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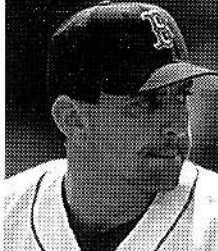
Tómas Rivera Center  
University of Texas at El Paso  
Wednesday, May 8th, 2002

**Art Abraham**  
Athlete



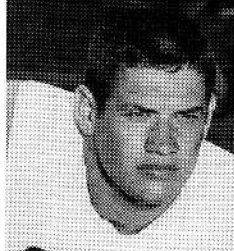
Art Abraham has been successful in everything he has ever tried because of his willingness to work hard and thanks to his determination to get the most out of himself that he possibly could. Simply put, the 79 year old Abraham is one of the top athletes the City of El Paso has ever produced. He is also a well-respected attorney and longtime El Paso businessman. Abraham was born in Juarez, Mexico in 1923 to Syrian parents waiting to immigrate to the United States. This was accomplished in 1927 and young Arthur Abraham began attending grade school at Houston Elementary, located in Central El Paso. Art became a two sport star at El Paso High School, competing in football and basketball. He earned All-District honors as a Tiger offensive lineman in 1940 and 1941. He played on El Paso High's 1941 Texas State Championship Basketball team, but was noticed by college scouts because of his ability in football to block opponents off their feet. Texas Western College signed him to a football scholarship to play on the offensive line and handle the place kicking chores, another area of the sport that he excelled at. Mr. Abraham played one year at Texas Western when World War II broke out interrupting his athletic career. He joined the U.S. Army and saw combat from 1942 through 1944 as a member of the 102nd Infantry Division. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army in 1944, it was time to resume his football career and finish his college education. Texas A&M Aggies Coach Homer Norton signed Abraham to a college scholarship as an offensive lineman in what was the "golden age" of Southwest Conference football. After spending three years as a combat soldier, Abraham adjusted back to civilian life and starred for Texas A&M in 1944 and 1945, against the likes of Texas star Bobby Layne and SMU Heisman Trophy Winner Doak Walker. Baseball was a sport he discovered in college at Texas A&M. Art earned two letters on the Aggies baseball team. He played his position so well on the Aggie football team, that he was drafted by the Detroit Lions of the NFL in 1946. Although he could have played for the Lions in the NFL, Art thought it was better to use his Texas A&M education to enter his family's lucrative grocery business back in El Paso. From 1947, until 1961, Abraham co-owned and operated his family's Big 8 store chain and the Tri-State Wholesale Grocers Corporation. He was wildly successful as a grocer, but yearned for another career challenge. At the age of 40, with a large family to raise and support, Abraham decided he wanted to become a lawyer. In 1963, he entered St. Mary's University Law School, passing the "Bar Exam" in 1966. Since then, Art has practiced law and has sold real estate. It takes a lot of courage to make such a career change, but Art Abraham has plenty of that. Abraham is an inducted member of the Texas A&M Football Hall of Honor and tonight becomes an inducted member of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame, an honor long overdue.

**Frank Castillo**  
Athlete



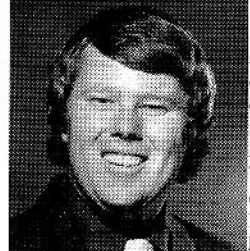
Only one in 10,000 youngsters playing any form of organized baseball will have enough ability to play Major League Baseball. That's a pretty daunting statistic, but a true one all the same. Nevertheless, many kids across America and all over the world, where baseball is played, are happily playing the game for the fun of it, not worrying about being a Major League ballplayer. Joe and Gloria Castillo's son Frank picked up a baseball over twenty years ago, and he has been playing the game ever since then. Frank Castillo is that one in 10,000 kids that actually does reach the Major Leagues. He was blessed with the skill necessary to play big league baseball and was blessed a second time to play the game for big money. He would tell you that he is a very lucky man. This is Frank's 11th season in Major League Baseball, where he has played for the Chicago Cubs, Colorado Rockies, Toronto Blue Jays, Detroit Tigers, and currently the Boston Red Sox. Going into this season, Frank has won 66 ballgames. The 32 year old Castillo is living out his dream playing professional baseball. It has not been so long ago that Joe and Gloria Castillo took Frank to his Little League games sponsored by the Bel Air Optimists in El Paso. Back in 1985, Frank was a sophomore righthander wearing the blue and gold colors of the Eastwood Troopers. It was at Eastwood High from 1985 through the 1987 season that professional baseball scouts began to attend Trooper games. Why? The scouts flocked to the ballpark to watch the righthanded Castillo humiliate opposing hitters with his assortment of breaking balls thrown with pinpoint accuracy, to go along with an above average fastball. The scouts also showed up in droves to watch Castillo's teammate Butch Henry destroy opposing hitters with a barrage of lefthanded pitches. Henry was also to reach the Major Leagues and might have been reunited with Frank on the Boston Red Sox staff, but was betrayed by arm trouble, which has plagued his entire career. Eastwood had great baseball teams in the mid-eighties thanks to pitchers like Castillo and Henry. The Troopers whipped Midland to win the Texas Region 1 Area Championship and it took a great Ft. Worth Richland Hills team to knock them out of the state playoffs in 1987. Both Frank Castillo and Butch Henry went from the Eastwood Troopers right into the minor league farm system. Frank signed with the Chicago Cubs and pitched brilliantly in the Cubs farm system in places like Wythville, Virginia, Peoria, Illinois, Winston Salem, North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina, Huntsville, Alabama, and the AAA Des Moines, Iowa club. Finally, on July 26th, 1991, Castillo was called up to the Chicago Cubs to pitch against a very good Pittsburgh Pirates team loaded with great hitters like Barry Bonds and Bobby Bonilla. Frank lost 4-3 to Pittsburgh but looked strong enough to stay in the Big Leagues after facing future homerun king Barry Bonds, and the powerful bat of Bobby Bonilla. Castillo has never left the Major Leagues. He does remember his roots sponsoring the El Paso Senior Showcase games at Cohen Stadium put on by the El Paso Parks and Recreation Department, and he does remember his alma mater helping former teammate Ruly Medrano rebuild the Eastwood Troopers program. Frank began the 2002 season facing the American League's Baltimore Orioles.

**Larry Durham**  
Athlete



He played in 39 College Football games during his four year career at Texas Western College. He was on the losing side 27 times at TWC playing for three different coaches in four years. You could not blame him for wanting to forget his days wearing the Orange and White colors as a Texas Western Miner football player. However, Larry K. Durham remembers his experience playing football at Texas Western very fondly. How fondly? And why? Durham donated \$5.0 million dollars of his own money spearheading the drive to build "a state of the art" weight training and conditioning facility to be used by student-athletes at his alma mater, now known as the University of Texas at El Paso. The \$10 million dollar Larry K. Durham Sports Center, located just outside the Sun Bowl's northern stadium gates, will be finished later this summer. Indeed, Larry Durham's memories of playing football at Texas Western College 37 years ago are fond and are cherished by the Sweetwater, Texas native. The second question, why did Larry Durham give the University of Texas at El Paso \$5.0 million dollars of his own money is yet to be answered. Durham graduated from Texas Western College in 1966 with a degree in mathematics. Ten years later, Durham bought all the stock in a struggling bus company he was working for, thus putting his personal and financial reputation on the line. Through hard work, courage, determination, teamwork and the love of taking a challenge in life head-on, Larry Durham watched his fleet of 60 used school buses grow into 3,000 Durham Transportation buses over the next five years. Durham freely admits that he had no money of his own to become the owner of a bus company, but was willing to take a calculated risk that he could turn his fleet of buses into the industry leader in the United States. He succeeded beyond his wildest dreams becoming a multimillionaire corporate executive. Former Texas Western College Coach Ben Collins recruited Durham out of Sweetwater Newmann High School in 1961. Collins coached him for one year and then retired. Bum Phillips, the Phillips of Houston Oilers fame, was Durham's head coach for a season. Bum left TWC after a 4-5 record in 1962, paving the way for Warren Harper. Harper coached Durham his junior and senior seasons at TWC. Playing for three different coaches in four years was not easy for Durham, but he claims what he learned from the experience greatly helped him compete in the business world years after graduating from TWC. What were those traits he learned at Texas Western again? Let's see, Larry mentioned hard, work, teamwork, courage, determination, and the ability to understand what an opponent might do as his building blocks for success. All learned at Texas Western. Over the years, Larry Durham followed UTEP in football, basketball, and track. He wanted to give something back to the University as a thank you for his great success. He presented UTEP President Dr. Diana Natalicio with a gameplan that would be beneficial to the Athletic Department and to UTEP students. The \$10 million dollar Larry K. Durham Center was the end result. How good of a football player was Larry Durham? Well, in 1962 he intercepted a New Mexico pass five yards deep into the TWC end zone and returned it 105 yards for a TWC score. The Miners won this game 16-14 in old Kidd Field. A year later, Durham scored the first TD in the new Sun Bowl against North Texas State. It was a 54 yard romp into the Eagles end zone on TWC's first play from scrimmage. He was a fine athlete and is even a better businessman!

**Steve Hill**  
Media



Sometimes there is silver lining in one's life, despite suffering great misfortune. This was the case in Steve Hill's life as a high school teenager in the mid-1960's in El Paso, Texas. Steve wanted to be a great athlete in the worst way upon entering El Paso High School. He loved to play football, basketball, and baseball, but really excelled running the 100 and 200 yard sprints on the Tiger tracks. He ran the 100 in 9.7 seconds consistently at the age of 15. He also stood 6-2 and weighed 170 pounds as a high school freshman. He had great athletic potential in four sports. Hill was big for his age and wanted to compete in every sport. He was willing, but his body was not. The big kid, with flaming red hair, was sidelined for good, suffering career ending shoulder and knee injuries. Perhaps, he grew too quickly, much too fast, for his own good. At any rate, his body could not withstand injuries. It was frustrating not to be able to play football or basketball, anymore, while watching his friends compete. He decided he wanted to stay around the El Paso High Football and Basketball teams in some capacity. His father, Warren, urged his son to ask the EPHS Football and Basketball coaches to teach him how to coach both sports, while working for them during practice. Football Coach Frank Christian, and legendary Basketball Coach C. D. Jarvis were very gracious allowing the young teenager to be a part of both teams, while he toyed with the idea of coaching for a living after college. Academically, Steve was an A and B student, but was painfully shy. He almost cried when he realized he would have to pass a speech course to graduate from El Paso High School. The thought of having to stand before classmates and speak, scared the shy kid to death. Once upon a time, Canutillo Superintendent Dr. Charles Hart was an outstanding speech and debate teacher. Dr. Hart coached a terrified teenager into a district championship in persuasive speech competition. Hill competed in the Texas state tournament in this category and finished third against a very strong field of speakers. Dr. Hart urged his pupil to put his new found speaking ability to good use by enrolling in UTEP's Radio and TV Department. His father, Warren Hill, was much more demanding than Dr. Hart was. He had listened to his son practice calling football in a low voice sitting in front of the family television and thought he had potential as a play-by-play sportscaster. Mr. Hill practically threw his son into the pressbox at R. R. Jones Stadium before an EPHS-Austin game in 1969 to ask KROD's Round-Up man Johnny Haddad, if he could help him during his broadcast. Johnny Haddad allowed the youngster to work with him spotting players and compiling statistics. Finally, in a close game he let Steve Hill call a football game on KROD. The 19 year old kid found his true calling in life that night. Steve has been calling college or high school sporting events ever since. The magic of weaving words into a sentence as a live game unfolds never has gotten old for Steve Hill and it never will.





# Hall of Fame Honorees

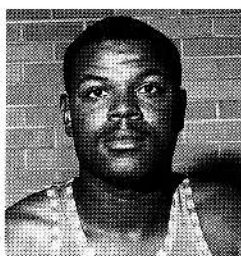
## Armando Sambrano

### Sports Officiating



Working baseball and softball games behind home plate has been a labor of love for El Pasoan Armando Sambrano during a career that spanned 36 years. As a plate umpire, Sambrano was described as stoic, unflappable, cool, consistent, and fair by the athletes, coaches, managers, and colleagues he worked for and with, over the years. Those adjectives are the highest praise an official can receive from his peers. Armando Sambrano is simply one of the best baseball and softball umpires ever to call games in the El Paso Southwest. Armando was just happy that he got a chance to become an excellent sports official. His opportunity could have been destroyed thanks to his experiences in World War II. After an outstanding career at Austin High School as a catcher on the Panther's baseball team, Sam's life was interrupted by America's entry into World War II on December 7, 1941, when the Japanese bombed the U. S. Pacific Fleet anchored at Pearl Harbor. Sambrano joined the U. S. Army after Pearl Harbor and became an elite soldier as a member of the "Big Red One Infantry Division". He saw combat duty with the "Big Red One" in Africa, the Middle East, and on the European Continent. He was highly decorated soldier winning a "Presidential Citation", an "Oak Leaf Cluster", a "Bronze Star", and a "Good Conduct Medal". He was also wounded in battle, and unfortunately was captured by the German Army on October 17th, 1944, becoming a "prisoner of war". Armando suffered in captivity for six months in a German POW camp before troops from the Russian Army overran Europe liberating the camp he was incarcerated in. Sambrano and his fellow POWs were returned to the United States after hostilities ceased in World War II. He was just happy to be alive, eager to resume a normal lifestyle after four years as a combat soldier. Sam began working as a "civil servant" at Ft. Bliss, and at the White Sands Missile Range just north of El Paso in Southern New Mexico. He began playing baseball and softball as a catcher in various leagues around El Paso from 1946 to 1958. Sam began to affiliate with baseball wanting to stay involved in the game, after his playing career ended. He started as a Little League umpire, but by the early 1960's was working behind the plate in championship high school games all over El Paso County, and in the state of New Mexico. During this same time span, Sambrano officiated Texas League baseball at the professional level, and worked numerous NCAA baseball leagues. He also began to work El Paso's extremely competitive "fast pitch" softball leagues earning the two-time world champion Dautrich Jacks award by legendary Hall of Fame pitcher Paul "The Boss" Lopez. Umpiring behind the plate in a fast pitch softball game can be more difficult than officiating a baseball game. Why? A baseball pitcher can fire a fastball toward home plate from 60 feet at about 85 to 90 miles per hour. A great softball pitcher stands only 46 feet away from home plate and can deliver a fastball from that distance at well over 100 miles per hour. An umpire must have perfect eyesight to make split second calls at that speed. Armando saw top flight pitchers and great teams working games in El Paso, a hot-bed of fast pitch softball in the International Softball Congress league. He became the best plate umpire in the ISC earning a record 13 straight trips to the ISC World Tournament, featuring the very best teams in the United States, teams surprisingly loaded with ex-big league baseball players, still wanting to play a highly competitive sport. He was inducted into the El Paso Softball Hall of Fame in 1976, the ISC World Hall of Fame in 1990, and the El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame in 1992. Tonight, Armando Sambrano takes his rightful place in El Paso's prestigious athletic Hall of Fame.

## Andy Stoglin Coach



You won't find Andy Stoglin's name in the TWC record books as a top scorer, or a top rebounder, but you can take it from his coach, Hall of Famer Don Haskins, Andy Stoglin was one of the very best players he ever coached in his 38 year career with the Miners. Stoglin did things on the basketball court that do not show up on a stats sheet at the end of a game. He did the things during a basketball game that helped his team win, endearing him to his coach, and to the longtime Miner basketball fans for a lifetime. Don Haskins could assign Andy Stoglin to cover the opponent's top scorer, and he would shut him down defensively. Stoglin could defend from the backcourt or the frontcourt. Coach Haskins could ask Stoglin to become a rebounder, and the 6-4 jumping jack from Phoenix, Arizona would clean the glass for him. Andy played on three TWC teams that put together a 60-19 won-lost record, earning the school its' first three bids to post-season play. The Miners played in the 1963 and 1964 NCAA Tournaments, and the 1965 NIT. The 1964 TWC Miners were ranked 9th in the nation by UPI, with a 25-3 record, led by 6-8 All-American Center Jim "Bad News" Barnes, Stoglin, Orsten Artis, Harry Flournoy, Charlie Banks, Bobby Dibler, and Steve Tredennick. Many longtime Miner fans believe this club was actually better than the 1966 National Championship Miners were, but they were not as lucky, especially with the officials. Jim Barnes entered a second round NCAA Tournament game with Tex Winter's Kansas State Wildcats averaging almost 40 minutes of playing time per contest and scoring 30 points per game. Against K-State, Barnes played only nine minutes before fouling out. To this day, Coach Haskins, Barnes, and the rest of his teammates believe the whistles against him were "phantom foul calls", designed to either limit his effectiveness, or disqualify him from playing in the game. Barnes fouled out all right, but TWC almost was good enough that night to win without him, losing a heartbreaking 64-60 decision to Kansas State. A night later, TWC whipped Creighton in an NCAA Consolation game. It was the end of Andy Stoglin's playing career at TWC. He scored 499 points, and grabbed 434 rebounds during his TWC career, playing alongside some of the top athletes to ever wear a Miner basketball uniform. Players like former Arkansas Razorbacks coach Nolan Richardson. What a great defensive backcourt that was! After his TWC playing career was over, Stoglin joined the world famous Harlem Globetrotters for two years. He was also famed by the Dallas Chapparrals of the old ABA playing for them for one season. Although, he did not play football in college, Andy was talented enough to earn a spot with the Dallas Cowboys on the practice squad in 1965. He assisted Coach Haskins at UTEP from 1969 through 1972, an era that saw the Miners win the WAC title. While Stoglin was coaching at UTEP, the Miners played in the 1970 NCAA Tournament, and the 1972 NIT. He was instrumental in helping UTEP recruit 6-5 Burges High School star Gus Bailey. The late Gus Bailey was a defensive stopper like Andy Stoglin once was, and enjoyed a 10 year playing career in the NBA. When Nolan Richardson won the head coaching jobs at Tulsa and Arkansas, Andy Stoglin was right by his side as his top assistant. Tulsa won the 1981 NIT. Arkansas made a trip to the NCAA Final Four in 1990. Andy Stoglin recruited a lot of players on both teams. Andy has been a head coach twice. Once at Southern University, and currently at Jackson State. He owns a 14 year career record of 211-200. At Jackson State, Stoglin has led the Tigers to three SWAC Championships and four post-season appearances. In 1993, the Stoglin coached Jackson Tigers stunned heavily favored Connecticut on the road in Storrs in an NIT game. His coaching record is deceiving. It would be much better, if Southern, and Jackson State did not have to play "money" road games against top flight competition to financially keep playing basketball. Make no mistake about it! Andy Stoglin is a well respected head basketball coach among his peers.

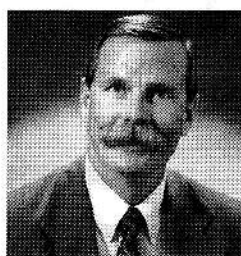
## Juan Vasquez Posthumous



Juan Vasquez would have turned 65 on July 3rd of this year. Mr. Vasquez gave at least 40

years of his life to athletics, as a player, or as a coach. He is one of the top athletes the 53 year old Jefferson High School has ever produced. Mr. Vasquez played varsity football at Jefferson at the age of 15. He also ran the low hurdles on the track at Jefferson, played baseball, and found the time to box for the school in the Golden Gloves program. He spent the entire school year involved representing Jefferson High School in athletics. How good was Juan Vasquez as an athlete? As a football player Vasquez was an All-District RB in three of his four years at Jefferson. He led the "City of El Paso" in scoring as a junior in 1956, burning Jefferson's opponents for 76 points. He also led "The City" in rushing, picking up over 1,000 yards in 10 games. He captained the Silver Foxes football team as a sophomore, junior, and senior. As a boxer, Juan was a devastating puncher winning the Golden Gloves Middleweight Championship in 1956, and the Heavyweight Division in 1957. To round out his athletic year, Vasquez was a low hurdler on the Jefferson track team, and a member of the Silver Fox baseball team. In other words, Vasquez was busy all nine months of the Jefferson school year. His ability as a RB won him a scholarship in football with Western New Mexico in 1958. Juan packed his luggage for the trip to Silver City determined to succeed as a Western New Mexico football player. Vasquez succeeded beyond his wildest dreams completely rewriting the Western New Mexico football record book. From 1958 to 1961, Vasquez led the conference in rushing the football, and also started on the WNMU defensive unit. He was chosen Western New Mexico's MVP all four years, and also found time to play on the school's baseball team. His performance as a college RB in 1961 earned him All-American honors and got him drafted by the Detroit Lions of the NFL. Vasquez was thrilled about getting drafted, but realized making the Lions pro football team would be a real longshot. Instead of playing the game of football, he decided to try and coach the sport. In 1989, twenty-eight years after he played his last game of football for Western New Mexico, the school's athletic department called on him for a return visit to Silver City. It was certainly worth the visit. Western New Mexico officially retired his #44 game jersey, and inducted him into WNMU's Hall of Fame. Juan Vasquez put his WNMU degree to good use as a football coach and as an educator, working for 32 years at four different high schools. From 1966 to 1978, Juan coached at his alma mater, Jefferson. He made coaching stops at Coble and Silver City for five years, after leaving El Paso and Jefferson. Vasquez found a good home in the football crazy state of Texas. He coached in the Permian Basin of West Texas at Crane High School. In order to stay employed at Crane, you had better play winning football. Juan Vasquez and Crane won for 14 years. It was a great run and Vasquez decided to retire at Crane. Hopefully, Jefferson will retire his number 44 jersey in the near future. It would be a fitting tribute to a man that lived and breathed football. We, as a society, could never re-pay Mr. Vasquez for his work with our children.

## Truman Wills Coach



He is a superb Track and Field coach! He is a very gifted educator, but he is a better man than he is a coach, or teacher. Truman Wills

bleeds brown and gold blood as an alumnus, coach, and teacher at Austin High School. Wills is the dean of all coaches at venerable Austin High School. He has been "Teacher Of The Year" at Austin on two occasions in 1995 and 1996. Truman was also the 72 year old high school's "Outstanding Ex-student" for the 1999-2000 academic year. He has given 28 years of his life to teaching and coaching in the El Paso Independent School District, the last 24 years of it at his beloved Austin High School. It has been an era of excellence at Austin with Wills coaching the Panthers' Cross Country and Track teams, a position that he accepted in 1984, after spending five years coaching basketball. Seven of his Austin Cross Country teams have won District Championships, including a run of six straight titles from 1995 through the 2000 season. On 19 different occasions, Wills has produced teams that qualified for the Texas Regional, or Texas State Championship Cross Country meets. His 2002 Track Team won the district title. Austin High School captured the Texas Region I Cross Country crown in 1995 and 1999. His 1995 squad finished third in the State of Texas in Cross Country, and his 1999 Panthers placed second in Texas. His 1995 team was invited to the "Foot Locker National Championship Meet" and won the event in North Carolina. It is one thing to be a great coach, which he is, but it is another to go beyond the call of duty as a coach to see that your athletes go to college on scholarship. Truman Wills gives 110% of himself when it pertains to obtaining college track scholarships for his talented runners. To date, 32 young men and women, running in his Cross Country and Track programs at Austin, have earned college scholarships worth millions of dollars. Some of his athletes would have been unable to attend college without his help in securing financial aid for them. Truman never ceases in his quest to help his runners get into colleges, and goes the extra mile in talking with college coaches whether it be in person, or by the telephone, or by letter, if it will help them get into college. The Austin Track program has produced the "Top Male Athlete Of The Year" in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2002 in El Paso's District 1-5A. Mark Myers, Rufus Brown, Gabe Salazar, and Frank Lozano have won this prestigious award, a testament to Wills coaching ability. Former Austin Panther Jarrod Sanders was a candidate for the United States Olympic Team in the Long Jump during the 2000 season. Mike Duran was selected as the City of El Paso's top Cross Country "Runner of the Year" in 1999, an award presented by Price's Creameries "Give Em Five" program. Price's is the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame's corporate sponsor and a great benefactor of high school athletics and athletes. All-State rider Frank Lozano is Wills' latest champion. He may be the greatest athlete Wills has ever coached. Truman Wills is a great athlete in his own right excelling in football, basketball, and track. As a marathon runner, Wills has competed all over the United States in the 26 mile event, including the world's most famous event, the Boston Marathon. However, his greatest contribution to society and athletics has occurred at Austin High School over the last 24 years as a Government teacher and Track coach. He has helped thousands of students over the years at Austin in the classroom and on the track to become productive citizens. His work is ongoing, as he assists young men and women in finding success as student athletes.



**Program for the 2002  
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Welcome.....Steve Hill, Host  
Pledge of Allegiance.....Steve Hill  
Invocation.....Dr. Carolyn Wiggs –  
Pastor, First Christian Church  
President's Message.....Pat O'Neill

**INTRODUCTION OF 2002 HONOREES**

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**PRESENTATION OF 2002 EL PASO ATHLETIC  
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

Living Athlete - Art Abraham  
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Living Athlete - Larry Durham  
Coach - Andy Stoglin  
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Media Award - Steve Hill  
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**OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES 2001-2002  
PRESENTERS**

El Paso I.S.D.\*: Elsie Partridge – Athletic Director  
Kenneth Owen – Assistant A. D.  
Ysleta I.S.D.: Pat O'Neill  
Area Schools: Wayne Thornton

**District 1-5A Outstanding Female & Male Athletes**

Phakisha Peterson, Andress – Basketball  
Jamar Ransom, Andress – Football  
Frank Lozano, Austin – Track

**District 2-5A Outstanding Female & Male Athletes**

Abbie Letz, Hanks – Basketball  
Jacob Murphy, Americas – Football

**District 1-4A Outstanding Female & Male Athletes**

Sarah Hopper, Burges – Volleyball  
Michael Jefferson, Parkland – Football

**Area Schools Outstanding Female & Male Athletes**

Collanne Bramblett, Clint – Volleyball  
Adair Fragozo, Faith Christian Academy – All-Sports

**Most Courageous Athlete of the Year**

Chad Carmichael, Coronado – Tennis

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**THE EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARD**

Aaron Egbele, UTEP – Track

**THE JOHN C. BIRKHEAD – DICK SHINAUT  
2002 KINESIOLOGY AWARD**

Ronny L. Pangelinan

**INTRODUCTION OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL  
STATE CHAMPIONS**

Frank Lozano, Austin – 1600 Meters

Yvonne Hernandez, Hanks – 119 Lbs. – Wrestling

Stephanie Jenkins, Hanks – 102 Lbs. – Wrestling

Ernie Gonzalez, Ysleta – 135 Lbs. – Wrestling

**TEAM TAPPS SWIMMING EVENTS**

Coach – Jack White

200 Medley Relay, Cathedral – 1:44.55

Sergio Ruiz, Vito Cancellare, Hugo Santarriaga, Alex Yee

200 Meters Relay, Cathedral – 1:33.26 (State Record)

Lucas Lautman, Sergio Ruiz, Alex Yee, Rogelio Dominguez

400 Meters Free Relay, Cathedral – 3:22.23

Lucas Lautman, Michael Yancey, Hugo Santarriaga, Rogelio Dominguez

**INDIVIDUAL TAPPS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMERS**

Sergio Ruiz, 800 Meters Backstroke – 200 Intermediate Medley

Hugo Santarriaga, 200 Meters Freestyle – 100 Meters Butterfly

Landry McKee, Diving

Lucas Lautman, 100 Meters Freestyle

Rogelio Dominguez, 500 Meters Freestyle

*Cathedral has won 5 TAPPS championships in a row*

*16 overall dating back to 1984*

**THE 2002 TAPPS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK TEAMS**

The Cathedral Fighting Irish

1<sup>st</sup> Place, 400 Meter Dash – Jose Luis Gutierrez

1<sup>st</sup> Place, 300 Meter Hurdles – Jamie Nabors

Team Coach – David Portillo

Faith Christian Academy School

Adair Fragoso, State Track Champion – 400 Meters

Track Coach – Monica Esqueda

Immanuel Baptist Christian School

Melissa Galbreath, State Track Champion – 800 Meters

Track Coach – Lauren Chapman

Jesus Chapel School

Brittany Hall, State Track Champion – 300 Meter Hurdles

Track Coach – Mike Hon



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### Hall of Fame Past Honorees

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| 1955 Andy Cohen*              | 1973 Wayne Hansen*           | 1981 Chris P. Fox*             |
| 1955 N.A. Ferguson*           | 1973 Bobby Goldfarb          | 1981 Roy Lown                  |
| 1956 Cliff Hill*              | 1973 Dolph Quijano           | 1981 Ken George                |
| 1956 Margaret Varner          | 1973 Gene Jordan             | 1981 Ted Banks                 |
| 1957 Luther Coblenz*          | 1973 Harrison Kohl*          | 1981 Lawrence "Sag" Shea*      |
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| 1958 Asa Porter*              | 1974 Charles "Red" Harris*   | 1982 Fred Kriss                |
| 1959 Jack Harden              | 1974 Saul Kleinfeld*         | 1982 Vic Clark                 |
| 1959 Mack Saxon*              | 1974 Bob Ingram*             | 1983 Russel E. Ball*           |
| 1960 Judge Ballard Coldwell*  | 1974 Raymond B. Ward, Sr.*   | 1983 John C. Birkhead*         |
| 1960 E.E. "Mannie" Ponsford*  | 1974 Fred Wendt              | 1983 Janet Blades Prieto       |
| 1961 Bob Osborn*              | 1975 Lee Treviño             | 1983 Jim Bowden                |
| 1961 Willie Shoemaker         | 1975 Lee Floyd*              | 1983 Tee Casper*               |
| 1962 Syd Cohen*               | 1975 Karen Linton            | 1984 Peggy Robertson Birkhead  |
| 1962 Carlos Edwards*          | 1975 Dr. John Edwin          | 1984 Larry Jesse               |
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| 1964 A.L. "Doc" Holm*         | 1976 C.M. Hendricks*         | 1984 Albert C. Messer          |
| 1964 Bob Laraba*              | 1976 Billy Stevens           | 1985 Bobby Joe Hill            |
| 1965 W.I. "Chule" Milner*     | 1976 Thad Steele*            | 1985 Tom Chavez                |
| 1965 Javier Montes            | 1976 Jim Degroat*            | 1985 Samuel L. Jenkins         |
| 1966 A.S. Valdespino*         | 1976 John McFall             | 1985 Gene Odell                |
| 1966 Clyde Wafer*             | 1976 Jim Paul                | 1985 Fenton E. Slaughter*      |
| 1967 Frank Redman*            | 1976 Chuck Whitlock          | 1985 Camile Whitfield          |
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| 1967 Jesse Whittenton         | 1977 Dick Shinaut*           | 1986 Robert E. Kolliner        |
| 1968 Don Maynard              | 1977 Pete Melendez           | 1986 Jack P. Morris            |
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| 1968 Nemo Herrera*            | 1977 Dalton Hill*            | 1986 Frank Porth*              |
| 1969 George Ball              | 1977 Judd Milton*            | 1987 J.D. Partridge            |
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| 1970 Dale Waters              | 1978 David L. Carrasco*      | 1987 Larry Stubing             |
| 1970 Ben Collins              | 1978 Wayne Vandenburg        | 1987 K.C. Brown*               |
| 1971 Paul Barry               | 1978 Ray Sanchez             | 1987 James Malone              |
| 1971 Vernus Carey*            | 1978 Margaret Osborne duPont | 1987 Bill Macatee              |
| 1971 Don Haskins              | 1979 D.W. Conway*            | 1988 John (Jack) Parks         |
| 1972 Chuck Hughes*            | 1980 Tony Carvajal*          | 1988 Santos "Kayo" Perez       |
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| 1972 Paul Lopez               | 1980 Ernest L. Keily         | 1988 Dr. James G. Mason*       |

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