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## NEW MEXICO SPORTS HALL OF FAME HISTORY







The Sports Hall of Fame began on February 12, 1973, as the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame. The Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce elected the first board of directors. Four permanent board members, Dr. Roy Goddard, William Brannin, executive vice president of Metro 70's, George Baldwin, Managing Editor of the Albuquerque Tribune, and Dr. Ray Esquibel were selected to the initial board. Mr. Brannin was the first Board President.

Elected Joseph Roehl and Max Mansur to three-year terms. Elected to two-year terms were Marshall Wylie and Oscar Mahlon Love. JD Kailer and S.Y. Jackson were elected to oneyear terms. Other board members were Robert Matteucci, President of the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Richard Thompson, Chairman of the Chamber's Sports Committee.

The first Induction Banquet was scheduled for October 30, 1973, at the Albuquerque Convention Center. The inductees had to "perform their national, international or intersectional feats at least five years prior to 1973". The Induction Banquet had to be rescheduled. The first Induction Banquet was held March 5, 1974, with nearly one thousand attendees.

A specific area on the east side hallway of the new Albuquerque Convention Center was set aside to display the Hall of Fame portraits.

The first inductees were Roy Johnson, all sports coach and athletic director at the University of New Mexico; Bobby Unser, auto racing driver who won the 1968 Indy 500; and F.M. "Tony" Wilson, long-time coach at Albuquerque High School and Albuquerque Public School's athletic director.

The Sports Hall of Fame was established "to honor those who have brought fame and honor ... or who have made outstanding athletic contributions to the City of Albuquerque... and who by their character and respectability will serve as an inspiration and as an example to the highest traditions of the American people.

The Sports Hall of Fame continues to immortalize the achievements and contributions of athletes, coaches, teams, and other remarkable individuals in the realm of sports in our state. Our hall of fame serves as a testament to what can be accomplished with hard work, dedication, and a love for the game. It is more than just a showcase; it is an inspiration for aspiring athletes and fans alike.

The Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame would continue to induct sports greats from the Albuquerque area until 2005. The By-Laws dictated that a maximum of four individuals could be inducted each year.

## NEW MEXICO SPORTS HALL OF FAME HISTORY

In 2005, Governor Bill Richardson asked the Board to expand to the entire state. The Sports Hall of Fame under the leadership of Russell Goff, president, became the Albuquerque/New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame. The By-Laws were changed to state that at least one inductee must be from outside the Albuquerque area. The Class of 2005 included legendary basketball coaches, Hobbs High School's Ralph Tasker, and New Mexico State University's Lou Henson.

In 2012, under President Kenny Barreras' leadership, the Sports Hall of Fame was officially named the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame.

In 2014, under the leadership of President Gale Lovato, the Board updated By-Laws with three major changes. First the board moved to the Annual Board Meeting to May to make it an annual process to select the inductees and annual award winners. Secondly, they voted to have a minimum number of inductees greater than four. The Class of 2014 had seven inductees. The Class of 2015 had the largest class with eight inductees. Thirdly, the Board approved September's Public Voting to select a candidate for the Final Pool, but the winner was not guaranteed induction. The prior year, the Board received only two nominations from the public.

The 2014 Public Voting generated forty-nine new candidates. Once a candidate on the online process, then they were a candidate for life or until inducted. Over six thousand people voted online and/or Facebook. The Public Voting continued until 2019.

In August of 2015, the display of Hall of Fame portraits was moved to the hallway near the Convention Center's La Sala and the DoubleTree Hotel. Stan Whitaker, president from 2010-2012 was instrumental in coordinating a new location for our Hall of Famers.

In 2016, Marty Saiz, the Board President introduced the Induction Celebration Weekend to include a Welcome Dinner, Charity Golf Classic, and the Induction Banquet.

Since 2016, the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame and its board members have given over \$100,000 in scholarships and \$120,000 to ALS - Lou Gehrig's Disease - New Mexico on behalf of our former Board President, Gene Pino. Gene has been battling ALS since 2011. He still participates in all of the NMSHOF events.

The New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame understands sports are just one tool that is used in the development of New Mexico's youth, and the Hall is committed to highlighting the importance of education for student-athletes throughout the State.

Through our scholarship program the Hall of Fame puts the spotlight on the future by supporting today's student-athletes. Your support helps the Hall of Fame increase its commitment to New Mexico's next generation of leaders.

In 2023, the Board created the Theo Barela Scholarship. For 2024, the Board will be supporting the scholarship fund in honor of Coach Mike Brown, a 2018 inductee. The Oscar "Mahlon" Love Scholarship will be a new scholarship will be given to a deserving student-athlete. Mahlon is a lifetime board member and an original board member in 1973.

Only twice in the history of the Sports Hall of Fame, 1982 and 2020, have there been no individuals inducted. In 1982, the Board could not get a nominee to the 75% threshold and thus, decided to honor annual award winners. In 2020, the Board decided to postpone the induction of the Class of 2019 because of Covid 19. The Induction Banquet was not held until August 2021.

The Sports Hall of Fame is committed to recognizing those who have brought fame and honor to New Mexico through their athletic prowess or contributions to sports. Our Board rigorously selects candidates based on their past achievements, impact on sports in New Mexico, and alignment with our mission to uplift communities through sports.

If you are enthusiastic about sports and the impact it has on lives and communities, we encourage you to support our mission. Your backing enables us to continue this vital work of recognition and community support. Kindly consider donating to help us continue making a difference in the world of sports and beyond.



## NEW MEXICO SPORTS HALL OF FAME MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the NM Sports Hall of Fame is three-fold.

- To induct into the Hall of Fame those athletes, coaches, teams, or any other individuals who have had significant careers, achieving high standards of athletic success and/or made contributions to sports, thereby bestowing fame and honor to the State of New Mexico.
- To honor and recognize the top athletes, coaches, teams, and any other individuals and/or organizations that had an outstanding past year in athletics, reached milestones in their careers, achieved an accomplishment on a national and/or worldwide basis, and/or have significantly promoted athletics through sponsorship and/or bringing in top sporting events to New Mexico.
- To support, in a meaningful way, charities and/or scholarships for high school student/athletes in New Mexico. The Board shall, at its discretion, annually select charities and/or scholarships that they will support from proceeds of the Hall of Fame Induction events or any other events in conjunction with and sponsored by the Hall of Fame.



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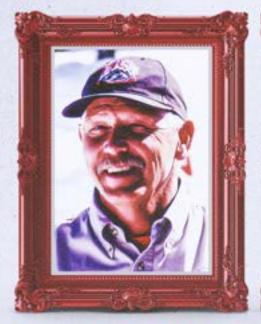


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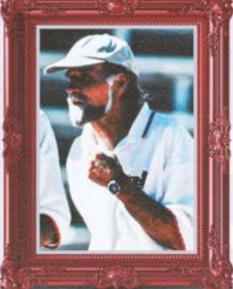
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## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## KLAUS WEBER written by Ken Sickenger

Klaus Weber's accomplishments as a lifelong athlete can only be described as phenomenal. Well into his 60s, Klaus was competing in soccer and completing grueling races and quadrathlons that routinely scare off endurance athletes half his age.

But what Klaus accomplished for other New Mexico athletes is even more impressive. He coached players in numerous sports including soccer, tennis, and cross-country skiing from youth level to high school and college at the University of New Mexico – enjoying considerable success at every stop.

Klaus's legacy is certain to endure. The soccer complex at Albuquerque's Bosque School is named after him, as is "Klaus Trail," a cross-country ski path on the east side of the Sandia Mountains. He also helped create a layout the format for the popular Mt. Taylor Winter Quadrathlon, a rugged 43-mile endurance test that Klaus completed more than 20 times.

Taken together, Klaus's various endeavors make him a lock for the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame. He was fittingly included in the Hall of Fame's 2024 induction class.

Born in Olten, Switzerland in 1943, Weber was an accomplished athlete well before he arrived in New Mexico in 1975. He competed for high-level soccer and cross-country skiing clubs while growing up in Switzerland, and later earned All-American status skiing for New York's Ulster County Community College. He went on to earn All-New England and All-Conference honors in skiing and tennis at New Hampshire's Keene State College. Klaus was just getting started. When he showed up in New Mexico in his early 30s, he signed on as UNM's cross country skiing coach and joined the school's club soccer team as a player-coach. He coached skiing from 1976-88, mentoring more than 25 All-Americans and coaching two individual and two relay teams to national championships.

Before his tenure as a skiing coach ended, Klaus took over as head coach of UNM's men's soccer, which by that time was an official NCAA program. Klaus was named interim coach in 1986, hired full time in 1987 and stayed on through 2001. His Lobos enjoyed 10 winning seasons and captured a conference tournament title in 2001, but the team's biggest win may have been a 1-0 victory over No. 2 ranked UCLA in 1992 that earned UNM its first national ranking. It did not surprise Klaus.

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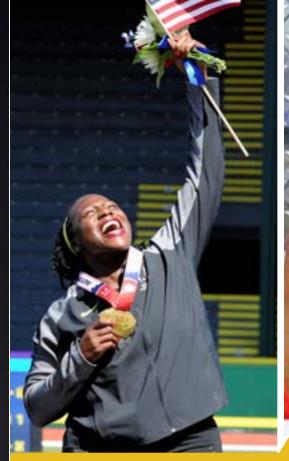
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## AMBER CAMPBELL-MOORE written by Ken Sickenger

Amber Campbell-Moore's athletic talents have shown brightly all over the United States and the around the world. The first glimpse appeared in New Mexico.

Born in Cincinnati in 1981, Amber went on to establish herself as one of the world's top throwers in track and field. She is a three-time Olympian (2008, 2012, 2016) and owns 11 national championships in the hammer throw. She established American Olympic Trials and Olympic hammer throw records.

Amber Campbell's name is well-known in collegiate and international track-and-field circles. She is the most decorated athlete to compete at Coastal Carolina University, where she was a five-time NCAA All-American in hammer and weight throw.

It might have been hard to see Amber's stellar athletic career coming in the mid-1990s when she was an eighth grader at Tucumcari High School. Still, that is where it started, with Amber qualifying for New Mexico's Class 3A state meet in shot put and discus.

Some 30 years later, Amber is married and a mother of three children. She did not expect to be inducted into the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame but was delighted to be chosen as part of the 50th induction class in 2024.

"I'm so grateful for this honor and to be part of this group," she said. "I'm really excited to get back to New Mexico for the induction ceremony to see everyone. I can't wait."

Amber completed her high school career in Indianapolis, where she competed in volleyball, basketball, and track at Pike High School.

But her athletic career blossomed at Coastal Carolina, where Amber became one of the nation's top competitors in throwing events.

Her laundry list of accomplishments includes 16 combined Big South championships in weight throw, hammer throw, shot put and discus. She set American collegiate records in hammer and weight throw and was named Big South Track & Field Most Outstanding Athlete six times. The conference twice selected Amber as its overall Athlete of the Year.

Amber served as a volunteer assistant coach at Coastal Carolina during her amateur career, working with the school's throwers. During that time, she excelled representing the United States on the international stage, she twice medaled at the Pan American Games and five times competed for Team USA at the Track & Field World Championships.

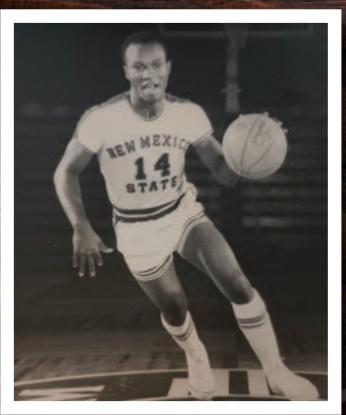
Amber earned spots on the U.S. Olympic Team in 2008 and 2012 but, her high point as an Olympian came in 2016, when she set a personal best of 74.03 meters in hammer throw at the Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon, setting a new American record.

She went on to qualify for the finals at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics and at age 35 finished sixth – the best-ever finish for an American woman in hammer throw. But Amber could not match her personal best mark and her top throw of 72.74 meters fell less than two meters short of a bronze medal.

"It's awesome," she told the Indianapolis Star, "and frustrating, all at the same time."

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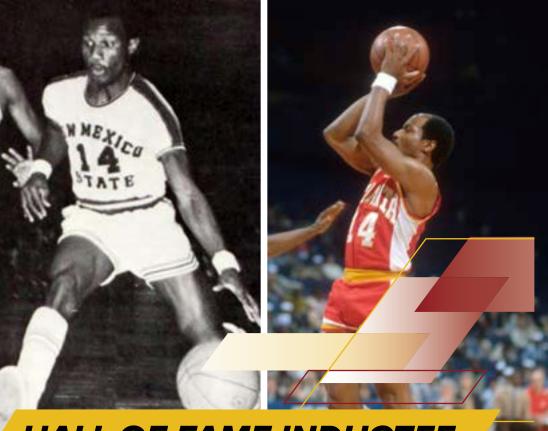


CHARLES "CHARLIE" CRISS JR. '70



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## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



written by Ken Sickenger

As a 5-foot-8 basketball player, Charlie Criss always had to prove he belonged. At the end of the day, he was always up to the task.

Charlie did it the hard way in both the college and professional ranks on his way to induction in the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame. He helped lead New Mexico State to a Final Four appearance – only after a year of junior college ball. He later went on to play eight seasons in the NBA – only after grinding through four years in the Eastern Basketball League.

Though short in stature by college and professional basketball standards, Charlie was never short on determination. He doggedly pursued his dream of playing in the NBA and left a trail of individual and team success everywhere he went.

Asked later about his fondest memory of playing for the NBA's Atlanta Hawks, San Diego Clippers, and Milwaukee Bucks, Criss recalled the struggle he endured to get there.

"My fondest memory of playing in the league was just making it," he told the New York Times. "After all the time I spent trying to get there and not getting an opportunity, I finally made it."

A native of Valhalla, New York, Charlie put up dazzling high school numbers in his home state, averaging 25 points per game and leading Gorton High to a state championship as tournament MVP. Still, he did not immediately grab the eye of Division I coaches and ended up starting his college basketball career in Hobbs at New Mexico Junior College.

NMJC proved to be an ideal springboard. Charlie averaged 29.6 points per game in his lone season there, racking up 47- and 42-point games along the way. He earned All-Region honors – and caught the attention of then-New Mexico State coach Lou Henson, who brought Charlie to Las Cruces for the 1967-68 season. He

immediately became a starter and averaged 16 points per game as a sophomore but was forced to watch the Aggies' NCAA Tournament run because rules prohibited first-year JC transfers from playing in postseason.

Such was not the case for Charlie's final two seasons and he helped lift New Mexico State to new heights. He was named to the United Press International Small America Team after each season, but the high point undoubtedly came in 1969-70.

Teaming with standouts (and previous NMHOF inductees) Jimmy Collins and Sam Lacey, Charlie and the Aggies soared to a 27-3 record and earned NMSU first and only trip to the Final Four. The Aggies fell to then-powerhouse UCLA and coach John Wooden in the semifinals before defeating St. Bonaventure in the third-place game. Charlie was selected to the NCAA Midwest Regional All-Tournament Team.

Charlie's pro basketball career was a similar story. He excelled in the EBL, leading Hartford and Scranton to league championships, leading the league in scoring three times and picking up two league MVP honors.

It finally paid off in 1977, when Charlie caught on with the Atlanta Hawks. At 29, he was the NBA's oldest-ever rookie and, at 5-8, its shortest player for seven of his eight seasons. Nonetheless, Charlie would play 418 games in the league and averaged 8.5 points and 3.2 rebounds for his career.

After retiring, Charlie became a television commentator for the Atlanta Hawks, coached golf and basketball and later opened his own business, Charlie Criss Graphics 

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# GEORGE BROOKS written by Ken Sickenger

Growing up in Taos, New Mexico, George Brooks spent as much time as he could flying down the slopes at Taos Ski Valley. It proved to be time well spent.

George went on to excel as a racer and a coach in the sport and ultimately led the University of New Mexico to its first-ever NCAA Division I team championship. His Lobos won it all in 2004 and George was named NCAA National Skiing Coach of the Year.

Arguably even more impressive was the fact that Brooks founded the UNM ski team and became its first head coach at age 20 - a position he would hold for 37 years.

"My dad used to say I invented my own job," Brooks said. "I think he was right, and for all those years I never once failed to look forward to going to work."

Skiing was certainly a labor of love for George, who competed in Taos Ski Valley's Junior Race Program while attending Taos High School. He was a two-time member of New Mexico's state junior team as a junior and senior.

George went on to compete collegiately, although UNM had only a club ski program at the time. He was a four-time CIAL All-Conference alpine skier and in 1970 earned a spot competing in the North American Alpine Championships.

It was also in 1970 that George approached UNM about making skiing an intercollegiate sport. School officials gave him the goahead and the program steadily rose to achieve consistent success.

From 1971 to 2006, George oversaw UNM's men's and women's programs in both alpine and Nordic skiing. In addition to their national title, George's Lobo teams finished as runners-up in 1992 and 2005, earned four third-place finishes and finished among the top 10 NCAA finishers 23 times.

On an individual level, George's UNM teams produced 125 All-Americans and more than 100 Academic All-Americans. His teams recorded the highest combined grade-point averages in the school's athletic program for 17 consecutive years. During his tenure coaching the Lobos, George was named head coach of the United States Ski Team at the World University Games 10 times.

George remains committed to promoting skiing nationally and within New Mexico and has served on numerous committees to help advance the sport over the years. From 2006 to 2023, he served as Executive Director of Ski New Mexico, an organization dedicated to promoting skiing in the state.

In addition to his involvement in skiing, George has undertaken various "summer jobs," including working as a fire fighter and youth soccer referee. He also spent 18 years as owner/manager of a Supercuts franchise in Santa Fe, which was honored as the chain's national franchise of the year in 1985.

George has accumulated numerous honors and awards over the years, including inductions into the Ski New Mexico, New Mexico Tourism and UNM Alumni Letterman's Association halls of fame. Even so, he called being voted into the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame a "tremendous" honor.

"When I was coaching, every year I'd tell my skiers, 'Let's dream a dream and not rest until we make it real," George said. "This feels like a dream come true for me."





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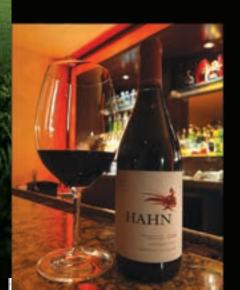
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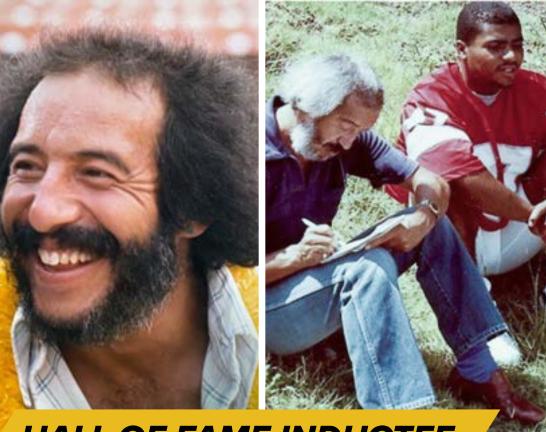


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## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

## FRANK MAESTAS written by Ken Sickenger

Frank Maestas received a firsthand education in New Mexico sports, and he made it count.

A Las Vegas, New Mexico native, Frank grew up in and around athletics. He was a four-sport athlete at his beloved West Las Vegas High School and lettered in football, basketball, baseball, and track – becoming the first to do so at the school.

Those experiences and the knowledge he accumulated from them would serve Frank well as went on to a distinguished career in sports journalism. Frank is best known for his long tenure as a sportswriter for the Albuquerque Journal, where he helped to promote and build high school sports coverage while serving as a pioneer for Hispanics in the profession.

Frank was a three-time New Mexico Sportswriter of the Year (1966, 1968, 1970) and was honored by his alma mater, New Mexico Highlands University, with a special remembrance tribute following his passing in 2006. Frank also received a posthumous "Award of Distinction" from the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame in 2015 for his contributions to New Mexico athletics. The NMSHOF board of directors voted to induct him in 2024.

"My dad wasn't into the accolades, but I think he would have appreciated this," said Frank's son, New Mexico State Representative Antonio "Moe" Maestas. "He would have been most proud to be part of this class, people who've made great contributions to New Mexico sports. Somewhere I think he's smiling right now."

After graduating from New Mexico Highlands with a degree in political science and journalism, Frank took a few years to settle into his career. He spent a year as a sportswriter at the Albuquerque

Journal, a year as sports editor at the Santa Fe New Mexican and taught history for a year at Pojoaque High School.

Frank returned to the Journal in 1962 and would stay there as a sports journalist for the next 28 years. During that time, he covered pretty much everything sports related, including University of New Mexico football, basketball and baseball, Albuquerque Dukes/ Dodgers baseball, and many of the state's top boxing talents such as Bob Foster and a young Johnny Tapia.

Frank had a talent for personality features and became known for his popular "Let's Be Frank" opinion pieces. He was an Associated Press Top-25 voter for college football and basketball, voted annually on the Heisman Trophy and John Wooden Award committees and, in 1983, served as Official NCAA Media Host for national sports journalists during the Final Four in Albuquerque.

But Frank held a deep love and appreciation for high school sports and did his best to promote and increase statewide prep coverage. He built relationships with coaches around the state, encouraged them to call in scores and statistics and pushed the Journal to increase its coverage of high school games and events.

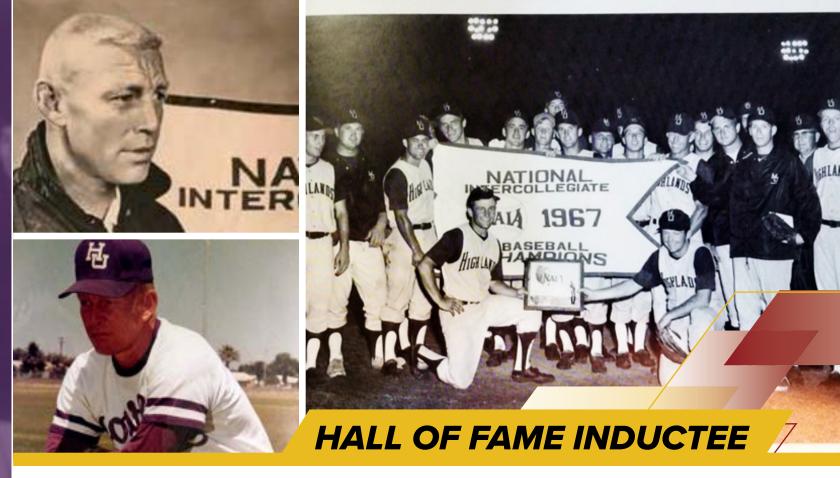
Frank Maestas was also known for his professionalism and his fiery passion for sports. He was often heard prodding young journalists to pick up the pace on deadline: "Hey, we're a morning paper, rookie. Let's go!" But Frank also mentored many of the state's top up-and-coming sports journalists, including some who are still in the business. His impact on New Mexico sports coverage is indelible and will continue for years to come.



## Highlands University Legends Jim Marshall & Frank Maestas NM Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2023

New Mexico Highlands University congratulates the Marshall and Maestas families upon the induction of New Mexico Baseball Legend Jim Marshall and Sports Writing Legend Frank Maestas into the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame.





## JIM **MARSHALL** written by Ken Sickenger

James "Jim" Marshall always considered himself a secondary player during his long career as an athlete and a coach. The numbers suggest otherwise.

Yes, Jim played alongside the likes of NFL stars Gale Sayers and John Hadl. And yes, some of the successful teams he coached included All-Conference and All-American players. But Jim inevitably rose to leadership roles and his teams enjoyed remarkable runs of success.

A Venice Beach, California native, Jim attended high school in Missouri, served in the Navy for four years and then enrolled at Kansas University, where he lettered in both football and baseball for three years. After spending two years coaching at Liberty High School in Missouri, Jim found his calling in New Mexico.

He spent 38 years coaching baseball at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas and College of the Southwest in Hobbs. His teams won 619 games and Jim led NMHU to three appearances in the NAIA semifinals. His Cowboys teams rode to one third-place finish, a runner-up finish, and a national championship in 1967.

Jim enjoyed reflecting on his coaching days at Highlands, but he didn't accept much credit for his program's success, including its 1967 championship run.

"That team had talent," Jim told the Albuquerque Journal in a 2020 interview. "You could have coached that team and won a national title. What I think about more is our two other teams that got to the semifinals. Those teams were good enough to win, too, but we ended up falling short."

Jim, who passed away in 2021 at the age of 86, might easily have earned induction into the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame based

only on his career at New Mexico Highlands. In addition to his 384 victories as a baseball coach, he served as a professor, coached softball, was offensive coordinator for NMHU's football team for several seasons and spent 12 years as athletic director.

But Jim's NMSHOF induction in 2024 was not limited to his 26-year tenure at Highlands. He went on to spend 12 years at College of the Southwest, winning 235 more games as a baseball coach and leading the school to its first regional appearance. Jim also served two years as athletic director and was the driving force behind renovating CSW's baseball facilities.

Jim had high expectations for his students, players and co-workers over the years and was known for a no-nonsense approach. But those who got to know him came away with respect.

"My dad was a hard man but he loved all his players," Jim's son, Jim Bob Marshall, said. "It was a tough love, and his former players are all doing well in the community thanks to that tough love."

Jim did not seek the limelight, a habit developed partly during his time at Kansas. As a linebacker/running back, Jim had occasional carries and receptions helping the Jayhawks to a win in the 1961 Blue Bonnet Bowl. Then future NFL Hall of Famer Sayers arrived.

"After that I got to carry the ball on picture day," Marshall told the Albuquerque Journal. "When I played on offense, it was to block for Gale Sayers."

Still, Jim Bob Marshall believes his father would take pride in joining the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame.

"It was all about the players to him," Jim Bob said, "but, yes, he would be happy."



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## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

### GLOVER GUIN written by Ken Sickenger

Playing defense has always been part of Glover Quin's DNA. Blowing up opposing game plans came naturally, even back in his days as a two-sport standout at North Pike High School in Summit, Mississippi.

Yes, Glover did his part on offense as a football running back (2,552 career rushing yards) and as a guard (assists leader and top offensive player) for the North Pike boys basketball team. But even then, his true calling was defense.

It proved to be a productive mindset. After racking up 224 tackles and 13 interceptions for North Pike's football team and leading the basketball team in steals, Glover went on to outstanding careers at both the collegiate and professional levels.

Football was ultimately Glover's game and he made his mark as a standout defensive back. He earned All-Mountain West status at the University of New Mexico and went on to play 10 outstanding seasons in the National Football League with the Houston Texans and Detroit Lions.

Glover's decorated career came with numerous awards and honors, but he smiled when asked about being inducted into the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame in 2024. It was not on his bingo card.

"I can't say it's a dream come true because I never really dreamed about anything like this," Glover said. "I was just a small-town kid who wanted to keep playing ball. I never knew anything about New Mexico, but I knew UNM wanted me and I'm so glad I ended up coming here. I was proud to represent the state of New Mexico in professional football and I'm very excited to be able to get to this point."

Other than perhaps defensive-minded former University of New Mexico head coach Rocky Long, few could have seen Glover's

remarkable rise through the football ranks coming. After graduating high school, Glover spent two years at Southwest Mississippi Community College. He played in just six games, taking an injury redshirt year for one season after breaking his arm.

Still, Glover did enough to earn honorable mention for the All-Region 23 team and secure a spot in the conference's all-star game. More important, he caught the eye of Long and UNM's coaching staff and was recruited to become a Lobo for the 2006 season.

In three seasons at UNM, Glover established himself as one of the best defensive players in program history. He was All-Mountain West and named team MVP in 2008, joining Brian Urlacher as the only defensive players to earn the latter distinction at UNM. Glover's 31 career pass breakups were a program record and helped the Lobos advance to back-to-back bowl games.

His success continued at the NFL level after the Texans signed him as a fourth-round pick in 2009. Glover played four seasons in Houston and six with the Detroit Lions, racking up outstanding numbers along the way: 760 tackles, four sacks, 85 pass deflections, 24 interceptions, 10 forced fumbles and two defensive touchdowns.

Glover was a Pro-Bowler, a second-team NFL All-Pro and consistently ranked among the league leaders in pass breakups and interceptions. More impressive, he started 162 of 165 games over his career, including the final 148, which was the third-longest active streak when he retired in 2019.

"I tried to approach the NFL the same way I did my career here in the 505," Glover said. "I think my time in New Mexico was great preparation and I'm truly honored to be recognized by the Hall of Fame. This ties me to the state forever and that's a great feeling."

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## CONGRATULATIONS, COACH HAYS!

Lubbock Christian University extends a well-deserved "Congratulations" to Larry Hays for his induction into the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame. The "Hays" name first became a staple around LCU and the LCU Athletic Department when he began as a freshman student in the fall of 1962. Larry attended what was then Lubbock Christian College and was a member of the basketball team while earning an Associate of Arts degree in 1964. He left to complete a bachelor's degree at Eastern New Mexico and returned to help the young college transition from a junior college to a four-year college, serving as head coach of the Chaparrals men's basketball team. In 1972, he reinstated the suspended baseball program, and his coaching reign with the Chaps began his storied journey to becoming an influential ambassador of the sport on the South Plains and beyond.

The Chaps went 695-381-1 under Larry, collecting eight NAIA District titles, two area championships, and a NAIA national title in 1983. Along with his baseball coaching duties, Larry also served as the head coach of the women's basketball program (1982-1983) and athletic director (1979-1986). He was a chairman of the NAIA Baseball Rating Committee and also was instrumental in the NAIA World Series appearing in Lubbock from 1981-1983. Hays Field, the current home of LCU baseball, bares the family name, as his coaching sons Daren and Shanon have also been instrumental in the success of LCU athletics. Shanon won a national title in softball (2008) and Daren has over 300 wins as LCU's baseball coach and 500 wins as LCU's softball coach. Larry continues serving LCU today as an active member of the LCU Board of Trustees. Congratulations, once again, Coach Hays.







# LARRY HAYS

written by Ken Sickenger

It's fair to say that Larry Hays built most of his Hall of Fame resume outside of New Mexico's borders. His long coaching tenure includes hundreds of baseball and softball victories accented by a slew of championships, trophies, and career achievements - all of them amassed in bordering states.

But first and foremost, Larry is a New Mexican. Born in Elida, he grew up, found, and nurtured his love of sports on the state's Eastern Plains. Larry graduated from Dora High School, received his bachelor's and master's degrees at Eastern New Mexico University and parlayed his education to a remarkable coaching career that is still underway.

Larry is currently the head softball coach at Colorado Christian University - a position he accepted in 2018 as a 73-year-old. He has since led the Cougars to more than 250 wins, the program's first two Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference tournament titles and three straight NCAA Division II Regional appearances.

#### Not bad for a second career.

Larry came out of retirement to coach softball at Colorado Christian only after enjoying long stints as a successful baseball coach at Lubbock Christian and Texas Tech. He won 1,509 games combined at the two schools, which ranked among the top 10 in college baseball history when Larry stepped down.

Highlights? Larry led Lubbock Christian to an NAIA National Championship in 1983 and coached Texas Tech to four combined conference titles (Southwest Conference regular-season and tournament in 1995, Big 12 regular-season in 1997 and Big 12 Tournament in 1998).

Oh, and Larry spent six seasons coaching men's basketball and one coaching women's basketball at Lubbock Christian early in his "first" career. He capped things off in 2010 by leading Lubbock Christian softball to a 51-7 record, a conference title, and a third-place finish at NAIA Nationals in his only season at the helm.

His has been a Hall of Fame coaching career by any measure and Larry has the hardware to prove it. In addition to having his number retired at Texas Tech, he's a member of the National College Baseball Hall of Fame (2015), the NAIA Hall of Fame (1991), Texas Baseball Hall of Fame (2001) and the Lubbock Christian University Hall of Fame (1991). The latter renamed its baseball facility Hays Field to honor Larry and his family.

Despite all that, Larry said he was surprised to be inducted into the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame in 2024.

"I never dreamed of an honor like this," he said just prior to coaching Colorado Christian in a softball doubleheader this season. "I'm surprised, humbled and excited. It means a lot. My life was blessed to grow up in Dora, New Mexico, and attend Eastern New Mexico University."

Larry posted a few numbers as an athlete in New Mexico before turning his talents to coaching. He was an all-district basketball player at Dora High and went on to play for the men's teams at Lubbock Christian and ENMU – though it wasn't quite a Hall-of-Fame career.

"I've always liked to say when I was at Eastern, that I averaged 30 a game," Hays joked. "When I said that, people looked at me, and I would say '30 seconds, not 30 points."

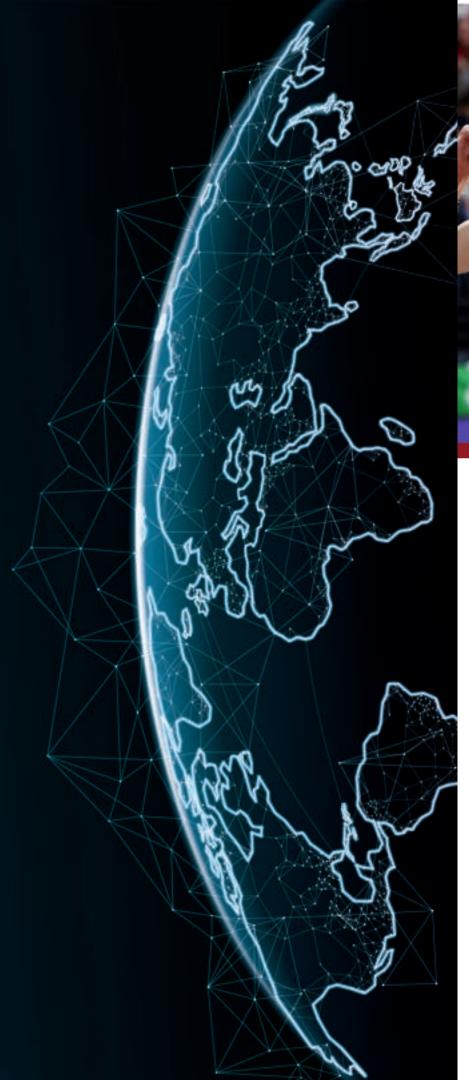
But it's also fair to say the Hays family's coaching roots trace back to Eastern New Mexico - and it's become quite an impressive tree. Larry's sons Daren and Shanon are college softball head coaches, his grandson Hunter is an assistant coach, and his granddaughter Hampton (a former player) is a softball intern at Colorado Christian.

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### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## JOSH KERR



On August 23, 2023, former University of New Mexico (UNM) track star and Great Britain's Josh Kerr produced the shock of the championships so far as he stormed to gold in the men's 1500 meter race at the 2023 World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

From Edinburg, Scotland to Lobo land in Albuquerque Josh Kerr has come a long way most of it on foot running. Josh Kerr was born on October 8, 1997, in Edinburg, Scotland. He began running with the Edinburg Athletics Club at the age of 8. At age 16, UNM offered him a full ride scholarship at UNM. The summer before he started college, Josh won gold in the 1500m at the 2015 European Athletics Junior Championships.

While at the University of New Mexico, Josh won three NCAA titles and set the collegiate record in the 1500m. In March 2017, he won his first national title in the indoor mile. In June 2017 he won a second national title winning the outdoor 1500m, becoming the first man since 2008 to win both indoor mile and the outdoor 1500 m titles in the same year. In March of 2018 he won another national title in the indoor mile. Kerr turned professional in June 2018 foregoing his senior year.

Josh won a spot on the British team at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, which was rescheduled to 2021 because of Covid. Josh won a bronze medal in the Summer Olympics with a personal best of 3:29-05. In 2022 Kerr set a European record in the indoor mile.

He ended the year ranked third in the World Athletics Rankings. Sportscotland named Josh the Scottish Sportsperson of the Year for 2023. Josh will be one of the favorites in the 1500 meters race at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, France.



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## CHASE EALEY-JACKSON



Chase Ealey-Jackson won the gold medal at the 2022 and 2023 World Athletics Championships in women's shot put in Budapest, Hungary. Chase is the first American woman to win a shot-put world title at the World Athletics Championships.

Competing for Los Alamos High School, Ealey was not just a shot putter in 2012: she won first place in the New Mexico 4A Girl's Track & Field Championships in the Shot Put, Javelin Throw and the 100-meter dash.

In 2011 she placed first in the 4A State Meet in the Shot Put and 100-meter dash. As a sophomore in 2010, she placed second in these two events, narrowly beating her older sister. As a freshman in 2009, she placed second in the Shot Put and first in 100-meters dash.

Chase currently holds the indoor and outdoor program records in Shot Put at Oklahoma State University where she attended. She finished her Cowgirl career as a three time All-American and 12 time All-Big 12 Honoree in addition to her runner up finish at the 2016 NCAA Outdoor Championships in the Shot Put.

Chase married Mitchell Jackson on January 20, 2024 at Kilworth House Hotel, Lutterworth Leicestershire, England.

Chase Ealey is leaving her mark in the track and field world. She will be one of the favorites for a gold medal at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, France.

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#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## HABTOM SAMUEL



Habtom Samuel is from Keren, Eritrea. Habtom had an outstanding freshman year running cross country for the University of New Mexico in 2023. He was the runner-up at the 2023 NCAA Division I Cross Country Championship.

Habtom earned All-America honors for the 2023 NCAA Division I Cross Country season the U.S. Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

He was the USTFCCCA Mountain Region Athlete of the Year. Habtom won the Mountain West Conference (MWC) Cross Country Championship in 2023. He was the MWC Athlee of the Year.

Won the Roy Griak Invitational Gold Men's 8K in his collegiate debut, beating the rest of the field by 24 seconds (23:36.4) for the fastest time by a Roy Griak Invite finisher since 2011 and second-fastest all-time. He earned MWC Freshman & Athlete of the Week twice and NCAA Athlete of the Week once.

Habtom led the Lobos men to a MW Championship and third-place finish at Mountain Regionals.

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#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## BRIAN MENDOZA



Brian Mendoza scored a stunning come-from-behind, seventh-round knockout victory to shock the undefeated, Sebastian Fundora to win the WBC Interim Light Middleweight World Title. As a result, his record was 22-2 with 16 knockouts.

After having little success for the first six rounds, the 11-to-1 underdog, Mendoza hit Fundora with a left hook. When a stunned Fundora momentarily bent, Mendoza followed up by connecting with a clubbing right and left hook.

Fundora fell to the canvas and could not muster up the strength to stand back up as referee Ray Corona counted to ten. A disappointed Fundora shook his head as an ecstatic Mendoza fell to his knees and pounded the canvas in celebration. The fight was called off 39 seconds into the seventh round.

Mendoza turned pro in 2014 and currently trains with legendary Cuban boxing trainer Ismael Salas in Las Vegas, Nevada.



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### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## MITCH GARVER



From Albuquerque Public Schools Male Athletic of the year in 2009 to Major League World Series Champion in 2023 is quite a ride but one Mitch Garver has gracefully taken. In 2013 Garver was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the ninth round. In 2022, he joined the Texas Rangers.

Mitch had 12 hits, 3 home runs, 14 RBIS and 8 runs scored in 14 playoff games in 2003 in helping the Texas Rangers win the World Series. It was Mitch's first World Series championship. He had grand slam against the Baltimore Orioles in the American League Divisional Series and a solo home run in the World Series.

Mitch was one of the five male senior student-athletes honored at the 2009 New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

Mitch was born and raised in Albuquerque and attended La Cueva High School and the University of New Mexico. In high school Garver was both an outstanding soccer player as well as baseball star. As a junior in 2008, he helped the soccer and baseball teams win state championships. As a senior he was first team all-state all-district and all-metro, he also earned honorable mention All-American honors in 2009.

Mitch Garver had and outstanding career at the University of New Mexico, he is considered to be one of the greatest Lobos of all time. He was Mountain West Conference Co-Player of the year and one of three Johnny Bench Award finalists twice. He is UNM baseball team's all-time Iron Man by starting 181 straight games. In addition to his Steller performance on the field he earned Academic All-Mountain West four straight years, becoming one of only three players in program history to accomplish that.

Mitch Garver is married his high school sweetheart, Sarah. Sarah earned a veterinarian degree from Oregon State. They have one daughter.



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## ALBUQUERQUE ISOTOPES

The Albuquerque Isotopes have been honored as the 2023 Bob Freitas (pronounced FREE-tus) award winner for best overall Triple-A organization in Minor League Baseball, announced today by Baseball America, the industry's leading publication. Albuquerque also won the coveted award in 2007.

The annual accolade is named after longtime MiLB ambassador Bob Freitas, who passed away in 1989, the same year the award debuted, and given out to honor franchises which display sustained eminence across the entirety of the organization's business and gameday operation. The award recognizes overall franchise excellence, community engagement, and long-term success as a business operation.

For the first time in team history, the Isotopes led the Pacific Coast League in total attendance with a cumulative tally of 521,521 fans during the 2023 season. Albuquerque also finished with the fifth-highest attendance in all of MiLB. Additionally, the club led the PCL in average attendance with 7,048 fans per game.

"We are humbled and grateful to be recognized with this prestigious award for the second time in franchise history," Albuquerque Isotopes General Manager John Traub said. "It is a testament to our entire organization, from our gameday staff to the dedicated and talented front office employees who take great pride in their roles to provide the best fan experience and make a long-lasting, integral impact in the Albuquerque community." A big milestone was reached on September 23rd at Isotopes Park as the Isotopes played against the Oklahoma City Dodgers. They've had over 11 million fans attend their games since the team threw their first pitch back in 2003. One lucky fan, Jaiden Allen, was at the field Saturday, attending his second game ever.

In the community, among many other volunteer efforts, the lsotopes hosted three baseball clinics, including an adaptive skills clinic for kids with special abilities, while lsotopes front office staff has accumulated over 200 hundred combined hours of community service.

The staff and fans also helped raise over \$5,000 for the Maui Human Society after the devastating fire on the island. Isotopes players got involved in the Albuquerque community as well, volunteering at the New Mexico Academy of Rock and Blues and Roadrunner Food Bank, plus other events. Non-profit organizations once again earned more than \$400,000 cumulatively from their efforts volunteering in the concessions stands in 2023.

Albuquerque was also named, for the third time in the last five seasons, MiLB's 2023 Copa de la Diversión Campeón, presented by Nationwide, for the popular Mariachis de Nuevo México brand, a MiLB initiative to embrace the culture and values that resonate most with MiLB team's local U.S. Hispanic communities.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

### **NM STATE CHEER TEAM** NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Once again, the Aggie cheer squad finds itself at the top. Under the leadership of Jessica Covington and Karah Tooley, the NM State cheer team earned three national championships in 2023.

NM State Cheer added to its trophy case as they brought home two first-place finishes and a second-place finish at the 2023 USA Collegiate Championships in Anaheim, Calif.

The Aggie squad claimed the top spot in the 4-year College Mascot competition after posting an average score of 91. They also earned a first-place distinction in the 4-year College Show Cheer Large Coed Intermediate competition thanks to an average score of 90. Additionally, NM State rounded out its weekend by averaging a 91 to secure a second-place finish in the 4-Year College Show Cheer Large Coed Advanced.

Year in and year out, the Aggie cheer team continues to proudly represent the Aggies at various events, including men's and women's basketball games, home football games and home volleyball games among a number of other university functions while showcasing their skills at national cheerleading competitions throughout the year.





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Jalyn was a four-year letter at Cibola High School Softball. In 2023, Jalyn was the MaxPrep's New Mexico Softball Player of the Year. She broke the state single season home run record with 20.

Jalyn was named 1st Team All-District, 1st Team All-Metro, and 1st Team All-State as a shortstop.

She batted .570 with 49 hits and 64 RBIs. She led the Cougars to 22-7 record and state quarterfinal's appearance.

Jalyn was named to the 2nd Team All-State as a shortstop in 2022.



#### **Mariah Duran**

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## MAKAYLA MUNOZ



Makayla Munoz is the only four-time state champion in the sport of girls wrestling in the state of New Mexico. Makayla wrestled for Aztec High School where she had a record of 126-1.

Makayla captured 2023 state girls' wrestling title, beating Bianca Arundale-Maestas of Sandia for the Class 4A title at 145 pounds.

"I think what she's done, and what so many others have done for girls wrestling in the state is something we're going to be talking about for a long time," said former Aztec wrestling coach and 2021 New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame Inductee, Herb Stinson. "The sport has grown so much in the state and across the region, and what she's done has been a big part of that."

Makayla recently added to her legacy when she finished eighth in her age and weight class at the National Wrestling Championships in Spokane, Washington.

Makayla was the recipient of the Tricia Saunders High School Excellence Award in the state of New Mexico. The award recognizes and celebrates the nation's most outstanding high school senior female wrestlers for their excellence in wrestling, scholastic achievement, citizenship, and community service. Makayla became the second straight Aztec High School wrestler to receive the honor from the state of New Mexico.

Her accomplishments on the Aztec High School wrestling team in 2022-2023 led to her being named as prep athlete of the year by the staff of the Tri-City Record.

Makayla was a member of the National Honor Society with a cumulative 3.6 GPA.

Makayla headed Oklahoma City University to be part of the women's wrestling program.

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## SAVANNAH SANCHEZ

Savanah Sanchez finished her high school soccer career having broken the state record for goals by scoring 170 in just 81 games. Savannah led the state in goals (46) and points (105) during her senior year, while leading the Hope Christian Huskies to their third consecutive 4A State Championship.

Savannah and the Huskies were dominant during those state championship seasons, outscoring the opposition 427-28. Savannah contributed a goal or assist on about half of those goals during the three-year run. Sanchez also continued to score in the most important games, including two goals and one assist in the 2023 State Championship game and two goals and two assists in the 2022 State Championship game.

Savannah was named to the All-American team by United Soccer Coaches. She was the only player from New Mexico to play in the High School All-American match in Charleston, South Carolina.

Savannah was named to the First Team 4A Girls' Soccer All-State Team as a Forward/Stryker for the second year in a row. Savannah received about every other award a New Mexico soccer player can receive, including being named to the United Soccer Coaches All-Region Team in 2022 and 2023, being 1st-team NMAA All-State and All-District four years in a row, being named to the Albuquerque Journal's All-Metro Team in 2021, 2022, and 2023, and being named the State Championship Player of the Game in 2022 and 2023.

Beyond her exceptional soccer skills, Sanchez also made the Academic All-District Team in 2022 and 2023 and won two Lighthouse Awards from Hope Christian School for characteristics including character, integrity, a strong workethic, perseverance, and joy.

Savannah was a team captain as a senior and a team leader throughout for her relentless work-ethic and her deep commitment to her team and teammates.

For all of Savannah's individual success, she took pleasure in assisting her teammates and making them better. Many opponents through the years commented on Savannah's class and encouragement as a competitor. She has been an incredible example to her younger teammates and an incredible representative for Hope Christian School and its girls' soccer program both on and off the field.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## GIANNA RAHMER

Gianna Rahmer, an eighth grader at Hoover Middle School competed on the Eldorado High School Cross-Country team. Gianna had an extraordinary 2023 cross-country season. She won the Albuquerque Metro Championships in October.

Gianna won the Class 5A state girls' cross-country title. While covering the course with a time of 16:58.01, she won the girls 5A race by over two minutes and shattered the course record. Gianna won all six meets during her first cross country season in New Mexico.

Just a week later, she went on to win the Nike Cross Country Regionals Southwest, running 17:00.58. She triumphed over Colorado state champions Isabel Allori, and eventual Nike Cross Country National Champion Addison Ritzenhein to become the first eighth grader to ever win the event. Gianna had a great showing, placing sixth at the Nike Cross Nationals in Oregon in early December.

Impressively enough, that was the only race she did not break the tape first in the 2023 cross-country season.

Her 16:58.01 held at a New Mexico No. 1 mark, as well as an overall season U.S. No. 26. At just 14 years old, she is the youngest girl in the country to dip under 17 minutes this season.

Gianna sits at No. 2 all-time for her class, right behind Amaris Tyynismaa who was the only other eighth grader to ever break 17 minutes, clocking 16:57.00 at Foot Locker in 2014.

"I think she's going to be the greatest New Mexico athlete," Eldorado cross country/track and field coach Chokri Dhaouadi said.

Someday, we may see Giahna in the Summer Olympics!







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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## **NM STATE FOOTBALL** SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2023, the Aggies pieced together one of its greatest seasons in program history – finishing with a 10-5 overall record and 6-1 record in Conference USA play to earn a spot in the CUSA title game.

Coming off one of the most successful seasons in program history in which they claimed a victory in the 2022 Quick Lane Bowl, the Aggies entered the 2023 season with lofty expectations while also preparing to participate in its first season as a member of a conference since the 2017 season.

After falling in the season opener to UMass, NM State bounced back to take care of business against FCS opponent Western Illinois – racking up 650 yards of total offense on its way to securing its first win of the season. Against the Leathernecks, seven different Aggies reached the end zone.

Following a loss, the Aggies were able to return to .500 as they used a standout performance from Albuquerque native, Diego Pavia, to take down rival New Mexico, 27-17, on the road. NM State then took the long journey to Hawai'i where they stumbled and collected its third loss just five games into the season. Like last year when the Aggies earned bowl eligibility after starting the season with a 1-5 record, the 2023 Aggies also overcame their slow start as they would follow the Hawai'i loss with a stretch of 69 days without suffering defeat.

The strong play also coincided with the bulk of the Aggies' conference schedule as they rattled off six consecutive victories over CUSA opponents, beginning with a dominant 34-17 home victory over FIU before taking down Sam Houston, 27-13, in Aggie Memorial Stadium to move to 5-3 on the season.

NM State then accomplished something it had not done since 1923 as they defeated UTEP on the road to mark the first time in 100 years that the Aggies earned road victories over both the Miners and Lobos in the same season as the Aggies defeated UTEP 28-7 to notch their largest road victory in the Battle of I-10 since 1961.

Following a road win over LA Tech, NM State next returned to Las Cruces for a Homecoming contest versus Middle Tennessee. The Aggies would lean on their defensive unit which allowed just seven points for the second time in three weeks to pick up a grind-it-out 13-7 win over the Blue Raiders. The victory also secured the Aggies' seventh win of the season and bowl eligibility for the second time during the Jerry Kill era.

The Aggies then switched gears as they went on the road and earned a come-from-behind victory over Western Kentucky to clinch a spot in the CUSA Championship game. The win also gave the Aggies their sixth consecutive win – a mark they had not reached since the undefeated 1960 season.

NM State then took full advantage of the momentum it had created as it went into historic Jordan-Hare Stadium and earned a triumphant 31-10 win over Auburn to tally the program's first win over an SEC program. In the contest, NM State dominated the Tigers, outgaining them 414-213 in total yards, including rushing for 213 yards while holding Auburn to just 65 rushing yards.

Jerry Kill and the Aggies then returned home for the regular season finale in which they used a game-winning kick from senior Ethan Albertson to take down Jax State and secure their 10th win of the season. This signified just the second time in program history that the Aggies posted 10 or more wins.



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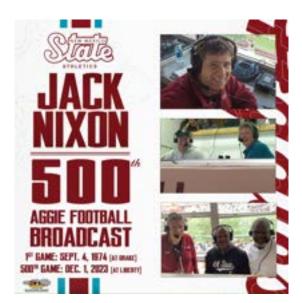


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In his 49 years as the "Voice of the Aggies", the Omaha, Neb., native has been named the N.M.S.A. National Sportscaster of the Year for New Mexico and was inducted into both the NMSU U.S. Bank and New Mexico Broadcasters Halls of Fame. He has also been named the NMBA Sportscaster of the Year seven times and has developed a reputation that resonates at the local, state and national level.

Nixon, a 1972 graduate of the University of Kansas moved to Las Cruces in 1976 after four other stops at small radio stations. Over the course of the 500 broadcasts, Nixon worked in five different Division I conferences and did play-by-play for the first game in the "new" Aggie Memorial Stadium in 1978 after working the first two years in the original Aggie Memorial.

In that span, he did the play-by-play of three bowl games and broadcast Aggie action from Honolulu to West Point and Gainesville, Fla., to Eugene, Ore. In 2016, he received the city of Las Cruces "Distinguished Citizen Award" and has been a volunteer at the Mesilla Valley Hospice for the past 16 years.













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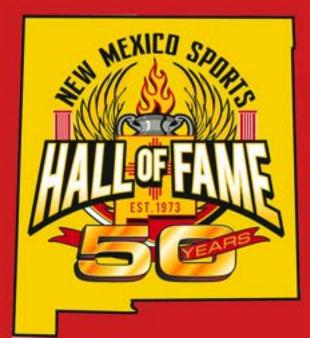
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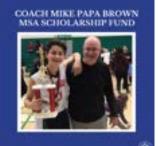
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#### **RAISING MONEY FOR THE FOLLOWING**









1973





Tony Wilson



Nancy Need



Abbie Paiz





Bob Foster



1974

Paul Parenti

1975



Don Perkins



Pete McDavid





Cathy Carr





Ralph Bowyer



Adolph Plummer

1976



Al Unser Sr.



Tow Diehm



John Baker





Hugh Hackett



Tommy McDonald





John Dolzadelli















#### 1981



Bob King

1983

#### 1987







**Bobby Santiago** 



Charlie Renfro



1934 UNM Football Team

1984



Toby Roybal

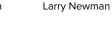


1989



Ben Abruzzo











Owen Smaulding



Ira Harge



1985

Dick McGuire

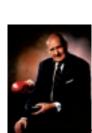


**Clarence Robinson** 









Bill Brannin



Bill Gentry



Carlos Salazar











Rusty Mitchell







Michael Cooper

Jack Rushing

1996



Tony Valdez



Robin Cole



1992

**Guyton Hayes** 

1993



Ron Nelson



Don Flanagan



Sid Cutter

1997

Cowboy Jimmy Moore

1998



Bill Weeks



George Maloof



Mike Roberts



**Rosemary Thompson** 







The Henry's

1999

2000



Tom Jager



Vince Cappelli



Mickey Miller

1995



Al Unser Jr.



Rudy Cordova



Petie Gibson





Don Woods



Jim Evertt

Dave Barney



**Hickem Galles** 

Kent Bostic



**Ray Etherly** 





**Rosie Jones** Dana Miller-Mackey



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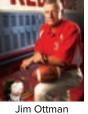
#### 2001

















2006

2007



Kathy Whitworth



Val Boyer-Wells



2002

Terry Landrum

2003



Stan Quintana



Linda Estes



Nancy Lopez





Buddy Robertson Susan Vigil-MacEachen



**Connie Alexander** 



Sally Marquez











Charley Johnson







Henry Sanchez













Paul Smith

2005





Sheila Burrell



Bobby Gibbs

Lou Henson

Ralph Tasker



**Curtis Williams** 



**Chainey Umphrey** 





2010



Jim Ciccarello





Rocky Long









2011



2012





John Lomansey



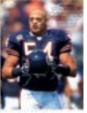




2015



Luc Longley



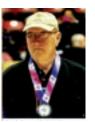
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Kenny Thomas









Marv Sanders









Mike Smith



Henry & Gary Sanchez



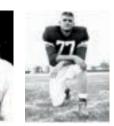
Vicente Arroyo





2014

Ralph Kiner



**Ralph Neely** 



Adam Kedge Charmayne James Garritano



2016



Danny Granger



Jim Johns



Marv Levy



Pete Shock

Trent Dimas



George Young



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### 2017





**Ronald Maestas** 



John Wooten



Chuck Aragon



Susan Craig



2019



Roy Gerela

Charlie Cowan



Jim Murphy

Allen Branch



٧R Nick Pino



Danny Romero



Holly Holm



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### 2021







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1994 GREATER ALBUQUERQUE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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1996 DON FLANAGAN

1997 DR. JAMES BRADLEY

1998 PAT MCKERNAN

1999 BOBBY GIBBS 2000 SHEILA BURRELL ELVA DRYER JACKIE LANCE HEATHER MOODY FALILAT OGUNKOYA

2001 BACKING ALBUQUERQUE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

> 2002 SHEILA BURRELL TOMMY LONG

2003 JIM JOHNSON

2004 SHEILA BURRELL

2007 DOUG ZEMBIEC

2008 LARRY WATERS

2009 ABE ESTRADA

2010 ALEX BREGMAN STATE SENATOR MICHAEL S. SANCHEZ

> 2011 GENE PINO KENDRA STERN

2012 JOHNNY TAPIA

2013 HENRY TAFOYA

2014 SCOTT GRADY

CINDY ROYBAL

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**1973** CATHY CARR BOB FOSTER AL UNSER SR.

1974 DON WOODS

1975 JANET ELY BOB BERG

1976 JESSE CASTENEDA

1977 VAL BOYER CHUCK WALTER

### 1978

DARLENE ANAYA MIKE WILLIAMS

1979 DIANA SILVA JOHN WHITSON

1980 KATHRIN KEILL

1981 STEVE JENNINGS

1982 JOHN JACKSON ALEXANDRA REINHARDT

| 1983 | W.D. "BILL" BRANNIN MIKE WINTERS LAURIE HEGEDOM 1984 JIM EVERETT ROSIE JONES

1985 TERRY LANDRUM AL UNSER JR. CLAUDIA SCHLEYER

### 1986

CHAD FOX JOHNNY BROWN CAROLINE KEGGI

1987 CAROLINE KEGGI IBRAHIM HUSSEIN

### 1988 LAUREL KESSEL LANCE RINGNALD GARY KINTER

1989 SHEILA BURRELL TERRANCE MATHIS

### 1990

MARIA GURRERI PAULINE MANSER ROSEMARY THOMPSON AL UNSER JR.

2991 PAULINE MANSER DANA MILLER-MACKIE LUC LONGLEY

LANCE LITTLE

### 1992

LISA ESCOBEDO SHELLY STEELY TRENT DIMAS TOM JAGER AL UNSER JR.

### 1993

MELISSA MOORE MIKE NESBITT

### 1994

TERRANCE MATHIS (PRO) STONEY CASE JANET TRUJILLO GREG BROWN

> 1995 WINSLOW OLIVER OLGA APOELL

### 1996

JOHN WETTELAND (PRO) TRAVIS YOUNG BOBBY NEWCOMBE TAMIKA STUKES LESLIE HAMMOND DARRINGTON HOBSON

### 1997

PAUL KONERKO (PRO) GRAHAM LEIGH

### 1998

LUC LONGLEY (PRO) A.J. HERRERA ABB GARCHECK ANDREA GOLDBERG

### 1999

BRIAN URLACHER KATIE KERN NOTAH BEGAY

### 2000

BRIAN URLACHER GRACE GALAGAN MIKE MOHORIC

### 2001

BRIAN URLACHER (PRO) DONITA HARMON JARROD BAXTER ERIK HINTERBICHLER

### 2002

BRENDAN DONNELLY (PRO) DONTRELL MOORE NATASHA LEE

### 2003

KENNY THOMAS JASON LENZMEIER JORDAN ADAMS DONTRELL MOORE

### 2004

MATT GONZALES JEFF ROWLAND CHRIS WILLIAMS JENNIFER DELICH ELVA DRYER

### 2005

JEFF ROWLAND DANNY GRANGER JORDAN PACHECO HOLLY HOLM

### NEW MEXICO SPORTS HALL OF FAME **ATHLETES OF THE YEAR**

### 2006

BRIAN URLACHER (PRO) ALAN BRANCH MATT TEBO DONNIE MARSH

### 2007

ALEX DARLING MARLIN HEMMINGSON CURTIS BEACH JOHN SULLIVAN

### 2008

DANNY GRANGER (PRO) JENNIE FAIRCHILD KATIE CORONADO JOEY HAGERTY

### 2009

JODY EWERT SAVANNAH WHITAKER CURTIS BEACH RONNIE DANIELS

### 2010

ARIAN FOSTER (PRO) JULIE FOSTER ANIKA NEWELL RONNIE DANIELS LEE EMANUEL

### 2011

SARAH HATTIS ASHLEY WILLIAMS COLE GAUTSCHE LUIS MARTINEZ BLAKE SWIHART

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### 2012

CHRIS WILLIAMS (PRO) LANDRY JONES (COLLEGE) JARRIN SOLOMON (COLLEGE) SHELBY PENDLEY (COLLEGE) BRYCE ALFORD (HS) MADISON BRIDGES (HS)

### 2013

MATT MOORE (PRO) ALEX BREGMAN (COLLEGE) CHANTALE RIDDLE (COLLEGE) KOERY WINDHAM (HS) ANIKA APOSTALON (HS)

### 2014

KENNY GILES (PRO) CURTIS BEACH (COLLEGE) CHANTALE RIDDLE (COLLEGE) ZACH GENTRY (HS) ALEXA ROMANO (HS) ALEX BREGMAN (AMATEUR)

### 2015

HOLLY HOLM (PRO) SHELBY PENDLEY (COLLEGE) C.J. MAESTAS (COLLEGE) MARCUS WILLIAMS (HS) LAUREN WILMERT (HS)

### 2016

ALEX BREGMAN (PRO) COURTNEY FRERICHS (COLLEGE) DAKOTA COX (COLLEGE) DAVID CORMIER (HS) DREW ORTIZ (HS) JOCELYN FERNANDEZ (HS)

### 2017

EDNAH KURGAT (COLLEGE) JOSH KERR (COLLEGE) AMANDA MAYORAL (HS) JORDAN BRYD (HS)

### 2018

BRIE MORTENSEN JONAH VIGIL

### 2019

WEINI KELATI (COLLEGE) NICK GONZALES (COLLEGE) CARMEN CORLEY (HS) CONNOR O'TOOLE (HS) DONTRELL MOORE

### NEW MEXICO SPORTS HALL OF FAME COACHES OF THE YEAR

1984 GARY COLSON

University of New Mexico Basketball Coach

1985 VINCE CAPELLI University of New Mexico Baseball Coach

1986 DAVID BRUMMELL

Manzano High School Football Coach

### 1987

TERRY COLLINS Albuquerque Dukes Baseball Coach

1988

BLASE CZERNIAKOWSKI University of New Mexico Volleyball Coach

1989

MARK HENRY Highland High School Football Coach

### 1990

LAUREL BRASSEY University of New Mexico Volleyball Coach

MIKE BROWN Albuquerque Academy Basketball Coach

### 1991

TIM CASS University of New Mexico Tennis Coach

FRANK "GUS" BROCK Menaul School Football Coach

### 1992

GEORGE BROOKS Univerisity of New Mexico Ski Coach

**DON FLANAGAN** Eldorado High School Girls' Basketball Coach

1993

DENNIS FRANCHIONE University of New Mexico Football Coach

1994

SARAH HINDI University of New Mexico Women's Golf Coach

1995

MATT HENRY La Cueva High School Cross Country Coach 1996 DAVE BLISS University of New Mexico Basketball Coach

**1997 JORGE TRISTANI** St. Pius X High School Boy's Soccer Coach

1998 JACKIE BOOTH University of New Mexico Women's Basketball Coach VINCE COLLINS Valley High School Football Coach

1999 JIM JOHNS Eldorado High School Baseball Coach

2000 RICH ALDAY University of New Mexico Baseball Coach

2001 VLADI STANOJEVIC Eldorado High School Boys' Soccer Coach

STEVE BENOIT Eldorado High School Girls' Soccer Coach

2002 JEREMY FISHBEIN University of New Mexico Men's Soccer Coach

2003 DON FLANAGAN University of New Mexico Women's Basketball Coach

2004 JEREMY FISHBEIN University of New Mexico Men's Soccer Coach

GEORGE BROOKS University of New Mexico Ski Coach

STAN MCKEEVER La Cueva High School Baseball Coach FRED ROMERO

La Cueva High School Football Coach

2005 JEREMY FISHBEIN University of New Mexico Men's Soccer Coach TOMMY SMITH

Sandia Prep Boys' Soccer Coach

### 2006

ADAM KEDGE Albuquerque Academy Cross Country & Track Coach

> CHARLIE DOTSON Eldorado High School Wrestling Coach

**GREG BROWN** Manzano High School Boys' Basketball Coach

2007

**JIM CICCARELLO** La Cueva High School Girls' Track

### 2008

**GENE VICTOR** Cibola High School Softball Coach

### 2009 KENNY HENRY

Cibola High School Cross Country Coach

**FRED ROMERO** La Cueva High School Football Coach

2010 STEVE ALFORD University of New Mexico Basketball Coach

2011 KIRK POTTER Cleveland High School Football Coach

2012 JOE FRANKLIN University of New Mexico Women's Cross Country Coach

**RON GEYER** St. Pius X High School Boys' Basketball Coach

### 2013

**ELENA LOVATO** Trinity Valley Community Junior College

**KEVIN WERTH** Piedra Vista High School Volleyball Coach

### 2014

JOE FRANKLIN University of New Mexico Women's Cross Country & Track Coach

**DAVID HOWES** Rio Rancho High School Football Coach

### 2015

JOE FRANKLIN University of New Mexico Women's Cross Country Coach

> HEATH RIDENOUR Cleveland High School Football Coach

### 2016

**BOB DAVIE** University of New Mexico Football Coach

**DAVID HOWES** Rio Rancho High School Football Coach

### 2017

JOE FRANKLIN University of New Mexico Women's Cross Country Coach

> **CHAD ADCOX** Manzano High School Football Coach

**DICK JOHNSON** La Cueva High School Tennis Coach

DICKIE ROYBAL Melrose High School

### 2018

JOE FRANKLIN University of New Mexico Women's Cross Country Coach

> BRANDON BACK La Cueva High School Tennis Coach

### 2019

JOE FRANKLIN University of New Mexico Women's Cross Country Coach

MANNY OTERO West Mesa High School Girls' Basketball Coach

### 2021

MISTY LONG Artesia High School Softball Coach

### 2022

**GREG BROWN** Volcano Vista High School Boys' Basketball Coach

LISA VILLARREAL Volcano Vista High School Girls' Basketball Coach

# NEW MEXICO SPORTS HALL OF FAME **TEAM OF THE YEAR**

1975 DUKE CITY DASHERS Coach John Haaland

1977 AARDVARKS RUGBY TEAM Marty Watts, Player/Head Coach National Champions

1980

ALBUQUERQUE DUKES Del Crandall, Manager Pat McKernan, General Manager AAA Pacific Coast League Champions

ELDORADO HS FOOTBALL TEAM Jerry Hall, Head Coach 4A State Champions

ST. PIUS X HS BASKETBALL TEAM Bill Duffy, Head Coach 3A State Champions

1981

ELDORADO HS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM Don Flanigan, Manager 4A State Champions

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1984 ALBUQUERQUE ROADRUNNER LITTLE LEAGUE GIRLS' SOFTBALL Joy Wymer, Manager National Champions Champions

1985 ST. PIUS X HS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM Bill Duffy, Head Coach 3A State Champions

1986 HIGHLAND HS FOOTBALL TEAM Bill Gentry, Head Coach 4A State Champions

1987 ELDORADO HS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM Don Flanigan, Head Coach 4A State Champions

1988 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO VOLLEYBALL TEAM Blase Czerniakowski, Head Coach High Country Conference Champions

WEST MESA HS VOLLEYBALL TEAM Charlie Guess, Head Coach 4A State Champions

1989 HIGHLAND HS FOOTBALL TEAM Mark Henry, Head Coach 4A State Champions

LA CUEVA HS BASKETBALL TEAM Frank Castillo, Head Coach 4A State Champions

1990

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO VOLLEYBALL TEAM Laurel Brassey, Head Coach NCAA Tournament Qualifier

1991

MENAUL HS FOOTBALL TEAM Gus Brock, Head Coach 2A State Champions

WEST MESA HS VOLLEYBALL TEAM Charlie Guess, Head Coach 4A State Champions

1992

LA CUEVA HS FOOTBALL TEAM Ron Warren, Head Coach 4A State Champions

1993 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO MEN'S TENNIS TEAM Tim Cass, Head Coach Western Athletic Conference Champions

1994 ALBUQUERQUE DUKES Rick Dempsey, Manager Pat McKernan, General Manager AAA Pacific Coast League Champions

> 1995 ALBUQUERQUE HS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM Jim Hulsman, Head Coach 4A State Champions

LA CUEVA HS GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM Enrique Serrano, Head Coach 4A State Champions

1996 VALLEY HS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM Jerald Snider, Head Coach 4A State Champions

1997 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO FOOTBALL TEAM Dennis Franchione, Head Coach Inside.com Bowl Participant

1998 UNIVERISTY OF NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM Don Flanigan, Head Coach

Westen Athletic Conference Champions 1999 ELDORADO HS BASEBALL TEAM

Jim Johns, Head Coach 4A State Champions ST. PIUS X HS FOOTBALL TEAM

San Juan Mendoza, Head Coach 3A State Champions

2000 DEL NORTE HS WRESTLING TEAM Charlie Dotson, Head Coach 5A State Champions

2001 ELDORADO HS BOYS' SOCCER TEAM Vladi Stanojevic, Head Coach 5A State Champions

**ELDORADO HS GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM** Steve Benot, Head Coach 5A State Champions

> 2002 HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM Jim Murphy, Head Coach 2A State Champions

2003 LA CUEVA HS FOOTBALL TEAM Fred Romero, Head Coach 5A State Champions

LA CUEVA HS BASEBALL TEAM Stan McKeever, Head Coach 5A State Champions

2004 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SKI TEAM George Brooks, Head Coach NCAA National Champions

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO MEN'S SOCCER TEAM Jeremy Fishbein, Head Coach Mountain Pacific Conference Champions

LA CUEVA HS BASEBALL TEAM Stan McKeever, Head Coach 5A State Champions

LA CUEVA HS FOOTBALL TEAM Fred Romero, Head Coach 5A State Champions

2005 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Jeremy Fishbein, Head Coach NCAA National Championship Runner-Ups

SANDIA PREP BOYS' SOCCER TEAM Tommy Smith, Head Coach 1A–3A State Champions

2006 ALBUQUERQUE THUNDERBIRDS BASKETBALL TEAM Michael Cooper, Head Coach NBA "D" League Champions

MANZANO HS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM Greg Brown, Head Coach 5A State Champions

> 2007 LA CUEVA HS GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD TEAM Jim Ciccarello, Head Coach 5A State Champions

2008

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO MEN'S TENNIS TEAM Alan Dils, Head Coach Mountain West Conference Champions

MORIARTY HS VOLLEYBALL TEAM Kim Bell, Head Coach 4A State Champions

2009 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO MEN'S TENNIS TEAM Alan Dils, Head Coach Mountain West Conference Champions

ALBUQUERQUE ACADEMY TRACK&FIELD/ CROSS COUNTRY TEANS Adam Kedge, Head Coach 4A State Champions

2010 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM Steve Alford, Head Coach Mountain West Conference Champions

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Joe Franklin, Head Coach

5th Place NCAA National Championships

2011 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO MEN'S SOCCER TEAM Jeremy Fishbein, Head Coach 3rd Round Finish NCAA National Tournament

CLEVELAN HS FOOTBALL TEAM Kirk Potter, Head Coach 5A State Championships

2012 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Joe Franklin, Head Coach 10th Place NCAA National Championships CLEVELAND HS TRACK&FIELD/

CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS Kenny Henry, Head Coach 5A State Championships

EASTDALE LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM Reno Sanchez, Head Coach World Series Championships

2013 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Jeremy Fishbein, Head Coach NCAA Final Four & Conference **USA** Champions **ELDORADO HS GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM** Paul Maestas, Head Coach

5A State Championships

### 2014 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Joe Franklin, Head Coach 3rd Place NCAA National Championships

**RIO RANCHO HS FOOTBALL TEAM** David Howes, Head Coach 6A State Championships

2015

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Joe Franklin, Head Coach NCAA National Champions

LA CUEVA HS VOLLEYBALL TEAM Steve Archibeque, Head Coach 6A State Champions

NEW MEXICO CRUSIN' BIG DOGS TEAM Denis Porter, Head Coach Over Age 80 Women's National Champions

2016

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO FOOTBALL TEAM Bob Davie, Head Coach New Mexico Bowl Winner

ALBUQUERQUE ACADEMY BOYS'S TENNIS TEAM Ray\_Jaramillo, Head Coach

5A State Champions

2017 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Joe Franklin, Head Coach NCAA National Champions

MANZANO HS FOOTBALL TEAM Chad Adcox, Head Coach 6A State Champions

2018

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM Brian Green, Head Coach Western Athletic Conference Champs and NCAA Regionals

LA CUEVA HS FOOTBALL TEAM Brandon Back, Head Coach 6A State Champions

2019 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Joe Franklin, Head Coach Mountain West Conference Champs

and NCAA Runner-Up

WEST MESA HS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM Manny Otero, Head Coach 5A State Champions

ALBUQUERQUE HS BOYS' SOCCER TEAM Lucien Starzynski, Head Coach 5A State Champions

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1973 SID CUTTER

1975

ALBUQUERQUE JAYCEES

1976 FRANK CROSBY

1977 MIKE LONDON PRO WRESTLING

1978 WILLIE SANCHEZ

1979 ARABIAN INTERNATION HORSE ASSOCIATION

1980 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TENNIS AT THE PIT

1981 ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL GYMNASTICS MEET

1982 PAT MCKERNAN ALBUQUERQUE DUKES

1983 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE FINAL FOUR

> 1984 RUSTY MITCHELL USA OLYMPICS

1985 ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA

1986 SUNWEST BANK CHARLIE PRIDE GOLF TOURNAMENT

> 1987 ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL DUKE CITY MARATHON

1988 MCDONALD'S ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME

1989 VIRGINIA SLIMS/FIRST NATIONAL BANK WOMEN'S TENNIS TOURNEY

1990

PAT MCKERNAN ALBUQUERQUE DUKES

1992 LARRY AHRENS'S PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT 1993 UNM LOBO CLUB KICKOFF COMMITTEE

1994 COCA COLA NEW MEXICO GAMES

1995 NEW DAY SHELTER SHOOTOUT GOLF TOURNAMENT

> 1996 UNM ATHLETICS "PACK THE PIT"

1997 APS GOLF EXTRAVAGANZA

1998 SANDIA CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

1999 PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA JR. WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

2000 THE AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS CHAMPIONSHIO TOURNAMENT

> 2001 AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION'S GRAND NATIONAL SANCTION WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

2002 ERIN TRUJEQUE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

2003 MARTY SAIZ - STATE FARM INSURANCE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

> 2004 GREAT SOUTHWEST TRACK & FIELD CLASSIC

2005 ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL GAME

2006 NEW MEXICO BOWL COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME

2007 TRIPLE A PRO BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAME

2008 NEW MEXICO SPORTS AUTHORITY

2009 NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION "DIG PINK" 2010 U.S. YOUTH SOCCER FAR WEST REGIONAL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

> 2011 USA INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

2012 TY MURRAY PROFESSIONAL BULL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

2013 CONNIE MACK WORLD SERIES

2014 CARRIE TINGLEY'S MUDD VOLLEYBALL

2015 CAMERON BAIRSTOW'S LOBO ALUMNI ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME

> 2016 GILDEN NEW MEXICO BOWL COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME

2017 20TH ANNUAL COLEMAN VISION TENNIS TOURNAMENT

2018 KEITH MCGRATH - BURGERTIME CHARITY GOLF EVENT

2019 NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES



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On behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Generational Empowerment, I extend our deepest gratitude for your decision to partner with us. Your support plays a pivotal role in our mission to empower and uplift the youth in Northern New Mexico.

Your commitment to social responsibility and community engagement aligns perfectly with our goals and values. This partnership is a testament to your organization's dedication to making a difference and a beacon of hope for the young individuals we serve.

Your resources and expertise are invaluable. They enable us to expand our programs, reach more young people, and make a more significant impact. Your belief in our cause motivates us to push the boundaries of what we can achieve.

At the Boys & Girls Club, we are not just guiding students on a path but illuminating a trajectory toward a brilliant destiny equipped with a treasure trove of resources to unlock their boundless potential. We stand firm in the belief that today's youth are the architects of our future. Recognizing the pivotal role of nurturing programs, we are dedicated to laying down the stepping stones for positive youth development.

We are excited about the opportunities ahead and are confident that together, we can forge a path that leads to a brighter future for our youth. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the lives of many. It fills us with immense pride to have the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame as our ally, championing the cause of our young trailblazers.

Once again, thank you for your generous partnership. We are honored to have the support of such a distinguished board of directors.

Warm regards,

Johny Hofer J.

Johnny Abeyta Jr., CEO/President Boys & Girls Club of Generational Empowerment

# MARTY SAIZ'S STATE FARM INSURANCE AGENCY MULTI-SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES

### 2003-2013 ALBUQUERQUE METRO

### 2003-2004

CAITLIN DEMAREST Eldorado High School Soccer and Basketball

RACHEL PEAFE St. Pius X High Schoo Volleyball, Basketball and Golf

LEDE MCDANIEL Sandia High School Cross Country, Basketball and Tennis

2004-2005

ALLESONDRA GRONAGER St. Pius X High School Cross Country, Track, and Swimming

> **KIM HOLLYFIELD** Valley High School Basketball and Track

JENELLE SPRADLING Moriarty High School Volleyball and Basketball

HOLLI WARD Ciboa High School Basketball and Track

JESSICA ESTRADA

**Rio Grande High School** 

Basketball, Softball

and Track

VANESSA ORTIZ

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Cross Country and Track

STEVIE PUENTES

**Rio Rancho High School** 

Football and Track

JENNA SLEEFE

St. Pius X High Schoo

Swimming and Track

COURTNEY WAYE

La Cueva High School

Vollevball and Softball

NATALIE ARVIZU

Manzano High School

Volleyball, Basketball

and Track

JESSIE GREEN

Eldorado High School

Soccer, Basketball

and track

SERENA GRIEGE

Menaul School

Soccer and Basketball

LINDSEY SHEPARD

Albuquerque Adademy

Volleyball, Basketball

and Track

La Cueva High School

Volleyball and Basketball

ASHLEY RHOADES

Rio Rancho High School

Volleyball and Basketball

### 2005-2006

KURT BUJOWSKI La Cueva High School Football and Track

ALAN BRANCH

Cibola High School

Football and Basketball

RODNEY FERGUSON

Manzano High School

Football, Basketball

and Track

DOUG MCDANIEL

**Rio Grande High School** 

Football and Basketball

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Football and Baseball

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Valley High School

Football, Basketball

and Baseball

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CLINTON CARRELL Cibola High School Football and Basketball

STEVE GILBERT Albuquerque Academv Football, Wrestling and Track

MICHAEL LOVE Rio Rancho High School Football and Track

CHRIS ROBERTS Eldorado High School Football and Basketball

### 2006-2007

ADRIAN BACA Rio Grande High School Football, Wrestling and Track

RICHARD BOHLKEN La Cueva High School Football and Baseball

DAVID NUNEZ Eldorado High School Soccer and Basketball

**CHRIS VOLLER** Valley High School Football, Basketball and Baseball

### 2007-2008 **BRENNA FREEZE**

**BEN GONZALES** Moriarty High School Football, Basketball and Baseball

**BEN JOHNSON** Albuquerque Academy Cross Country and Track

### 2007-2008 COURTNEY TINNIN LOGAN LIPPERT

St. Pius X High Schoo Soccer and Basketball DEEVA VAUGHN Highland High School Volleyball, Basketball and Track

**RACHEL VELARDE** Eldorado High School Cross Country and Track

**CIERRA JONES** Albuquerque High School Volleyball and Basketball

ALEX MEDRANE St. Pius X High School Basketball and Track

**BRANDI VALENCIA** Moriarty High School Volleyball and Track **KRISTIN VALENCIA** 

### 2009-2010

**ZOE BECTON** Del Norte High School Volleyball and Softball KORINA CHAPMAN

and Track & Field

Valley High School Soccer and Basketball

La Cueva High School Soccer and Track & Field

AMBER BATTLE Cibola High School Basketball and Track & Field

CAMILLE BOAL Sandia High School Volleyball and Basketball **KAYLA DOBSON** 

TIM FOLEY

DANNY JARAMILLO

**KEVIN REAVES** Football and Baseball

### 2011-2012

EMMA FENSKE Volcano Vista High School Soccer and Track

Eldorado High School Soccer and Basketball

**CAROLINE LEWIECKI** 

Manzano High School

Cross Country and Track

**BETH WRIGHT** 

Albuquerque High School

Cross Country, Swimming

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JOCELYN GAMBOA Rio Grande High School Basketball and Softball

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Eldorado High School Football and Basketball JONATHAN MADER Cibola High School Football, Basketball, and Track

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**ROSS WILLIAMS** 

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Football and Basketball

and Tennis

ARMIN DAY

Eldorado High School

Football and Baseball

MATT SANDOVAL

Volcano Vista High School

Football, Wrestling

and Track

JASON SERDA

Manzano School

Football and Baseball

PATRICK ZACHARIAS

Albuquerque Academy Cross Country, Basketball

and Track

### 2008-2009

MITCH GARVER La Cueva High School Soccer and Baseball

Moriarty High School Volleyball and Track

**KEVIN CLAUSS** Albuquerque Academy Football, Basketball

Cibola High School Volleyball, Basketball

ASHLEY MARTINEZ

SOFIE SCHUNK

**KELLI WILLIAMS** Belen High School Soccer, Basketball and Track & Field

### 2010-2011

**BRANDON BRANCH** Albuquerque Academy Football, Basketball and Track

**STEVEN CONTRERAS** Belen High School Football and Baseball

Rio Rancho High School Football and Track

Belen High School Football and Baseball

Manzano High School

### QUAVASHAUN "Q"

BRANCH Manzano High School Football and Baseball

NOAH BROWN Valencia High School Football and Basketball

QUINTEN RIZEK St. Pius X High School Football and Baseball

GINA OKEYE Eldorado High School

Cross Country and Track SARA WEBER Pius X High School Volleyball and Track

LEXI BIONDI St. Pius X High School Volleyball and Track & Field

DIXIE COOPER Sandia Prep Volleyball, Basketball and Track

COURTNEY LAWSON Cleveland High School Volleyball, Basketball, and Track & Field

HETTIE SCHUNK La Cueva High School Soccer, Swimming and Track & Field

JENNA THURMAN Del Norte High School Cross Country and Track & Field

CRISSEY AMBORE Eldorado High School Cross Country, Basketball

and Track **KIM CHAPMAN** Cibola High School Cross Country, Basketball and Track

HANNAH FENSKE Volcano Vista High School Soccer and Basketball

RACHEL FLEDDERMANN Sandia Prep Cross Country, Swimming and Track

HUNTER HALEY Elida High School Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Rodeo

**KAYLEE HILLIGAN** Silver High School Volleyball, Basketball and Tennis

LOUISA MACKENZIE Bosque School Soccer, Basketball

and Tennis NICOLE PENDLEY Rio Rancho High School Softball and Track

KELLI REAGAN St. Pius X High School Cross Country and Track

JESSICA SIMPSON Hobbs High School Soccer and Softball

### 2011-2012

PAUL SEATON Hope Christian School Football and Basketball REECE WHITE

Cleveland High School Football and Track

### 2012-2013

**ROMEL JORDAN** Cleveland High School Football and Track & Field

LUIS MARTINEZ Cleveland High School Cross Country, Swimming

and Track ISAAC PARRA Los Lunas High School Football, Wrestling and Baseball

ANDRES RIVERA Bosque School Soccer and Basketball

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2013-2014 NEW MEXICO **BO COLEMAN** 

Valley High School Football, Basketball and Track TIM BRENNAN

Sandia High School Football and Basketball

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