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EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2026

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Welcome _____ Ray Aauto
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- Introduction of 2026 Inductees

Michael T. Baker _____ Athlete
Steven King Azar _____ Athlete
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- Dinner



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Name: **Jose L. Aguirre**

Classification: **Junior**, Major: **Major: Kinesiology**

Hometown: **El Paso, Texas**

El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Fund

Name: **Adriana Oporto (Beach Volleyball)**

Classification: **Junior**, Major: **Criminal Justice**

Hometown: **Madrid, Spain**

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ray Adauto



What another great year in 2026 for the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tonight we honor the outstanding achievements of some of the most remarkable athletes, coaches, and contributors who have made a legacy impact in sports within our community.

A very special thanks to our title sponsor El Paso Sports Commission and the many additional great

sponsors, where some of them are former Hall of Fame inductees enabling the Hall of Fame to showcase the rich history of El Paso sports.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating these exceptional individuals as your presence here signifies the importance of preserving and honoring the legacy of athletic excellence in El Paso. Together, we will continue to inspire future generations to reach for the stars and strive for

greatness in all their endeavors.

Congratulations to our inductees, and may this evening be a memorable tribute to your extraordinary contributions in sports and as your President of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame I wish you the very best in sports always.

**Sincerely,
Ray Adauto**

President,
El Paso Athletic
Hall of Fame



HOW THE EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME STARTED

“To honor those men and women with High Character who have in their athletic fields of endeavor brought great credit upon themselves and El Paso County,” is the mission statement of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame since February 4, 1955.

The El Paso Hall of Fame idea came about from a suggestion by Mr. H.V. Cruea in 1953 with an idea to honor athletes in all categories of sports. The El Paso Press Club was the sponsor of the very first Hall of Fame Banquet and the impetus behind getting the thoughts of Mr. Cruea initiated. The Press Club is mostly employees of El Paso newspapers and radio and television

stations.

John Phelan, then Press Club President was named the very first El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Chairman. That 1955 first Hall of Fame Committee was comprised of eighteen (18) members with Chris P. Fox of State National Bank being chosen as the selection chairman. Committee members had to sift through over one hundred nominations of El Paso Athletes that first year with only one living athlete and one posthumous individual inducted the first year.

The initial El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame banquet was held in conjunction with the El Paso Press Club’s “Gridiron Dinner.” The event at the time was a combination of roasting El Paso officials and personalities with the presentation of the Hall of Fame awards. Tickets were \$25 as a capacity crowd of 474 people were on hand for the very first El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet with the initial inductees being Andy Cohen of Major League Baseball fame in the Living Athlete

Category and the deceased Norman A. Ferguson Sr. also known as the ‘Father’ of El Paso Tennis named in the posthumous category.

The initial selection committee members were A. L. Holm, Carl A. Beers, Seth Chauvet, Vernus Carey, Cleofas Calleros, Harry Phillips, Lawrence (Sag) Shea, Ted Hunt, Bob Carson, H.V. Cruea, Eric Munro, Jack C. Vowell, C. W. Swan, Chris P. Fox, E.B. Elfers, John Phelan, Chuck Whitlock, Ray Sanchez and Bob Ingram.

The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Hall inducted only two individuals in 1955, and the present-day format which changed in 2025 has up to six (6) individuals selected in various categories consisting of two (2) in the Living Athlete Category, one (1) in the Coach/Administrator Category, and one (1) in the Official/Trainer category. The other inductee categories are one (1) in the Supporter of Athletics/Media Category followed by one (1) in the Posthumous Category for a total of six (6) inductees.

EL PASO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS 2025-2026

Cathedral High School Swim Team

Coach Calvin Zielsdorf

State Champions

(Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools – Boys 6A)

Eastwood High School Girls Wrestling Team

Coach Troy Douglas

State Champions

(University Interscholastic League – Girls 6A)



EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HISTORY 1955-2026

El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Total Inductees

421

Total Female Inductees

45

Youngest Hall Inductee

Lara Jackson, Swimmer (2009)

(22 yrs. and 7 months)

2nd Youngest Hall Inductee

William Licon, Swimmer (2018)

(23 yrs. and 7 months)

Oldest Hall Inductee

Gabriel Hernandez, (2016)

100 yrs. old

First Female Hall of Fame Inductee

1956 – Margaret Varner Bloss

Fathers/Daughters in Hall of Fame

Ross Walker/daughter Sara Walker

Norman Phillips/daughter Kim Phillips - Gomez

Fathers/Sons in Hall of Fame

Don Haskins/son Steve Haskins

Lee Floyd/son Tim Floyd

K.C. Brown/son Charlie Brown

Don Brooks/son Scott Brooks

Joel Kaplowitz/son Steve Kaplowitz

Jim Bowden/son Dr. Jim Bowden

Bob Azar/son Steven King Azar

Husbands and Wives in Hall of Fame

Peggy/John Birkhead

Jan/Phil Prieto

Edna/George Kurita

Elsie/J.D. Partridge

Kristi/Fred Albers

Brothers in Hall of Fame

Andy/Syd Cohen

Russell/George Ball

Andy/Manny Morales

Julius/Carlos Lowenberg

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Only Sitting Mayor of El Paso, Texas Inducted

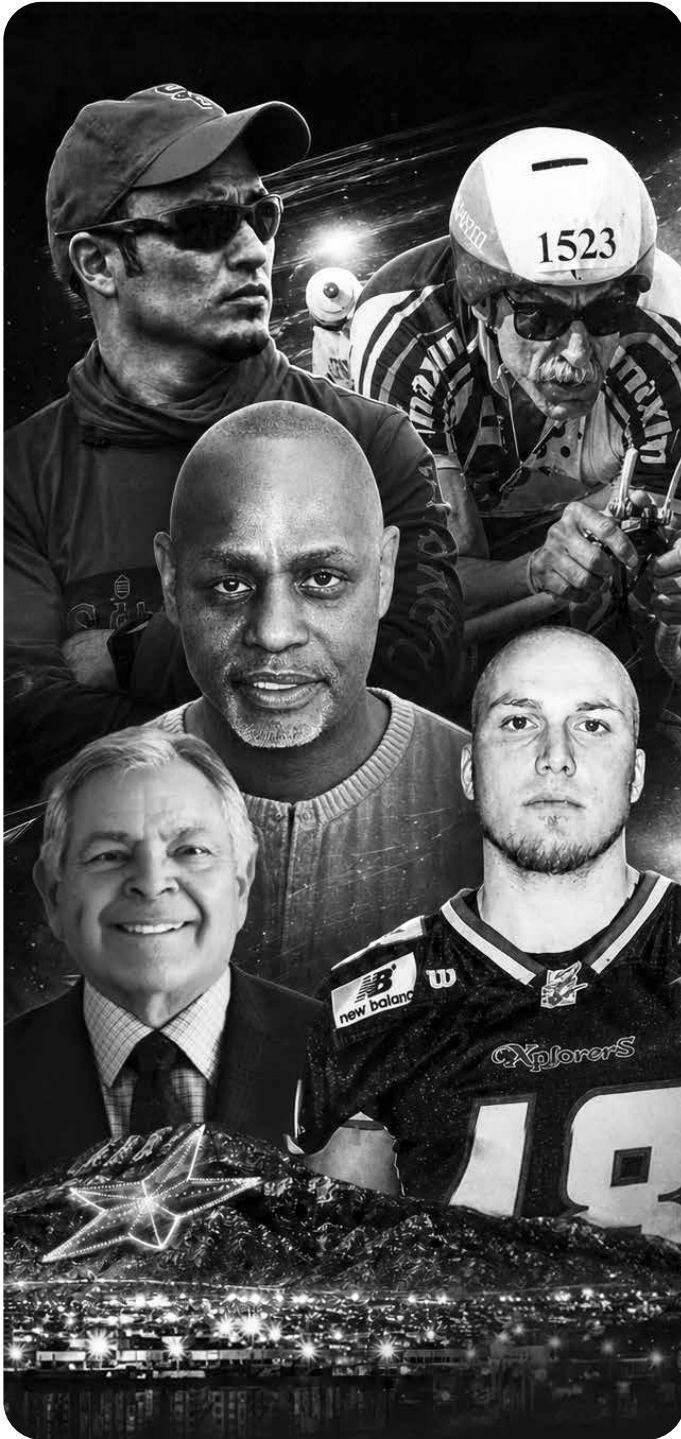
Mayor Oscar Leeser, Class of 2020

Three Most Famous Nationally Known Inductees:

Don Haskins (1971)

Lee Trevino (1975)

Nolan Richardson (1974)



PRESENTATION OF 2026 EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES

Athlete

Michael T. Baker

Nominated by **James Arthur “Flip” Lyle**

Athlete

Steven King Azar

Nominated by **Bob Azar**

Coach/Administrator

Cesar Hugo Morales

Nominated by **Dr. Rogelio Segovia**

Official

Victor Maldonado

Nominated by **Kurt Gross**

Posthumous

Paul Njoroge Kamau

Nominated by **Mark Dorion**

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Michael T. Baker



Michael T. Baker, or “Iron Mike,” a moniker forged not by admiration alone, but by the very friends and rivals who watched him earn it, was a standout athlete at Burges High School. He earned All-District honors in the high jump, leaping a career best 7 feet.

In 1983, he left track and field behind and ventured into the crucible of the triathlon. By 1988 he qualified for the Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, consisting of a 2.4-mile open water ocean swim, a grueling 112-mile bike ride and concluding with a 26.2-mile full marathon under Hawaii’s punishing heat and wind.

Over his career, he completed 25 Ironman races, including two full Ironman triathlons a year for a decade — eight of these at the legendary Ironman World Championship. He once conquered the Hawaiian Ironman before flying to Florida to complete a second Ironman within the same week.

Across more than twenty years of competition, Mike amassed more than 100 age group titles across all distances. His achievements include Irondistance National Champion (1992, 1993), HalfIron National Champion (1993, 1994, 2000) and seven time HalfIron National runnerup.

He is also an eight time Texas, New Mexico and regional champion and was named USA Triathlon three time All-American (1993, 1994, and 2000).

Among his proudest achievements was teaming with friend and rival “Flyin” Brian Carter to win the Iron distance National Championship Tandem division and set a national record that still stands.

In 2005, “Iron Mike” again reimagined himself serving the sport of triathlon — trading racing flats for zebra stripes officiating USA Triathlon events at the local, state, national and professional levels.

Mike is blessed to be married to his beloved wife Pam for 28 years. They both continue to share the love of Christ to children and young adults through after school Bible clubs. **Nominated by James Arthur “Flip” Lyle.**



Steven King Azar

Steven Azar is a legendary placekicker recognized for elite accuracy, consistency and exceptional leg strength across collegiate and professional football.

A standout at Northern Illinois University (2000–2003), Azar remains one of the most decorated specialists in Mid-American Conference history. He is one of only two players to earn MAC Special Teams Player of the Year honors twice (2001, 2003) and is the only player in program history to receive All-Conference recognition in four consecutive seasons. He was also a two-time semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award and earned three All-American honors.

Azar’s collegiate legacy is firmly established in the record books. He graduated as the MAC’s all-time leading scorer with 370 points and set 15 school records, including 73 career field goals. Known for his ability to perform under pressure, he delivered a memorable game-winning 42-yard field goal as time expired against USF in 2001, helping elevate NIU’s national profile. His impact was later recognized with his induction into the NIU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2017.

Professionally, Azar became a standout in the Arena Football League and ArenaFootball2, a developmental minor league for the Arena Football League, contributing to an Arena Cup championship with the Memphis Xplorers.

He also served as the primary kicker for the New York Dragons, Utah Blaze and Las Vegas Gladiators. His sustained excellence earned him recognition as one of the top kickers in ArenaFootball2 history, solidifying his legacy as a premier specialist.

Azar credits much of his success to the support of his family, teammates, coaches and community. Growing up alongside his brothers, Robert and Alan, both accomplished athletes, fueled his competitive spirit and work ethic. He developed his passion for sports from his father, Bob Azar, a Hall of Fame inductee in 2014, while his greatest form of support has always been his mother, Mary Azar. **Nominated by Bob Azar.**

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Cesar Hugo Morales

Cesar Hugo Morales' life reflects a strong dedication to education, family, and service through academics and athletics.

Born on Aug. 20, 1983, in Chihuahua, Mexico to Martha & Reynaldo Morales, he is married to Claudia Morales, and are the proud parents of three children: Anahi, America and Cesar Morales Jr.

Cesar graduated from Clint High School in 2001 and continued his education at the University of Texas at El Paso, earning a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in 2007. In 2020, he completed a master's in educational leadership from Sul Ross State University, preparing him for advanced leadership roles in education and athletics.

Professionally, Morales serves as the Executive Athletic Director for San Elizario Independent School District. Before stepping into this leadership role, he spent more than a decade at San Elizario High School as a math teacher and head cross country and track & field Coach. Throughout his coaching career, he earned statewide recognition.

In cross country, he led his teams to six UIL State Championships, including four consecutive titles from 2014 to 2017, and 10 consecutive district championships.

He was named El Paso Times Cross Country Coach of the Year six times and was recognized nationally in 2017 as the National Federation of State High School Associations Coach of the Year.

In track & field, his teams won six district championships, and his athletes captured five individual University Interscholastic League State Championships.

He was also named El Paso Times Track & Field Coach of the Year three times. **Nominated by Dr. Rogelio Segovia.**



Victor Maldonado

Victor Maldonado is a two-sport official — 31 years as a baseball umpire and 22 as a football official.

Maldonado's umpiring career includes nine seasons of professional baseball in the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball, a substitute umpire for the AAA Pacific Coast League and internationally in the Mexican Pacific League.

During his time on the diamond, Maldonado umpired 13 future Major League Baseball players, including Max Scherzer, Luke Hochevar and Brandon Kintzler.

He also umpired games that included future managers and coaches such as Mike Marshall, Pete Incaviglia, Johnny Ruffin, Terry Bevington and Butch Henry.

On his way up, Maldonado umpired 12 years of NCAA Division I baseball, 10 years in NCAA Division III, four years in NAIA, 15 years in National Junior College Athletic Association.

He spent all of his career behind the mask umpiring high school games in El Paso and New Mexico. Victor was selected twice to umpire the Texas State High School Championship game, most recently in 2025.

He has also been featured in newspaper articles, magazines, a book and has had appearances on local TV as well as national TV on ESPN's E:60. He was inducted into the El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame in 2016.

During his stint as a high school football official, Victor was able to work every position, from umpire to line judge, his eyes were everywhere. Along with his crew, Victor was selected to eight Texas high school state bi-district championships.

Victor married the late Elsa Maldonado for 39 years. They have a daughter, Dr. Christine Maldonado, and a son Matthew. Victor has two grandchildren, Michael and Eleanor, and is currently in a relationship with Belinda Armendariz. **Nominated by Kurt Gross.**

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Paul Njoroge Kamau

Paul Njoroge Kamau was an integral part of UTEP’s standout track teams of the 1970’s. He and his teammates dominated the distance medley relay, (DMR) generally the most competitive event at the Indoor National Championships.

Those DMR teams won the 1976 and 1977 NCAA’s and third in 1974.

Their 9:36.3 in 1977 was a school record and remains one of the fastest UTEP times ever. That 1977 Distance Medley Relay team is in the UTEP Track Hall of Fame.

Individually, Kamau’s 10.34 in the 100 meters at the 1976 Penn Relays and 47.14. in the 400 meters in a home meet against Arizona were two of his best performances.

Kamau was named to the 1976 Kenyan Olympic team for the 100 and 200 meters but did not compete because Kenya boycotted the 1976 Olympics, joining most African nations in protest.

Kamau used his hardworking training ethic, he was known to do hill repeats at the top of Scenic Drive and up Sun Bowl Hill, to use while handling jobs with UTEP Maintenance and Circle K stores starting in 1978. At Circle K, he employed several former UTEP Track athletes.

Paul ultimately made El Paso his home from 1972 until the time of his passing on July 27, 2024. While working at Wal-Mart Neighborhood Grocery Stores, Paul also supported local running as a sponsor supplying water, potato chips and other snacks.

The Sleeping Lion Trail Runs, an El Paso event which features steep hills Paul used to hike up in Don Haskins Recreation Center area, awards the “Paul Njoroge Spirit” trophies to 1st place overall male and female.

Paul has a son Andrew Kamau, living in Japan. “He was a man of few words but filled with wisdom ... he was kind and generous to all,” said Phyllis Kiuna, his niece. **Nominated by Mark Dorion.**

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Special Thanks to the continued partnership and title sponsorship with the El Paso Sports Commission and President Janet Vargas and Sports Tourism Strategist Tony Rodriguez.

The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame would like to thank the University of Texas at El Paso for their continued support of displaying the celebratory plaques for our inductees since 1981 at Don Haskins Center. Thanks as well for the support of Ricky Nichols and great staff with the Class of 2026 Ceremonial Plaque Unveiling Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on August 12, 2026 at “The Don”.

Special Thanks to El Paso Community College Associate Vice – President, Dr. Keri Moe, and office person Gabriela Ferron, and the great audio – production team of Jaime Rodriguez, Felix Vasquez and David Hernandez for your dedicated efforts in making the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame meetings and Induction Banquet a tremendous success.

Thank you to KVIA – TV (Channel 7) and General Manager Brenda De Anda - Swann and Sports Director Adrian Ochoa for your continued support of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame and for your live streaming of the Banquet festivities at kvia.com.

Thanks for the extraordinary efforts of Andres “Ace” Acosta and Tony Grijalva for their annual “Welcome to the Hall” podcast of the Class of 2026 inductees.

Special thanks to PDX printing for providing a great Hall of Fame program for over 20 years.



Thanks to All of you for being tremendous supporters of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame for 71 years strong and we say “Thank You.”

Special Facts of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame

Since 1981 the High School Male and Female Student Athletes of the Year were selected from area high schools with the focus on honoring graduating high school seniors although honorees do not have to be a high school senior.

In 2022 the selection of the student - athletes was renamed in honor of Ray Sanchez, a founding board member of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame and a nationally known author, columnist, and sports historian on the El Paso sports scene. Mr. Sanchez passed away in January 2022 at the age of 94 and thus the renaming of the High School Student Athletes and Teams of the Year in his honor. The distinguished Mr. Sanchez was inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in 1978. The current format of the Ray Sanchez High School Student-Athletes of the Year has two individuals selected of one male and one female which now honors upwards of 104 individuals from the 52 high schools in the city.

The first title sponsor in the modern era was Price’s Creameries, a nationally known milk product company from 1998 through 2019. In 2020 the El Paso Sports Commission; a vibrant organization that has changed the landscape of local sports in the city with their creativity, intuitiveness and downright hardworking staff is now the title sponsor. with their logo shown below.

Ticket Costs for the Banquet started at \$25 in 1955 and rising to \$30 in 1994 and then to \$35 in 2020. The present-day ticket costs are \$50 which began in 2022.

There are also two separately endowed scholarships at UTEP with the first scholarship titled as the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Fund and the second scholarship titled as the John C. Birkhead and Dick Shinaut Memorial Scholarship. Hall of Fame Plaques now number 421 on display at the Don Haskins Center on the campus of the University of Texas at El Paso and the plaques have been in the then named Special Events Center since 1981.

In 2021 the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame started a weekly podcast produced by Andres “Ace” Acosta depicting the legendary careers of Hall of Fame members available on various social media channels along with posting the podcast on the Hall’s web page created in 2015 at elpasoathletichalloffame.com.

Every two years a new President is voted upon by the Hall committee members to oversee the Hall of Fame Board and committee members of the Hall of Fame which usually range from 50-60 men and women from the area community.

The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame has 71 years of historic success in El Paso, Texas.

Hall of Fame Past Presidents

1956 – John Phelan*	1974 – Ben Collins*	1992 – Yvan Rechy*	2010 – Kevin Lovell
1957 – John Phelan*	1975 – Don O'Neill*	1993 – Vic Clark*	2011 – James Arthur "Flip" Lyle
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1959 – Bob Ingram*	1977 – Maynard Haddad*	1995 – Ernest Barnard Polk*	2013 – Bruce A. Reichman
1960 – Chuck Whitlock*	1978 – Harris Hatfield	1996 – Wayne Thornton	2014 – Ernest Barnard Polk*
1961 – Harry Phillips*	1979 – Billy Stevens	1997 – Jon C. Sanders	2015 – Ernest Barnard Polk*
1962 – Vernus Carey*	1980 – Dr. John "Pinkey" Edwin*	1998 – Al Franco*	2016 – Manny Ontiveros
1963 – Thad Steele*	1981 – Tee Casper*	1999 – Steve Hill*	2017 – Manny Ontiveros
1964 – John McFall*	1982 – C. W. "Lucky" Leverett*	2000 – Al Velarde	2018 – Ruben R. Ramirez
1965 – Frank Redman*	1983 – Jim Paul	2001 – Julius Lowenberg	2019 – Ruben R. Ramirez
1966 – G. M. (Bill) Green	1984 – Steve DeGroat	2002 – Pat O'Neill	2020 – Ed Stansbury
1967 – Jim Bowden*	1985 – Ken George*	2003 – Rene Aguilar	2021 – Ed Stansbury
1968 – Jim DeGroat*	1986 – Richard Fritz*	2004 – Bob Nitzburg	2022 – Dr. Scott Stein
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1972 – Dick De Bruyn*	1990 – Tim Crenshaw	2008 – Ron Leiman	
1973 – Frank Porth*	1991 – Ted Kepple*	2009 – Alvis Glidewell*	

*Deceased



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1955-Andy Cohen*	1972-Paul "Hoss" Lopez *	1979-Daniel W. Conway*	1987-K. C. Brown*
1955-N. A. Ferguson*	1973-Wayne Hansen*	1980-Tony Carvajal*	1987-Jim Malone
1956-Cliff Hill*	1973-Bobby Goldfarb*	1980-Jack Curtice*	1987-Bill Macatee
1956-Margaret Varner Bloss*	1973-Dolph Quijano*	1980-Ernest L. Keily*	1987-Walter W. Driver*
1957-Luther Coblentz*	1973-Gene Jordan	1981-Chris P Fox*	1987-Larry "Moose" Stubing*
1957-Ken Heineman*	1973-Harrison Kohl*	1981-Roy Lown	1988-John "Jack" Parks*
1958-Dr. Sandy Esquivel*	1974-Nolan Richardson	1981-Kenneth R. George*	1988-Santos "Kayo" Perez*
1958-Ara Porter*	1974-Mary Hoover*	1981-Ted Banks*	1988-Dr. R. J. "Buddy" Shaeffer
1959-Jack Harden	1974-Charles "Red" Harris*	1981-Lawrence "Sag" Shea*	1988-Dr. James G. Mason*
1959-Mack Saxon*	1974-Saul Kleinfield*	1982-E. R. Bowman	1988-Lydia F. Sierra
1960-Judge Ballard Coldwell*	1974-Bob Ingram*	1982-Bill Cummins	1988-Marjorie Ann Williamson
1960-E. E. "Mannie" Ponsford*	1974-Raymond B. Ward, Sr.*	1982-Dr. Fred Kriss	1989-Suleiman Nyambui
1961-Bob Osborn*	1974-Fred Wendt*	1982-Vic Clark*	1989-Gus Bailey*
1961-Willie "Bill" Shoemaker*	1975-Lee Trevino	1983-Nolan Richardson	1989-George I. Kurita*
1962-Syd Cohen*	1975-Lee Floyd*	1983-Janet Blades Prieto*	1989-Mary Jane McCutcheon
1962-Carlos Edwards*	1975-Karen Linton	1983-Jim Bowden*	1989-Gerald Campbell
1963-Mike Brumbelow*	1975-Dr. John "Pinkey" Edwin*	1983-Tee Casper*	1989-Jimmy Rogers, Jr.*
1963-Dr. James Vance	1975-Robert Carson*	1983-Robert Lee Garner*	1989-James Forbes*
1964-A. L. "Doc" Holm*	1975-John Phelan*	1983-Russell E. Ball*	1990-Bert Cameron
1964-Bob Laraba*	1976-Dr. C. M. Hendricks*	1983-John C. Birkhead*	1990-Don O'Neill*
1965-W. J. "Chule" Milner*	1976-Billy Stevens	1984-Peggy Birkhead	1990-Robert W. Osborne
1965-Javier Montez	1976-Thad Steele*	1984-Larry Jessee	1990-Ted Kepple*
1966-A. S. Valdespino*	1976-Jim DeGroat*	1984-Charles R. Smith	1990-Joe I. Valencia*
1966-Clyde Wafer*	1976-John McFall*	1984-Jack McNutt*	1990-Norman Lee Phillips*
1967-Frank Redman*	1976-Jim Paul	1984-Albert C. Messer*	1990-Clay Cox*
1967-Chanes H. Leavell, Sr.*	1976-Chuck Whitlock*	1985-Tyrone "Bobby Joe" Hill*	1991-Danny McKillip*
1967-Jessie Whittenton*	1977-Oscar Villareal	1985-Tom Chavez*	1991-Armando "Jeep" Gutierrez*
1968-Harry Phillips*	1977-Dick Shinaut*	1985-Samuel L. Jenkins*	1991-Robert Lee Garner*
1968-Nemo Herrera*	1977-Pete Melendez	1985-Gene Odell*	1991-Ralph E. "Buzz" Kendrick
1968-Ross Moore*	1977-Bobby Dobbs*	1985-Fenton E. Slaughter*	1991-Lance Taylor
1968-Don Maynard	1977-Dalton E. Hill*	1985-Camille Whitfield	1991-Bert Williams*
1969-George Ball	1977-Jud Milton*	1986-Carlton. B. "Stretch" Elliott*	1992-Bill Chesak*
1969-Agatha Lee	1977-Ben Collins*	1986-Robert E. Kolliner*	1992-Seth Joyner
1969-Mike Izquierdo*	1978-Bob Arnold	1986-Jack P. Morris*	1992-Ross Walker
1970-Dale B. Waters*	1978-Harris Cantrell	1986-L. O. Page*	1992-Ruth Meredith
1971-Vernus Carey*	1978-David L. Carrasco*	1986-Frank Porth*	1992-George McCarty*
1971-Don Haskins*	1978-Wayne Vandenberg	1987-J. D. Partridge*	
1971-Paul Barry*	1978-Ray Sanchez*	1987-Joe C. Hague*	
1972-Chuck Hughes*	1978-Margaret Osborne DuPont*		
1972-C. D. Jarvis*			

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1992-Ralph J. Banner*	2001-Tony Harper	2009 Paul Strelzin*	2018 Brandon Wolfram
1992-Gerald Lamar Boykin*	2001-Jon Teicher	2009 Perry Huddleston*	2018 Marc Bombard
1993-Yvan A. Rechy*	2001-Manny Reynoso	2009 Lionel "Leo" Forti*	2018 Rennie Rebe
1993-Richard "Dickie" Ochoa*	2001-Randolph Young*	2010 Alan M. Zinter	2018 Bernie del Hierro
1993-Jake Martinez*	2002-Art Abraham*	2010 Floyd "Butch" Henry	2018 Manuel "Manny" Ontiveros
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1993-Dr. Joe Galatzan*	2002-Armando Sambrano*	2010 Ernest Barnard Polk*	2019 Jorge Munoz
1994-Don Riederer*	2002-Andy Stoglin*	2010 Mona Loper*	2019 Quincy "Dow" Farley
1994-Jon A. Sanders*	2002-Juan Vasquez*	2011 Phil Prieto*	2019 Gary Pippen
1994-Francisco "Kiko" Martinez	2002-Truman Wills, Jr.	2011 Diane Proud*	2019 Bill Scott
1994-Kristi Albers	2003-Frank Johnson	2011 Pete Solis, Jr.	2019 Duke Keith
1994-Martin "David" Binder	2003-Manny Martinez, Sr.*	2011 Bernie Olivas	2019 Eugene A. Desboine*
1994-Leo G. Cancellare*	2003-Benjamin Rodriguez*	2011 Jack White*	2020 Ernie Bautista
1994-Charles H. "Pug" Gabrel*	2003-H.R. Moye, Jr.*	2011 Richard A. Castro	2020 John "Rocky" Coppinger
1995-Jose "Pepe" Palafox*	2003-Elsie Partridge*	2011 Norman W. Pittenger*	2020 Monica Campos Townsend
1995-Manny Morales*	2003-Julio Lujan	2012 Humberto "Beto" Bautista	2020 Tony Grijalva
1995-Jerry Bailey	2003-Frank Davis*	2012 Carilyn Francis Johnson	2020 Milton Henry
1995-John Wedel	2003-Robert "Chicky" Castaneda*	2012 Rafael Palomar	2020 Robert Hemphill, Jr.
1995-Wayne Thornton	2004 Dr. Billy M. Dickey*	2012 Steven D. Flato	2020 Oscar Leeser
1995-Manny Pacillas*	2004 Bobby Elliott*	2012 Felix Hinojosa	2020 Salvador "Gory" Guerrero*
1995-Eddie Mullens*	2004 John Folmer	2012 Bobby Dibler	2021 John S. Birkelbach
1995-Jimmy Walker*	2004 Chris Forbes	2012 Luis Zuniga	2021 Joe Overton
1996-Marian L. Bennett	2004 Jack McGrath*	2012 Francisco "Kiki" Contreras*	2021 Jim Weddell
1996-William "Bill" Bridler	2004 Jeff Limberg	2013 James Munyala*	2021 Erwin A. Bloxdorf
1996-Jesse Bulos*	2004 Marvin J. Nicchio*	2013 Bobby C. Lesley*	2021 Maria Kennedy
1996-Tom Chisari*	2004 Tony Perea	2013 Jimmy Melendez	2021 Victor Firth*
1996-Al Franco*	2004 Ladislao "Junior" Vicencio	2013 Steve Kaplowitz	2021 Felix Chavez
1996-Wilson Waigwa	2005 Greg Foster	2013 Gary B. Crossland	2021 Charlie Brown*
1996-Andy Morales*	2005 James Arthur "Flip" Lyle	2013 Buryl Baty*	2022 Dr. Jim Bowden
1997-Neal "Bozo" Franklin*	2005 Bruce Ruffin	2013 Frank Del Toro	2022 Steven Lee
1997-Richard "Tuff" Hedeman	2005 Bob Haack*	2013 Natasha Lacy	2022 Kenny A. Lucero
1997-Raymond Hibler	2005 Carlos Lowenberg	2014 Gloria Estrada	2022 David Moore
1997-William W. Cowan*	2005 Ruben R. Ramirez	2014 John Patrick "J.P." Hayes	2022 Wright Stanton III
1997-Jack Quarles*	2005 Dr. Charles Roark	2014 Larisa Ito Pitchkolan	2022 Chris Snead
1997-Derry Eads	2005 Luis "Nino" Aguilera*	2014 Keitha Adams	2022 Brian Kennedy
1997-Cecil Maxwell*	2006 Merrill T. "Snookie" Autry	2014 Roberto E. "Bob" Azar	2022 Bruce L. Gordon*
1998-Alvis Glidewell*	2006 Alan Culpepper	2014 Gene Semko	2023 Ewella Munn
1998-William "Phil" Luckett	2006 Scott Warman	2014 Larry Rodriguez	2023 Jeanette Castro Lawrence
1998-Dave Peck	2006 Gene R. Calabro*	2014 Gabriel "Gabe" Nava*	2023 Dale Laverty
1998-Robert "Chito" Samamiego*	2006 Tony Shaw	2015 Ruben Dominguez, Jr.	2023 Pat O'Neill
1998-Ken Schrom	2006 Thomas "Joe Fan" Ciaburri	2015 Paul Pearson	2023 Larry Vucan
1998-Allan Sepkowitz*	2006 Joe Gomez*	2015 Edmund E. Stansbury	2023 Charlie Miller
1998-Camp Wilson*	2006 Pete Paredes, Jr.*	2015 Jerry Pippins	2023 Rick Hernandez
1998-Fred Albers	2006 James J. Crouch*	2015 Mike Price	2023 Eddie Guerrero*
1999-Charles Brown*	2007 Sal Castillo	2015 Bob Geske	2024 Patsy Norman Brunson
1999-Sara Marie Guido	2007 Bobby Gonzales	2015 Brian Kanof	2024 Rita Benavides Delnoye
1999-Cliff "Magic" Thomas	2007 Bobby Kitchens	2016 Jennifer Han	2024 Bobby Stives
1999-Tim Floyd	2007 Jack Wilkinson*	2016 Dr. Scott Stein	2024 Michael Williams
1999-Julius Lowenberg	2007 Bob Kitchens	2016 Brian Young	2024 Kimberly Phillips - Gomez
1999-Bill Knight	2007 Jack Wilkinson*	2016 Scott Brooks	2024 Jerry Rubin
1999-Dotson Lewis	2007 Kevin Lovell	2016 Anthony J. Morgan	2024 Kenneth E. May
1999-Rocky Galarza*	2007 Annie Moncada	2016 Shawn Lehigh	2024 Pablo Darancou
2000-Louis "Loo" James, Jr.*	2007 Loretta "Lottie" Uranga*	2016 Gabriel Hernandez*	2025 Bobby Rodriguez Kirkley
2000-Michael Mulandi Musyoki	2008 Bill Barry*	2016 Robert "Rap" Rapanut*	2025 Kendra Chambers - Coleman
2000-Sal Olivas	2008 Ray Mickens	2017 Rita C. Aguilar	2025 Natalia Hinojo
2000-Harry "Hut" Brown*	2008 Bufe Morrison*	2017 Billy Davis	2025 Cory Herman
2000-Sonny Pitts	2008 Ron Leiman	2017 Kaysie A. Smashey	2025 Yesenia Alarcon Ortega
2000-Bob Nitzburg	2008 Bob Stull	2017 Ben Avalos	2025 Scott Smelser
2000-Margarito Banales	2008 Bob Haynsworth*	2017 Ben Avalos	2025 Joe Muench
2000-Tom Rush*	2008 Dawn Hearn	2017 Anthony Carter	2025 Leon Wade
2000-Edna Kurita*	2008 Joel Kaplowitz*	2017 Ronnie Hernandez	*Deceased
2001-Nate Archibald	2009 Steve Haskins	2017 Raymond "Uncle Ray" Aduino	
2001-Fred Reynolds	2009 Steve Haskins	2017 Wally Hartley*	
2001-Willie Vasquez	2009 Lara Marie Jackson	2018 William "Will" Licon	
2001-Don Brooks*	2009 Joe Morales	2018 Robert Rodriguez	
	2009 Bruce Reichman		
	2009 Flo Valdez		

IN MEMORIAM



In memory of Dick Shinaut,
from Yvonne, Kenny, and Randy Shinaut for the Dick Shinaut Family

In loving memory of James Aaron Lyle,
a superb athlete, inspiration and a great father, from James Arthur Lyle and Samuel Douglas Lyle

In loving memory of LTC Timothy Carroll Lyle,
a great brother, father, husband, B52 and U2 driver, athlete, patriot, spy and American,
from James Arthur Lyle and Samuel Douglas Lyle

In memory of Hall of Famer Norman W. Pittenger,
By son, Garret L. Pittenger and wife, Carol Pittenger

In memory of Hall of Famer Benny Brooks,
Hall of Fame Class of Your love for God, Family, and El Paso Athletics will forever shine upon our
El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Family
From Bob Azar and Family

In loving memory of my parents Dr. Eugenio A. Aguilar Jr. and Josefina N. Aguilar,
from Rita Aguilar

In memory of Wally Hartley and Charlie Brown for everything you did over the years,
from Edmundo Calderon

To the Families and Friends of special people in the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Family that have passed away since July 2025.



Harris Hatfield passed away in late June and was a past President of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame and Sun Bowl Association. He was married 68 years before his wife Kay passed away in 2023.

Guadalupe Ramirez was the mother of 2005 Hall of Famer, and immediate past president Ruben R. Ramirez as she was a tremendous source of strength to her family and especially her son Ruben in his now 50 years of work in El Paso media circles.

Frank Davis, a 2003 Hall inductee, Mr. Davis was also an exceptional businessman that loved El Paso and was a past owner of 20 Whataburger franchises in the city.

Andra Crossland, wife of 2013 Hall of Fame inductee Gary Crossland volunteered with an astonishing number of clubs and organizations in El Paso. She was always by the side of Mr. Crossland and always there for her children and extended family.

Janet B. Prieto, a 1983 Hall inductee and the greatest swimming diver in El Paso sports history and the wife of now deceased 2011 Hall of Fame inductee Phil Prieto.

Norma James, the wife of 2006 Hall of Famer Lou James passed away at the age of 82, after being married 62 years to her high sweetheart in Mr. James, a couple that always connected themselves to helping youth in need.

Joe Gomez, a 2006 Hall of Fame Inductee, a 2015 Burges High School Outstanding Ex and 2020 UTEP Distinguished Alumni as Gomez was famed as historian for the 1966 Texas Western NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Team and went to the White House with the championship team in 2006.

May all of you forever Rest in Peace,
From El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame President Ray Aduato and Hall of Fame Committee

*El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame & El Paso Sports Commission
Ray Sanchez High School Student Athletes of the Year*

2025-2026

School	Female Athlete	Male Athlete	School	Female Athlete	Male Athlete
Americas	Anabella Danielle Escobar Soccer, Flag Football	Cam' Ron Johnson Football	Harmony Science Academy	Leilani Magalde Volleyball, Soccer, Flag Football	Aiden Ochoa Cross Country, Basketball, Track
Andress	Gianna Gulley Basketball, Track	Jordan Owens Football, Track	Horizon	Leah Juarez Wrestling, Basketball, Softball Flag Football, Band	Franklin Miller Baseball
Anthony	Giselle Castillo Volleyball, Basketball, Softball Track and Field, Flag Football	Christopher Bueno Cross Country, Track and Field	Irvin	Alicea Sakil Cross Country, Swim, Track	Julian Medina Football, Basketball, Track
Austin	Nazarene Sandoval Basketball, Track and Field	Andrew Andujo Football, Basketball, Track	Jefferson/Silva	Elizabeth Washington Track and Field	Ryan Miller Tennis
Bel Air	Cydney Davis Wrestling	Alan Franco Soccer	Loretto Academy	Sofia Avila Volleyball, Softball, Flag Football	No Males at School
Bowie	Genesis Reyes Soccer	Johan Camacho Football, Basketball, Baseball	Lydia Patterson Institute	Danya Saenz Volleyball, Cross Country, Track	Fernando Manriquez Cross Country, Soccer, Track
Burges	Gloria Vasquez Wrestling	Omar Herrera Soccer	Montwood	Mia Hairston Cross Country, Track, Basketball	Damian Briano Football
Canutillo	Shane Christianson Flag Football, Track and Field	Keilani Olivas Basketball, Track	Mountain View	Jackie Alvarado Volleyball, Track, Cheerleading	Andrew Palma Football, Track
Cathedral	No Females at School	Diego Hernandez Soccer	Parkland	Samantha Martinez Softball	Noah Gamez Wrestling
Chapin	Aahniyah Clayton Track and Field	Daveon Singleton Football, Track, Basketball	Pebble Hills	Nadia Soto Soccer	Jonathan Martinez Football, Baseball
Clint	Akira Bigelow Volleyball, Track	Matthew Portillo Basketball, Track, Band	Radford School	Paulina Salazar Contreras Volleyball, Track	Truitt Olsonz Swimming
Coronado	Natalia Ochoa Golf	Ben Wilson Football, Baseball	Riverside	Mandy Contreras Softball	Pedro Guillen Football, Wrestling, Baseball
Da Vinci	Amerika Medina Volleyball, Softball	Cristian Corona Basketball, Baseball, Track	Rose of Sharon	Evelyn Jasso Volleyball	Israel Quijas Basketball
Del Valle	Ximena Hernandez Silos Soccer	Diego Villalobos Football, Baseball	San Elizario	Denise Munoz Team Tennis, Spring Tennis	Antonio Arreola Cross Country, Track and Field
Eastlake	Vanneaya Nieves Track and Field	Nick Irigoyen Soccer, Football	Socorro	Hailey Rodriguez Softball	Alvaro Avila Swimming, Track
Eastwood	Hailey Delgado Wrestling, Flag Football	Andrew Cintron Football, Wrestling	Ysleta High School	Amaris Escobedo Cross Country, Track and Field	Ryan Lopez Football, Wrestling
El Dorado	Ivy Tarango Soccer	Ryan Estrada Football	Young Women's Steam Academy (EPISD)	Nidia Fierro Volleyball, Basketball, Softball	No males at school
El Paso High	Alexia Guevara Tennis	Austin Slagel Baseball	Young Women's Leadership school Academy (YISD)	Alexandria Renteria Cross Country, Track	No males at school
Fabens	Emma Ortiz Volleyball, Track	Jesse Ortiz Cross Country, Track			
Franklin	Emily Orr Cross Country,	Ernie Powers Football, Track and Field			
Hanks	Ashlyn McMillan Cross Country, Track and Field	Ky-Ri Bonner Track and Field			

*In Memoriam of Ray Sanchez
June 5th, 1927 - January 12th, 2022*