



Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino
Signature Showroom
Wednesday, May 3, 2017

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**Program for the Price's Creameries 2017
Presentation of Inductees and Guests**

Welcome Kevin Lovell
 Presentation of Colors Del Valle High School Color Guard
 Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation/Moment of Silence Ernest Barnard Polk
 President's Message Manny Ontiveros

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2017 INDUCTEES

Rita Aguilar Athlete
 Billy Davis Athlete
 Kaysie Smashey Athlete
 Ben Avalos Coach
 Anthony Carter Coach
 Ronnie Hernandez Official
 Ray Adao Media
 Wally Hartley Posthumous

DINNER

NANCY HAMILTON ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Alyssa Palacios, Sophomore, Kinesiology Major, Hometown: Dallas, Texas

THE EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME DONATED SCHOLARSHIP FOR UTEP

Ashley Grzebeniak, Sophomore, Kinesology Major, Hometown: Winnipeg, Canada

DICK SHINAUT & JOHN C. BIRKHEAD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN KINESIOLOGY OR SPORT STUDIES

On behalf of the El Paso Hall of Fame for UTEP

Andres Martinez, Senior, Kinesiology Major, Graduated Fall 2016, Hometown: El Paso, Texas

High School Athletic Directors

Scott Brooks Canutillo High School
 Hampton Hurt Cathedral High School
 Carlos Puertas Cathedral High School
 Rene Aguilar Clint Independent School District
 Maria Kennedy El Paso Independent School District
 Justin Delman Faith Christian Academy
 David Rueda Fabens Independent School District
 Angela Glover Loretto Academy
 Maria Barros San Elizario Independent School District
 Albert Hernandez Socorro Independent School District
 Mike Williams Ysleta Independent School District

El Paso County Teams of the Year

Cathedral High School Cross Country Team **Coach Isaac Montoya**
State Champions (Texas Association Private and Parochial Schools - Boys 6A)
San Elizario High School Boys Cross Country Team **Coach Cesar Morales**
State Champions (University Interscholastic League - Boys 5A)
Cathedral High School Football Team **Coach Hampton Hurt**
State Champions (Texas Association Private and Parochial Schools - Boys 6A-Division V)
Cathedral High School Swimming Team **Coach Jack White**
State Champions (Texas Association Private and Parochial Schools - Boys 6A)
Faith Christian Academy Boys Basketball Team **Coach Justin Delman**
State Champions (Texas Christian Athletic League - Boys 3A)
Hanks High School Girls Wrestling Team **Coach Anthony Carter**
State Champions (University Interscholastic League - Girls 5A)

Price's Creameries
El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame 2017

High School Student Athletes of the Year

presented by Wayne Thornton

Private Schools

Female Athlete of Year	Mia Anais Porter	Faith Christian Academy
Male Athlete of Year	Christopher Frazier	Cathedral High School

County Schools

Female Athlete of Year	Anisa Burciaga	Canutillo High School
Male Athlete of Year	Jeffrey Spence	Fabens High School

El Paso Independent School District

Female Athlete of Year	Arielle Mack	Burges High School
Male Athlete of Year	Gabriel Navarro	Franklin High School

Socorro Independent School District

Female Athlete of Year	Jessica Dominguez	Socorro High School
Male Athlete of Year	Joshua Fields	Americas High School

Ysleta Independent School District

Female Athlete of Year	Adrienne Holguin	Hanks High School
Male Athlete of Year	Christian Hernandez	Bel Air High School

Hall of Fame 2017 Committee Members

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Gary Crossland	Kevin Lovell	Ruben Ramirez	Scott Stein

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2017
EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES**

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EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES 2017



Rita Aguilar

Athlete

Rita played collegiate golf at Texas A & M University. She was a 4 yr scholarship athlete, a regular member of the travel squad, senior co-captain and a 3 yr. letterman. She graduated from A & M with a Bachelor of Science degree in non-teaching Physical Education.

After college, she competed in numerous USGA events, was an apprentice in the Sun Country PGA program and played the Futures Tour. "I took much pride in representing El Paso," she says. In her era, only Nancy Lopez and Rita represented Hispanic women.

After USGA re-instatement as an amateur, Rita dominated

the local women's golf scene. She considers her 5 city championships as one of her biggest accomplishments. She had a remarkable run in the 1990's with four victories in a six year span. She is one of the most accomplished contributors to women's golf in the history of El Paso.

Over the years, she has been involved with many fundraisers and worthwhile causes. She served as charter president of the First Tee Golf program for 3 years and was a big help to Kristi Albers and the First Tee program. In her letter of recommendation, Kristi stated, "Rita has been instrumental at the

First Tee of Greater El Paso. She served as the original President when we were establishing the program." Kristi also praises Rita for winning five City championships. "I only won three," she says.

Rita has served as president of the El Paso Golf Hall of Fame board since 2007. She was inducted into the El Paso Golf Hall of Fame in 2000. She is president and CEO of her business, Mountain Pass Coffee Company. Rita is a passionate Miami Dolphins fan, known as Phinphan by friends and family and is happily married to realtor, Aaron Lacey.



Billy Davis

Athlete

William "Billy" Davis was born on July 6, 1972 in El Paso, Texas. He was an Army "brat" and spent most of his formative years moving from base-to-base, living the nomadic life of those of us who serve. Billy learned to love football during his time as the son of a U.S. Army Colonel, and worked his way into an invitation to join the football team at the University of Pittsburg. Billy worked hard enough to become the fifth all-time in receptions for the university, and was an All-Conference awardee.

Billy's character and force-of-will allowed him, despite being undrafted, to

become one of the strongest athletes in the National Football League (NFL), and he would go on to attain Super Bowl Championships with both the Dallas Cowboys and the Baltimore Ravens as a wide receiver. Billy is one of only 16 NFL athletes to have won super bowls in both the American Football Conference (AFC) and the National Football Conference (NFC). Billy is a badass. Despite his highly technical wide receiver duties, Billy was also named special teams captain on multiple teams because of his dedication and hard work.

Billy is currently owner of a

health solutions services company called SOZO HEALTH-SOLUTIONS LLC. His resilience and dedication to our rural communities led Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller to name him an honorary commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture, and most importantly the team captain of the GO TEXAN champion ambassador program.

Billy's leadership and horsepower is going to save rural healthcare facilities throughout the great state of Texas.

Billy Davis "Live a championship life."



Kaysie Smashey

Athlete

Kaysie Smashey is one of the great tennis players to ever come out of El Paso. She won a state championship, a national title and a professional title by the age of 15, then her career really took off.

As a high school player at Franklin, she won a trio of state championships in UIL 5-A competition and was named the 1998 Sunturian Female Athlete of the Year in El Paso.

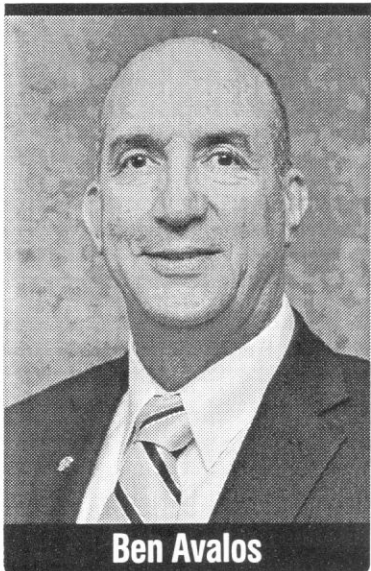
Smashey then took her talents to Austin to play for the University of Texas. In the next four years, Kaysie earned a full athletic scholarship and graduated with honors from the

McCombs School of Business. While playing for the Longhorns, Kaysie earned two individual All-Big-12 Conference Academic First Team honors and four Big 12 Conference titles with her nationally ranked team.

Kaysie's career continued at the highest level in professional tennis. She won a total of four professional tournaments and reached a ranking of #146 in the world in doubles. A rotator cuff injury stalled her professional career but did not stop her high level of achievements.

She recently started compet-

ing in National Open Tournaments and was selected to compete for the USA team in Croatia and South Africa. Smashey has also put her academic achievements to good use. She teaches Kinesiology at Angelo State University and serves as the head tennis professional at Brentwood Country Club.



Ben Avalos

Coach

Ben Avalos was born and raised in Northeast El Paso. As a young man at Irvin High School, he began his love of wrestling under the tutelage of Coach Erwin Bloxdorf. Irvin wrestling became a powerhouse in Texas, winning two state championships in 1972 and 1973. As a senior in 1975, Ben Avalos went undefeated in the state and went on to become a state champion at 126 lbs.

After high school, Ben joined the United State Air Force and was selected to wrestle on the 1978 U.S. Air Force Freestyle and Greco-Roman Wrestling Team.

After graduating from UTEP, Ben began his wrestling coaching career at Eastwood High School in 1984. His team won the Texas State Wrestling Championship in 1985 and won 6 straight city/regional wrestling titles. The Troopers went on to record a 112-5 dual meet record and were ranked as one of the top high school wrestling teams in the nation.

In 1992, Ben was inducted into the Texas High School Wrestling Association Hall of Honor as an athlete and coach.

In 2008, he accepted a wrestling assistant coaching position at Hanks High School.

At Hanks, the boys won 4 district championships and the girls won 4 district/regional championships. In 2014, Hanks won the first Girls Texas State Wrestling Championship for El Paso.

Ben is the son of Lucio and Francisca Avalos, he has 5 sisters and a brother. He has been married to Terry Avalos for 40 years. He has two daughters, Whitney (Matthew) and Allison (Nicholas).



Anthony Carter

Coach

Anthony Carter has honorably served as the wrestling coach for both the boys and girls teams at Hanks High School for the past 27 years. His boys' team record is 530 wins with only 94 losses; that is an 88 percent win ratio. They have earned distinction of winning 19 district championships, 8 regional championships, and has been team state runner-ups twice. He has coached 30 state wrestlers, 8 of them were state champions and 5 were state runner-ups. As for the girls' team, his record is 151-18 and has won 12 district championships, 4 consecutive

regional championships and 4 state championships.

Coach Carter has coached 55 state placers in which 18 were state champions and 15 were state runner-ups as well as 20 national All-Americans. He has been awarded the Greater El Paso Wrestling Coaches Association Female Coach of the Year 7 times, and the El Paso Times Coach of the Year for Girls wrestling 10 times.

Coach Carter was voted Regional Coach of the Year 7 times (3 times for the males and 4 times for the females), and state coach of the year 4 times (once for the males and 3 times

for the females).

He was inducted into the Texas Wrestling Hall of Honor in 2008. He has been the assistant coach on Team Texas and the girl's USA National Team which were national runner ups twice. Coach Carter was the 2016 Texas Girls Coaches Association wrestling coach of the year, the 2016 National Federation of State High School Association's regional coach of the year and the national wrestling coach of the year.

