

SALLY MARQUEZ

Sally Marquez, a native of Albuquerque, graduated from Manzano HS 25 years ago, leaving a three sport record of accomplishments shared by only a few. Her 25 year journey after Manzano included basketball at UNM before the sport gained its current popularity, teaching and coaching at APS, five years in Virginia, and three years in Texas. She returned to the metro area in 1998 and is now personnel director for Rio Rancho public schools. Sally's outstanding career at Manzano HS made 1979 a year of honors. Sally was selected for the first George Maloof Award, representing at that time, both the best male and female high school athlete. The Chamber of Commerce named her Female Athlete of the Year and Carnation selected her as an All-American Girl Athlete. Academics and athletics shared her priorities at MHS and UNM. Sally's 1976-79 Manzano basketball honors included three years as All-City and All-District along with being named All-State in the '77-'78 and '78-'79 seasons. Her two years playing volleyball was capped by an All-City, District and All-State in 1978-79. Her track and field ability gained similar honors: she was selected All-City, District and State all three years. Sally's 1979-83 basketball efforts at UNM included being twice named Defensive Player of the Year; she was Co-captain in 1982-83. Sally was also selected to the Academic Athletic Honor Roll her junior and senior years. During her math teaching tenure at Eldorado and La Cueva High Schools, Sally was assistant coach for track & field and basketball. She began La Cueva's girls basketball program in 1986. An exciting year was EHS's 1986 AAAA Basketball State Championship. That combined with EHS's 1985 and 1986 City and State championships in track & field. The 1990's had Sally relocating to Virginia to pursue her master's degree in Education Administration at Virginia Tech. While there she coached girl's basketball for one year and the boy's basketball team in Newport News, making her the only female to coach at the boy's high school level. She also coached soccer from '91-'94.

Sally and her husband Michael Reilly, a counselor at Rio Rancho HS, are raising their two sons Benjamin, age 11 and Ryan, age two. Sally also serves on the Youth Basketball League Board, and coaches basketball teams for Senior Olympics, County Youth League, and AAU Boys.