



# CLASS OF 2021 INDUCTEE



## HOLLY HOLM

On December 6, 2015, then New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez held a Holly Holm Day at Civic Plaza in Downtown Albuquerque.

Thousands of New Mexico citizens lined the streets to celebrate one of the greatest mixed martial arts upsets of all time:

Holly had defeated undefeated and renowned fighter, Rhonda Rousey, in Melbourne, Australia on November 15, 2015.

The victory earned Holly the UFC Women's Bantamweight Championship. It was considered by many news outlets as the national sports headline of the year.

It also placed Albuquerque on the mixed martial arts map for both Holly and her trainer Mike Winkeljohn.

Holly is a 2000 graduate of Manzano High School where she was a multi-sport athlete. She first gained national fame as a boxer.

Ring Magazine's named her the female fighter of the year in 2005 and 2006. Holly earned championship belts in weight divisions from 140-to-154. She concluded her professional boxing career in 2011 and pursued a new career in mixed martial arts later that year.

This successive run in MMA over a course of four years led to Holm landing the fight with Rousey. The shocking upset also gave Holly the distinction of holding world championship belts in both boxing and MMA -- a truly remarkable feat.

Holly, arguably, has been one of the most successful professional women athletes in the history of New Mexico.

She continues to train and fight professionally.

