik Ray Etherly Rosie Jones Dana Miller-Mackie	Brian Uriacher (Pro) Grace Galagan Mike Mcharic	Sheila Burrell Elva Dryer Heather Moody Jackie Lance Faliat Ogunkoya	The American Bowling Congress Championship Tournament 2000
2001-2002	Preston Dennard Ray Giannini John "JD" Kailer Carol Hudson-Knauber	Brian Uriacher (Pro) Erik Rieterbichler Jarrod Baxter	Backing Albuquerque Baseball Committee	Amateur Athletic Union's 2001 Grand National Sanction Wrestling Tournament
2002-2003	Valerye Boyer-Wells Terry "Tito" Landrum Stan Quintana	Brandan Donnelly (Pro) Dontrell Moore Natasha Lee	Tommy Long Sheila Burrell	Erin Trujeque Memorial Golf Tournament
2003-2004	Donnie Alexander Sally Marquez Henry D. Sanchez	Kenny Thomas (Pro) Jason Lanzmeier Dontrell Moore Jordan Adams	Jim Johnson	Marty Saiz/State Farm Player of the Week
2004-2005	Joe F. Vivian Paul Smith	Matt Gonzales Jeff Rowland Chris Williams Jennifer Delich Elva Dryer	Sheila Burrell	Great Southwest Track and Field Classic
2005-2006	Sheila Burrell Bobby Gibbs Lou Hanson Ralph Tasker	Jeff Rowland Danny Granger Jordan Pacheco Holly Holm		All American Baseball Game
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