

President's Message

Welcome to the Fifth Annual Induction Ceremony of the Foothill High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The Foothill Athletic Hall of Fame represents the fulfillment of a dream for Coach Permenter and many others. Beginning with a meeting called by "Coach" in July of 2012, we now celebrate our fifth class of Inductees. This past fall and with the support of Dave Spallinger at Skyline Cabinets, we again staged a successful and enjoyable fund raiser. This annual event has allowed us to provide rings and plagues for our Inductees, to fund special awards to the outstanding athletes in each sport at FHS, and renew the John Mclemore Award. We are also one year closer to fulfilling our dream of establishing a wonderful home for the Hall of Fame on the Foothill campus.

As specified in our bylaws: "The FHS Athletic Hall of Fame is organized to preserve, promote and celebrate the rich tradition of successful athletic programs at Foothill High School". This continues to be our inspiration, and we hope that the entire "Foothill Family" will share this vision with us. Our Hall of Fame is an "all sports" hall of fame which recognizes not only amazing athletes, but also coaches and other contributors to our athletic programs.

What a tradition we have at Foothill! Tonight we honor the 1974 Championship football team, the "Dean" of FHS Basketball, an NBA All-Star, an All-State lineman on offense and defense, a record setting college and professional QB, a multiport All-Star athlete and championship coach, a professional golfer who has mentored countless youth players, FHS all-time leading receiver and a Championship soccer player, a State Champion wrestler, an All-American running back, a multisport athlete and All-American Collegiate Champion women's track athlete, and a record setting cross country and track athlete.

Nothing this momentous happens without hard work, dedication and sacrifice. The individuals who have brought us to this point deserve a word of gratitude. Thanks to all of our committee members, for all have played a vital role. Thanks to Dr. John Alexander VP and Chairman of the Selection Committee; our Secretary Vic Diaz; our Treasurer Larry Baker; Supervisor Mike Maggard, Director of Communications; Tim Hansen and Tim Hartnett CoChairman of the Induction Ceremony Committee; Coach Ned Permenter Chairman of the Preservation Committee; Rusty Lewis for housing our treasured memorabilia; Jim Wooster for coordinating all of our awards; Bill Moore and Teresa Hutson for coordinating and supervising the production of the DVDs for tonight's event; Dr. Joe Thompson for producing our program; Jon Baker for developing and managing our web site; Alison Baker for our Facebook page; Teresa Hutson and FHS students for the decoration at our events: Connie Preston, Athletic Director Mike Biezad, and Principal Gail Bentley at FHS; John and Sandra Cope for the wonderful meals at our Kickoff BBQ; Tim and Marlia Maples for the table and chairs at the BBQ and support for the Hall of Fame scholarships. Finally, thank you to Eric Kuhn and the staff at Bakersfield Country Club for hosting our wonderful Induction Ceremony. Enjoy the evening and "Go Trojans"!

Sincerely, William F. Baker, Jr. M.D.



Tonight's Program | April 1, 2017. Bakersfield Country Club

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Dining Room 1974 SYL Championship Football Team

Video Highlights of Inductees

Lounge Meet and Greet Inductees

6:20 Welcome

Dining Room Mike Maggard, Master of Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance Joe Turner

Invocation Larry Baker

6:30 Dinner

7:15 President Dr. William Baker

Vice President Dr. John Alexander

Induction Ceremony Mike Maggard

Recognition of Past Inductees Dr. Joe Thompson

Introduction of 2017 Inductees

1974 SYL Championship Football Team

Roman Gutierrez Nathan Sparks Buzz Caffee

Ryan Valencia Miguel Gutierrez Halima Decree

Jim Foss Chuck O'Brien Chris Childs

Joe Padilla Pete Lizama

Closing Remarks

A Message from the Principal

Good evening. It is such an honor to join this amazing group who have come together to celebrate the traditions and accomplishments of Foothill High School. With the efforts of the Foothill Athletic Hall of Fame, Foothill's rich history and legacy of excellence will not be forgotten.

At each Hall of Fame ceremony, I am awed by the response of the Inductees. Their dedication to Foothill is evident. It is inspiring to walk the halls of Foothill and recognize the accomplishments of the staff and students who came before. The pictures from the first four years of Hall of Fame Inductees hang in the administration hallway as a reminder of those successes. The pictures of tonight's Inductees will join those from the first four years as a continual reminder that Foothill has a strong tradition of athletic distinction.

Congratulations to all our Inductees tonight. We truly appreciate the honor you bring to Foothill High School. Thank you also to the families and supporters of past and present Inductees. The role you play in their success is not unnoticed. Together, we are a Strong Trojan Family!

Sincerely, Gail Bentley Principal Foothill High School

A Message from the VP

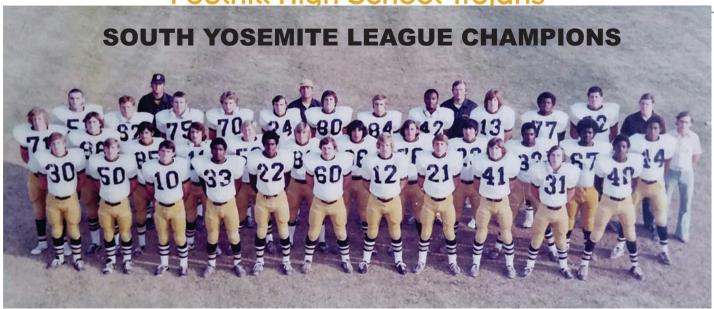
As Vice President of the Foothill Hall of Fame Committee, one of my tasks is to chair the Nominating Committee. It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to review Inductees' submissions for compliance with Hall of Fame standards and to validate their achievements. The committee then selects the specified number of nominees to create a ballot, which is presented to the Board of Directors for the subsequent vote of the membership. Next the person nominating must complete a nomination package. The nomination package must include the completed "long" nomination form, a letter of recommendation from the individual making the nomination, and a list of the nominee's achievements during and after his/her time at Foothill High School. Copies of any newspaper clippings or photographs are both helpful and appreciated.

There are many outstanding, deserving individuals who have worn the "Black and Gold", and selection for induction in the Hall of Fame is a great honor, an honor worth waiting for. We hope your favorite Trojan will soon join this elite group of athletes, coaches and contributors.

Sincerely, Dr. John Alexander



Foothill High School Trojans



1974 SEASON RECORD 10 WINS to 0 LOSSES

Foothill 24 Monache 0 Foothill 22 South 6
Foothill 41 Arvin 7 Foothill 38 East 6
Foothill 14 Antelope Valley 0 Foothill 27 West 0
Foothill 21 North 0 Foothill 16 Bakersfield 6
Foothill 24 Graces 0 Foothill 36 Highland 0

Over the course of its 54 year history, Foothill High School has produced some of the best football teams and football players Kern County has ever seen. That we all agree on. What we may not agree on is who deserves to wear the mantle of "best" or "greatest" in any given title, position or sports category. Knowing the futility of these kinds of discussions has never stopped sports enthusiasts from having them. However, if ever an argument were to be made to crown one of Foothill's football teams the best, it could be made for the 1974 SYL Championship team. This team had a regular season record of 10-0, allowing a scant 26 points scored against them all season. Three of the players on this team were also on the '73 and '75 team and finished their three years of football with a 27-3 win/loss record. Among the individual standouts on the '74 teams included some of Foothill's all-time greats: Steve Acosta, tight end, 2-time All-City, University of Utah; Dan Clark, All-City; Roosevelt Lewis, defensive end, All-City, University of Utah; Jamie Points, defensive back, All-City, Bakersfield College Jr. Rose Bowl Starter; Mike Mayberry, defensive Lineman, All-City; Jeff Houghton, linebacker, 2 time All-City, Lineman-of-the-Year, Prep All-American, USC; and Gary Blackford, 3 time All-City Running Back, led City in rushing yards for 3 years, Running-Back-of-the-Year, Central Section Offensive Leader, Bakersfield College Metro Conference Leading rushing yards on BC, Jr. Rose Bowl Champions. Clearly, Foothill's talent pool ran deep for the 1974 season.



Ned Permenter



David Edmondson



Bob Ezell

1974 Championship Football Team



Steve Acosta



Gary Blackford



Jeff Brians



Dan Clark

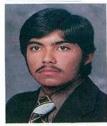


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Daniel Dodd



Manuel Fernandez



Jamey French



William Gaines



Gregory Grimes



Rick Grigsby







Robert Harris



Michael Hernandez



Jeff Houghton



Roosevelt Lewis



Mike Mayberry



Patrick Moore



Terry Nelson





Ted Pierce



James Points



Matt Poole





Benny Sanchez



Ralph Sanchez



Raymond Scott



Larry Spaulding



Kempy Todd



Keith Wall



Kent Williams



Rod Witten



Danny Zauner

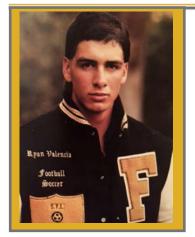




Roman Gutierrez 1977

Competitive and dynamic are two adjectives that describe the teams that make up Foothill's varsity cross country history. No one with knowledge of SYL cross country history would argue that Foothill has not put forth a plethora of outstanding cross country runners over the school's 54-year history and that a large number of these athletes deserve to be ranked among the very best in the City--No doubt; and among these very best—at the top of the heap—would have to be runners like Roman Gutierrez, class of 1977. As a four-year cross country runner, Roman lived to run. The course was his backyard; he felt comfortable and at home when practicing or competing—he excelled at both. After four years of competitive running, he deservedly earned the designation as the number one cross country runner in history of Foothill: he held 12 cross country records; his senior year he was 6-1 in dual meets; 2nd in league; 2nd at Area; and 5th in the Valley. His best times were 14:49.3 mile and 34:28.6 six mile. These times stood as school records for over 30 years. Both his junior and senior years he was named cross country MVP.

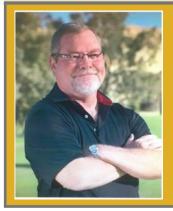
Roman was also a four-year member of the Trojan Track team. For three years he was Foothill's top distance runner. His senior year he set school records in the 880 (1:54.6) which won him the SYL Championship in that event. He went on to set records in the 2 mile (9:22.1), sprint medley relay, distance medley, 2 mile relay, and the 4 mile relay. In the distance medley, Roman ran a 4:19.9 anchor leg, setting a new school record by 4 seconds. Reaching new heights, this distance medley relay team placed 2nd at the 1977 West Coast Relays. Roman was also a State Meet competitor in the 1 mile relay; this relay team was the 2nd fastest in school history with a 3:19.9; Roman's relay leg was 49.1. As a crowning achievement, Roman won the Sam Lynn Trophy his senior year. During his two years at Bakersfield College he ran cross country and track. In the 1978 he was a member of the B.C. Metro Conference Championship cross country team. This team would go on to place 3rd in the State Tournament. As a member of the 1979 track team, Roman placed 2nd in the 800 with a time of 1:55; and was a member of the 2nd place Metro Conference mile relay team. Always a competitor, Roman earned the respect and admiration of his coaches and fellow athletes in both sports. For his hard work and contribution to the Bakersfield College track program, Roman was honored to receive the Renegade Team Trophy for Track in 1979.



Ryan Valencia 1991

In his two years as a member of the varsity football team, Ryan was an exceptionally talented player. He wore several hats those two seasons: he played wide receiver and defensive back; he returned punts and kicks as well as served as the team punter and kicker. In 1989 he caught 31 passes for 325 yards and scored 8 TDs. In 1990 he made 52 catches for a total of 780 yards—setting a school record for a single game—and scored 7 TDs, returned a punt for 62 yards for a TD, kicked 6 field goals—the longest of 45 yards, setting an SYL record for that season. Ryan also set a record for yards receiving in a single game at 176. For his outstanding performance he was named MVP both his junior and senior years, as well as selected Prep of the Week and All-Area as a wide receiver his senior year. He was even more gifted as a soccer player. He was a four year varsity starter at right back. In 1989 he was selected All-SYL and All-Area; helped the Trojans win its first SYL title in school history (16-2-2); and was named MVP.

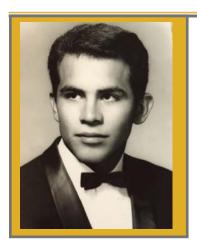
His junior year, 1990, playing forward, he was again named All-SYL and All-Area. Foothill finished that season as Valley runner-up; and again he was selected MVP. His senior year, 1991, for a third time he was named All-SYL and All-Area ,with a personal record of 11 goals and 8 assists; and, again, for a third time, he was selected MVP. Ryan ended his senior year as a member of the Foothill baseball team; that same year he was named Foothill High School Athlete of the Year. As a Bakersfield College Renegade, Ryan played a year as wide receiver on the B.C. football team. Finding that his love of soccer was greater than football, he transferred to CSUB and spent the next four years playing soccer for the Roadrunners. His first year he was a defender; his next three he played forward, accumulating an impressive collegiate record: 1994: 4 goals, 2 assists, CCAA 1st Place, NCAA Final 8; 1995: 4 goals, 5 assists, CCAA 1st Place, NCAA Final Four—3rd Place; and 1996: 4 goals, 7 assists, CCAA 2rd Place, NCAA Final Eight, led the team in assists. After college Ryan returned to Foothill to coach soccer from 1995-1999. He also coached Club soccer for seven years.



Jim Foss 1975

The first response Jim makes about his golf back ground is that he "grew up in a golf family." Jim's father, Chet Foss, began his golf career with Kern River Golf Course in 1951 as the course pro. Inheriting his dad's love of the game at an early age, Jim hit 200-300 practice balls and played the course almost daily. It is not surprising, then, that Jim won his first golf tournament at age eight. As a member of the Foothill High School golf team, Jim missed tying the Kern River Course record by a stroke in the 1975 SYL League Tournament. That same year he was named to the SYL All-League and All-Area golf teams. After high school, as a member of the Bakersfield College Renegade golf team for two years, Jim was the 1st man on the team most of the season. In 1977, his second year, the Renegades won the team Conference title, placed 2nd in the JC Southern California Tournament, and finished 6th at the State Tournament.

Turning pro in January of 1978, at the age of twenty, Jim spent the next seven years completing the rigorous requirements of the PGA apprenticeship program. In 1985, he earned his PGA Class A membership and is a member of the PGA Quarter Century Club. This spring he will celebrate 32 years as a PGA pro. Although not a "touring pro" Jim did compete in two notable touring events: the 1986 Oldsmobile Scramble in Orlando, FL and the Ben Hogan Bakersfield Open in 1992. In 1991, with the untimely passing of his father, Jim was thrust into the role of course pro and manager at Kern River Golf Course. In keeping with his father's spirit of giving back to the community, Jim has continued with the programs his dad started in 1951. Jim still sponsors various activities for kids who want to learn the game of golf. As the course pro, Jim still offers free Junior Classes to kids under 17—a free one week clinic that attracts hundreds of participants each year. To date over 2,000 youngsters have gone through this program. Jim has also sponsored countless fund raisers for churches, civic organizations, high schools, colleges, various charities, veterans groups, and many other organizations. Jim continues to sponsor the Kern County Amateur Golf Tournament, started in 1951 and now in its 66th year. As Jim often says about his career in golf, "I am blessed to make a living doing what I love to do."



Joe Padilla 1968

Joe Padilla is one of those rare high school athletes who competed in three sports each of his four years of high school. As a "B class" athlete his freshman year, he started at defensive end in football, guard in basketball, and threw the shot put and discus in track. Moving up to varsity his sophomore year, he started at defensive end on the 1965 SYL Championship Football team; his junior year he started at quarterback and defensive end; and his senior year, his most productive year, he started at defensive end and fullback; did all the kick-offs, punts, and extra-points; returned punts and kick-offs; named Prep-of-the-Week; selected the team's MVP; and made the SYL's All-Area Team. In basketball he continued as the starting guard for the next three years, leading the team in rebounds his junior year. In track, with three years of experience in the throwing events, Joe won the SYL championship in the shot put, setting a school record at that time. In fact, he went undefeated in all league competition in both the shot and discus, earning him the MVP award for the 1968 Track Team.

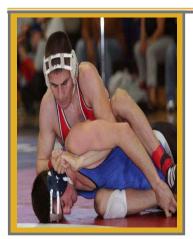
During his two years as a Bakersfield College Renegade, Joe started at linebacker, returned kick-offs, and was the team punter. During the State Playoff game against Fullerton, he returned a kick-off for 87 yards. As a transfer junior to U.C. Berkeley on a football scholarship, Joe played two years at inside linebacker. After completing his college education, Joe returned to Bakersfield and taught for the next 39 years, twenty-five of those years he coached football and track. Starting at Highland High School, he coached the 1976 JV football team to an undefeated season and league title. As the field events coach at Highland, Joe's athletes dominated the weight events on all levels. During his long tenure as a track coach at Bakersfield High School, among the many outstanding teams he coached was the 1991 State Championship team, including two individual State Champions in the weight events. As the line coach on offense and defense, he helped BHS win four football Valley Championship titles and go undefeated for three years with a 39-0 record. Several BHS players Joe coached went on to play in the NFL, including Doug Rogers, Michael Stewart, Jeff Buckley, and Jeremy Staat. Joe retired from teaching in 2012.



Nathan Sparks 1994

Nathan spent his junior year of varsity football viewing the action from a receiver's perspective and there was little indication then that his senior year would be much different, when he became part of a dual threat quarterback combo that would lead Foothill into the second round of the valley championship. During the regular season of his senior year, Nate was 45 for 88 attempts for 787 yards passing, with 11 touchdowns. In the first round of the playoffs, Nate had a good night of passing, defeating Tulare Union 25-7. He also had a good night in the second round, running for a touchdown and contributing to Foothill's 298 yards of total offense in the Trojan's loss to arguably the strongest team in Clovis West history. Nathan continued to hone his quarterback skills after graduating from Foothill, becoming an invaluable asset to the Bakersfield College football program. As a Renegade Nathan set a BC record with 26 touchdown passes his sophomore year. He also holds the second place record for yards gained in a season with 2776 total yards.

During his two-year run as the starting quarterback, Nathan threw a total of 36 touchdowns, while leading the Renegades to an 18-1 record. In 1996, his sophomore year, he was named MVP of the Potato Bowl. Continuing with his football career, Nathan transferred to Boise State, where he played for the next two years. In 1997 he started 8 games and accumulated a record of 1157 yards passing, 10 passing TDs and 2 rushing TDs. During the '97 season, Nathan also stepped in to play receiver from time-to-time. During the '98 season, Nathan contributed substantially to the team's success, throwing for 865 yards, with 9 passing TD's and 2 rushing TD's. On two occasions, he led Boise to two big come-from-behind wins against Utah and New Mexico State. After his collegiate career at Boise, Nathan played for the BC Lions (Canadian Football League) in 2000 as a back-up quarterback, helping the Lions win the 88th Grey Cup Championship by defeating the Montreal Alouettes 28-26. Nathan lives in Idaho with his family.



Miguel Gutierrez 2001

While participating in junior wrestling for several years prior to his freshman year, Miguel not only learned the basics of wrestling, but also that he had a deep-seated desire to excel in this one-on-one sport. In 1998, as a high school freshman, he won the 119 lbs. SYL and Valley Championships. One of the most memorable matches of his entire career was his freshman valley championship match, when he defeated Buchannan (Clovis) senior and state-ranked Sergio Braceda with a chin-whip move. That year he was one of only six valley wrestler to qualify for the state tournament, a remarkable accomplishment for a freshman. Miguel won the SYL Championships for the next three years; placed 3rd, 4th, 4th, and 1st in the Central Sectional Divisional; and placed 1st, 4th, 3rd, and 1st in Central Section Valley. He is the only wrestler in Foothill's history to qualify for the State Tournament all four years, placing 3rd his sophomore year, 3rd his junior year, and 1st his senior year. As a four year State qualifier, and a three year medalist, including a State Championship, he is among a highly distinguished group of Trojan wrestlers not only to qualify for

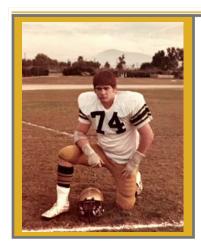
the State Tournament but also to place. His senior year he was named Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament for the Central Section Meet. He went on his senior year to qualify for the High School National Tournament, placing 4th. Additional honors Miguel earned include California All-State Team—Honorable Mention (for all time); 2-time Cadet National All-American Free Style wrestling; ASICS High School All-American (2001); National High School Coaches Association Senior All-American 2001; USA Wrestling magazine All-American 2001; and Amateur Wrestling News All-American 2001. His senior year Miguel received an athletic scholarship to Northern Iowa University, but after a semester he decided to attend Bakersfield College. As a BC Renegade, Miguel continued to make impressive additions to his wrestling resume. In 2003 and 2004 he became an undefeated two-time California Community College State Champion and earned the Outstanding Wrestler Award his sophomore year.



Chuck O'Brien 1979

As s junior transfer from Highland High School, Chuck was undeterred by having to learn a new football "system" or by having to prove himself as a football player. He quickly adjusted to his new surroundings, earning a starting position both on offense and defense for the next two years, as well as the team's go-to player on specialty teams. By season's end his junior year, Chuck's rushing statistics included six TD's and 2 PAT's for 38 points. He was equally impressive on defense, leading the City with pass interceptions. As a result of his superior play on defense, he was named 2nd Team All-City Defensive Back. His senior year, 1978, Chuck had 192 carries for 1070 yards with a 5.6 average. He returned two punts for TD's, including one for 92 yards which still stands as a school record. In Foothill's playoff game with Redwood High School that year, Chuck added 91 rushing yards and a TD for a season total of 1,161, rushing yards and 44 points. Not surprisingly, he was named All-City Back of the Year and was selected to play in the City-County High School All-Star game. Among numerous outstanding plays in that game, Chuck is still remembered for scoring a touchdown for his team.

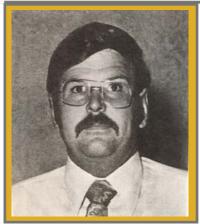
Chuck's superior contribution to the 1978 Trojan Football season in undeniable. Unbeaten in league play, the Foothill Trojans turned in a stellar performance to win the 1978 SYL Championship, posting a huge upset over West High (eventual Valley Champions) and ending their 21 game win streak. Following high school, Chuck played the '81 and '82 seasons for Taft Junior College, a nationally recognized football powerhouse. During the 1981 undefeated season, facing stiff competition for playing time, Chuck was able to add enough rushing and punt return yardage to his resume to earn the team's Offensive Most Valuable Player Award. Further, Chuck gained over 1,000 all-purpose yards in rushing and receiving that year, as well as led the league as a top punt returner with 430 yards. For his stand-out performance he was named to the JC All-American Football Team as a punt returner. Chuck went on to play two years for Eastern New Mexico State University as punt returner. Joining the Baltimore Colts as a free agent, Chuck went to the final cut before being released. Chuck now resides in Albuquerque.



PETE LIZAMA 1982

Half way through Pete's freshman year, his family moved yet again—they had previously lived in Schenectady, New York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—a move that landed him at Foothill High School in February of 1979, too late to play football. The following year, his sophomore year, Pete played all but the last game of the season on the Foothill junior varsity football team, when Coach Permenter brought him up to the varsity to play against East High. His performance during that final game opened the coaches' eyes as to his physical strength, advanced skill level, and intensity of play. For the next two years as a varsity player, Pete started on offense and defense. That same year he was also a member of the junior varsity wrestling team. As a heavyweight that year he earned the High Point Man and Outstanding Wrestler Award under head coach Lloyd Dickey. He was also a three-year member of the track team (two on varsity), participating in the shot put and discus events. Sidelined his junior year, he returned to wrestling his senior year and won the SYL Heavyweight Championship, placed second in the Valley and Area, and went on to participate in the State Tournament.

Foothill has had its share of championship football teams over the years and the 1981 team was no exception. This 1981 SYL Championship team went undefeated in league play, including ending Valley Champion West High's 16 game win streak. Unfortunately, Foothill's quarterback was injured on the first series of downs against Madera in the first-round of the play-offs, leading to a unfortunate loss—but this did not diminish the championship spirit of the '81 team. One of Foothill's all-time great football players, Pete was named 1981 All-City Offensive and Defensive Lineman plus Lineman of the Year; Selected to the All-Northern Californian team as offensive lineman; named Jockey Club Athlete of the Month; and earned the coveted Sam Lynn Award for athletic achievement. The following year he attended Fresno State on a full-ride scholarship, but injuries from a car accident his freshman year ended his football career. He did receive one award from Fresno State: Intensity Player of the Week... he gave it his all, even during practice. "I never got to fulfill my dream of playing in the NFL, but I did fulfill my dream of being the best I could be while I was at Foothill High."



Buzz Caffee 1970-1983 and 1993-94

In 1965 Buzz Caffee joined the East Bakersfield High School faculty as a first year teacher and spent the next five years as an assistant coach to Ralph Krafve, learning the organization and fundamentals of coaching basketball as well as the skills necessary to build a top-drawer basketball program. For the 66-67 and 67-68 seasons their two teams had a combined record of 98-2. Ralph's teams were Valley Champions both years (29-0, 29-1) and Buzz's teams League Champions (21-0 & 19-1). In 1970, seeking to broaden his experience, he transferred to Foothill High School to serve a brief stint as Foothill's Activities and Athletic Director before returning to teaching and coaching. In 1972 Buzz became Foothill's varsity basketball coach and for the next eight years Foothill's basketball program went through a major transformation—teams turning out one stellar performance after another. In a few short years, the Foothill Trojans were now attracting the attention of PAC 10 universities, including Oregon State, UCLA, Oregon, and CAL. Starting with the 1974-75 season and for the next six seasons the Foothill Trojans were 126-31, an 80% win percentage: the 1975-76 Trojans won the SYL and Valley Championship— the first time a Foothill team had won a Valley Championship Title—and placed 4th at the Northern California State play-offs; 1976-77: SYL Champions and 3rd in the Valley; 1977-78 SYL Co-Champions and 2nd in the Valley;

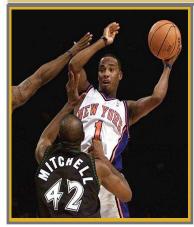
1976-77: SYL Champions and 3rd in the Valley; 1977-78 SYL Co-Champions and 2nd in the Valley; 1978-79: 20-6 and lost in the Valley to Hanford by 2 points; and 1979-80: 18-5—lost in the Semi-finals to Fresno. By the end of the 1980 season, it was clear that Foothill had staked out a rich and profitable claim to present and future basketball titles, much due to the coaching leadership of Buzz Caffee. As time went by many of his players graduated to the college and professional ranks, adding even more creditability to the strength and depth to Foothill basketball. In addition to championship teams, Buzz Caffee coached his share of championship players: Lonnie Shelton (72-73), Steve Smith (75-76), James Childs (76-77), Paul Wright (77-78), and Gary Woolfolk (80-81 and 4-year varsity) to name several. In 1976 Buzz was named Coach of the Year for Kern County; he received Foothill's Golden Trojan Award in 1971 and again in 1975 for being the Foothill Staff member who contributed most to the graduating class; he founded and advised the Foothill Key Club; served as SYL representative to CIF; produced the Football Program; helped create the first drill team; was responsible for the addition of Tommy Trojan (white horse); received life-time PTA service award; coached Kern County All-Star Game (1978); served as president of Kern County Basketball Coaches Association 1978-80; elected Faculty Club President in 1980-82; and represented the Foothill Faculty in the early 80's, during a time when significant changes in labor negotiations took place within education. In future years he would go on to serve as Foothill's Discipline Dean and Assistant Principal in 1993-93, the Assistant Principal of Bakersfield Adult School in 1994, and Principal of the Bakersfield Adult School from 1998-2003. After 38 years Buzz retired from education in 2003.



Halima Decree 2000

Halima began racking up an impressive and extensive list of high school accolades her freshman year as a varsity basketball player: SYL Rookie of the Year, First Team All-League, MVP, and averaged 17 points a game with a game-high of 33 points. As a member of the Track Team she was First Team All-League, All-Area, Fastest freshman in the U.S., 2nd place Valley Championship 100m, Valley Champion 200m, Team League Champion, and State qualifier. Her sophomore year she continued to gather awards and accomplishments in both sports: in basketball she was named SEYL First Team All-League, Jockey Club Athlete of the Week, Team Captain and MVP, was among the top three Area scorers, and averaged 20 points/game, with a game high of 32 points. Despite an abbreviated track season due to an injury, she still managed to set the fastest time in the Central Section for the 100 and 200 and qualify for the state. For her junior and senior years, Halima added varsity volleyball to her already impressive athletic resume: First-Team All-League, Jockey Club Athlete of the Week, Six Pack Award, and All-Area.

In basketball she continued to excel: SEYL MVP, Team MVP, Jockey Club Award, First team All-Area, school single game point record of 41 points, Top 5 Central Section scoring leader with 25 points, single season scoring school record of over 600 points, and 1,000 career points. In track she won the SEYL championship in the 100m and 200m; was ranked among the top 10 sprinters in the State; set a Central Section record of 11.8; won the Central Section 100m Championship; named All-Area, Team MVP and received the Jockey Club Award. Her most prolific year, her senior year, she was selected in all three sports Team MVP and Team Captain. In volleyball and basketball, she was selected SEYL MVP and First Team All-Area. In Basketball she set a single game scoring record of 45 points, a school season point record of over 1400 and was named one of top 25 point guards in the state. In track, Halima took 2nd in the Area 100m and 200m and set another school record for the 100m (11.83). Completing her senior year she was a Jockey Club Award recipient in both basketball and track, and she won the coveted Jim Tyack Award. After graduating from Foothill Halima attended UNLV where she was a four year competitor on the track team. Among her many track accomplishments in the Mountain West Conference Championships were 2nd place finishes in 60m, 100m, and 4x100 her freshman, sophomore and junior seasons. Her freshman year she made the UNLV top five all-time list for 60m (7.5); her sophomore year she was a 100m West Regional qualifier; and was a National Championship qualifier in 100m and 200m her junior year. As a senior she made the UNLV top five 60m list with 7.39; was Mountain West Conference Champion in the 100m (11.25), setting a Mountain West record; placed 4th at the Texas Relays; paced 2nd on All-Time UNLV 100m list; was Conference Champion in 4x100; and placed 2nd in 100m at the West Regional. She finished her collegiate career with the NCAA National Championships, placing 8th in the 100m and earning All-American honors. By all measure and without any doubt, Halima Decree is among the most elite group of athletes to ever compete for Foothill High School and Kern County.

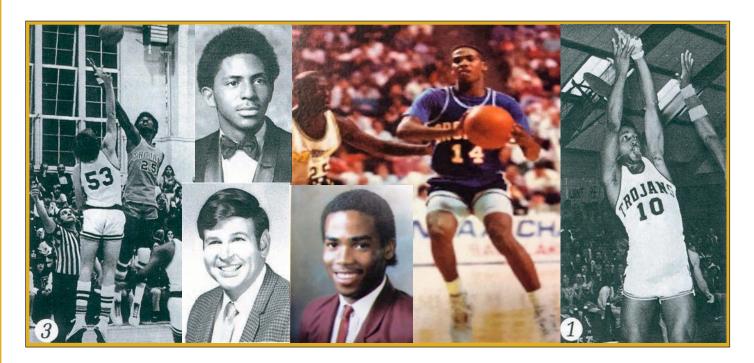


Chris Childs 1985

Chris Childs was a remarkable athlete. For his entire athletic career—high school through the NBA—Chris strived to the best and by all indicators, he not only succeeded, he succeeded with room to spare. As a three year varsity starter on the Foothill High School basketball team, Chris was a stand-out player, and for his efforts his senior year he was awarded All-City, All-League, and All-Area honors. But the best was yet to come. After high school Chris spent the next four years at Boise State, where he is credited as being "a key to turning the fortunes of the Boise State men's basketball program around in the 1980s." The only player in Bronco history to start every game throughout his four year career (118), Chris was named Big Sky Conference Freshman of the Year in 1986. In 1987, 1988, and in 1989 he received first team All-Big Sky Conference honors as a guard and was named the League's Most Valuable Player following his senior season of 1988-89. Additionally, he was a member of the National Basketball Coaches Association All-District team in 1988 and 1989. The third leading scorer in Bronco history with 1,602 points,

Chris holds the career school records for free throw percentage, making 359 of 439 attempts for 81.8 percent; three point field goals made with 163; three point field goal attempts with 386; and steals with 21.5. Boise State's team record during his four-year career was 81-37, for a 68.6 winning percentage. Included in those wins were three straight 20-plus winning seasons, three Big Sky Conference Championships, two NIT post-season appearances. and one trip to the NCAA National Tournament.

Following his illustrious collegiate career, Chris played for various teams in the Continental Basketball Association. He eventually found a home with the Quad City Thunders where he won a league title in 1994 and the Continental Basketball Association MVP award after averaging 17.9 pts and 7.6 assists. Making his NBA debut 1994, Chris spent the next two years with the New Jersey Nets, averaging a NBA career high of 12.8 points his 95-96 season. He is perhaps best remembered for the five years (1996-2001) he played for the New York Knicks who relied on his "tight" defense and his "streaky" three-point shooting ability in their runs to the NBA play-offs. In 1999 he helped the Knicks win the NBA Eastern Conference Championship. He also led the team in assist (6.1 assists per game) as a starter during the 1996-97 season. A well-known figure in the New York media, he represented the Knicks on the 1998-99 NBA All-Interview Team and won the New York Press Photographers Association's 2000 "Good Guy Award" for his involvement with several charities and youth basketball programs. In February of 2001, he was traded to the Toronto Raptors, where he played for one and a half seasons, before returning to the Nets, where he retired at the end of 2002-03 season.



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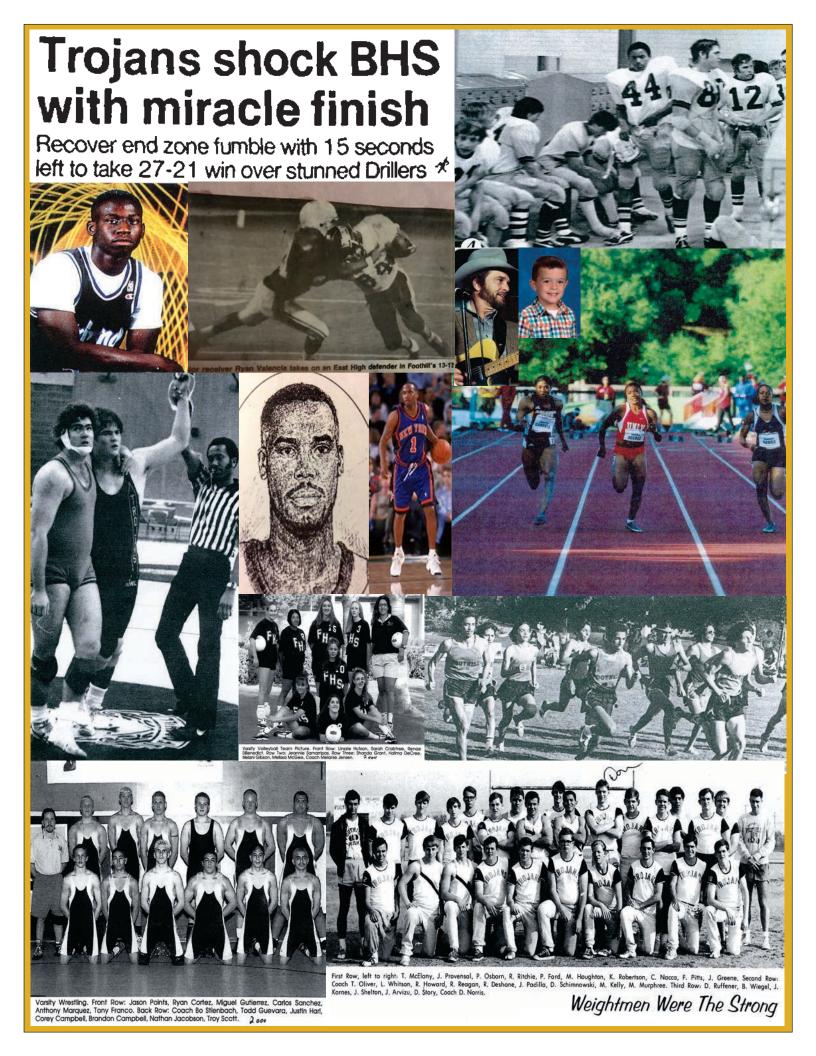
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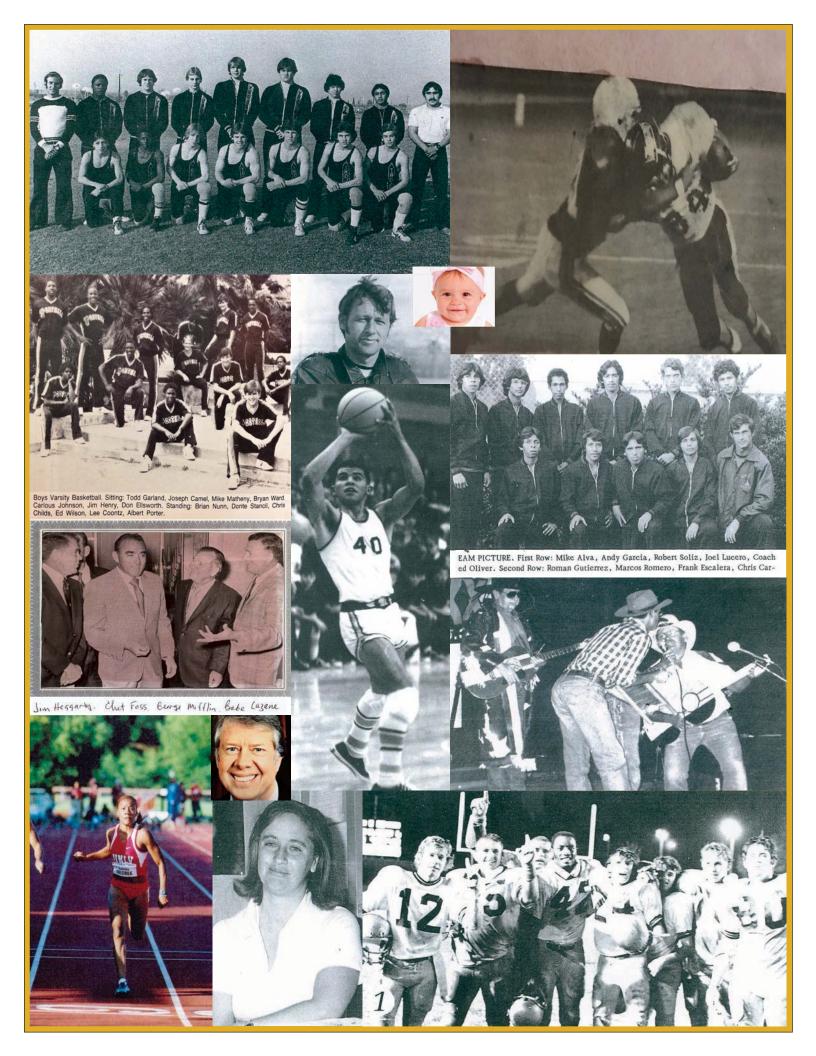
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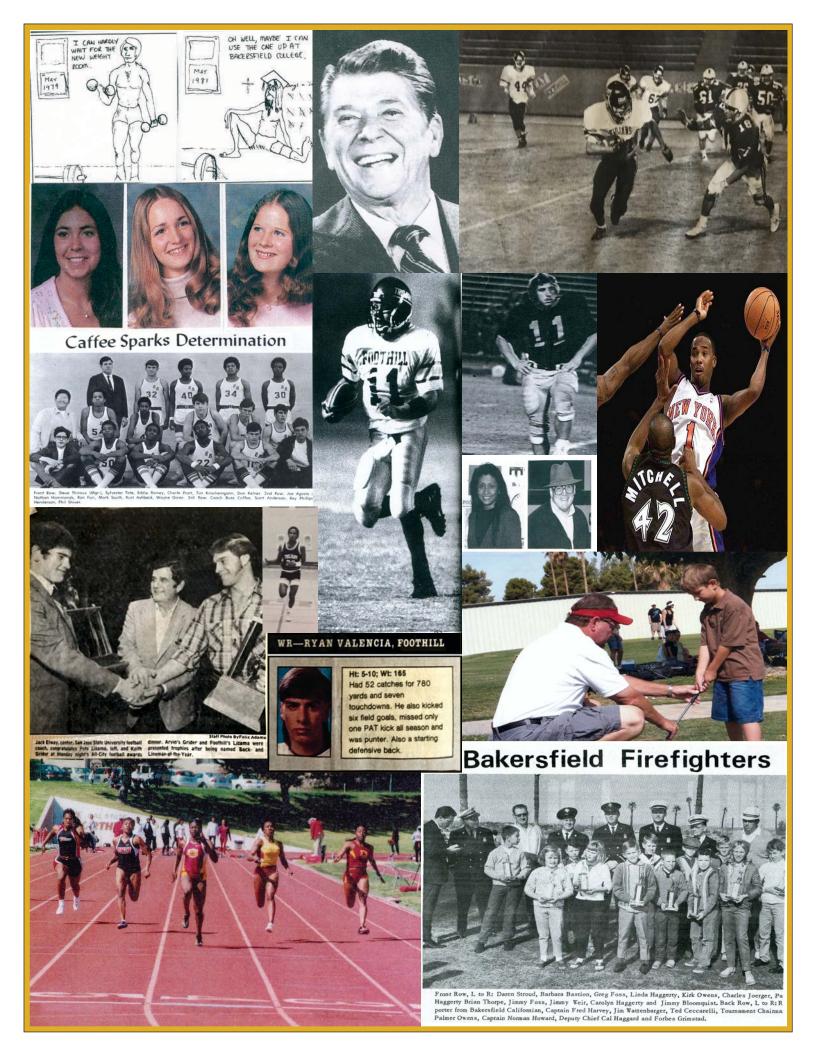
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