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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 2016 INDUCTEES


Jennifer Han Athlete
 Dr. Scott Stein Athlete
 Brian Young Athlete
 Scott Brooks Coach
 Anthony J. Morgan Coach
 Shawn Lehigh Official
 Gabriel Hernandez Supporter of Athletics
 Robert "Rap" Rapanut Posthumous


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DICK SHINAUT/JOHN BIRKHEAD SCHOLARSHIP IN KINESIOLOGY OR SPORTS STUDIES
ON BEHALF OF EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME FOR UTEP
Andres Martinez, Senior, Kinesiology Major, Hometown: El Paso, Texas

THE EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME DONATED SCHOLARSHIP FOR UTEP
Cameasha Turner, Women's Basketball, Senior, Criminal Justice Major, Hometown: Dallas, Texas


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Carlos Puertas Cathedral High School
 Hampton Hurt Cathedral High School
 Rene Aguilar Clint Independent School District
 Maria Kennedy El Paso Independent School District
 Angela Glover Loretto Academy
 Maria Barros San Elizario Independent School District
 Albert Hernandez Socorro Independent School District
 James Nunn Socorro Independent School District
 Mike Williams Ysleta Independent School District


El Paso County Teams of the Year


San Elizario High School Boys Cross Country Team **Coach Cesar Morales**
State Champions (University Interscholastic League - Boys 4A)
Cathedral High School Swimming Team **Coach Jack White**
State Champions (Texas Association Private and Parochial Schools - Boys 5A)
Hanks High School Girls Wrestling Team **Coach Anthony Carter**
State Champions (University Interscholastic League - Girls 5A)
Eastlake High School Boys Soccer Team **Coach Gibby Widner**
Final Four (University Interscholastic League - Boys 5A)

**Price's Creameries
El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame 2016**

High School Student Athletes of the Year
presented by Wayne Thornton

Private Schools

Female Athlete of Year Samantha Brockman Loretto Academy
Male Athlete of Year Louie Barba III Cathedral High School

County Schools

Female Athlete of Year Ocean Stevens Clint High School
Male Athlete of Year Erick Arambula San Elizario High School

El Paso Independent School District

Female Athlete of Year Charlotte Brown Coronado High School
Male Athlete of Year Tristan Cooper Andress High School

Socorro Independent School District

Female Athlete of Year Caitlin Aguirre Eastlake High School
Male Athlete of Year Joel Martinez Eastlake High School

Ysleta Independent School District

Female Athlete of Year Brianna Holcomb Hanks High School
Male Athlete of Year Christian Johnson Parkland High School

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**PRESENTATION OF THE 2016
EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES**

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EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES 2016



Jennifer Han

Athlete

Jennifer Han is the first boxer from El Paso, man or woman, to hold a world boxing title.

All of Han's hard work and dedication to the sport came to fruition in 2015 when she captured her world title. After seven years of boxing professionally, Han claimed the first of her two belts, the IBF Intercontinental Featherweight Championship in April when she defeated Fatuma Zarika by unanimous decision in the El Paso County Coliseum. Five months later on September 19, 2015, she captured the coveted IBF World Featherweight Championship when she defeated Helen Joseph with a unanimous decision in the

Don Haskins Center. This was a special experience for her because she was able to capture the world title in front of her family, friends and in the very same venue she received her bachelor's degree in kinesiology from UTEP.

Han's extensive amateur career includes various boxing, kickboxing, and martial arts accolades and championships. Some of her accomplishments in the amateur ranks include six times national boxing champion, three times best boxer in the USA, and she was designated Ringside World Boxing Champion. Han also served as an assistant coach for the 2012 Jr.

Olympic men's team in Russia for an international tournament.

Han was born and raised in Northeast El Paso where her father owns a martial arts school. She graduated from Irvin High School and was honored in November 2015 with an award of excellence for being an inspirational role model for students. As a title holder, Han continues to speak at local schools to support everything from anti-bullying campaigns to motivational rallies for our youth. When she's not fighting and training, Jennifer continues to teach at her family's business. She truly earned her nickname of "El Paso's Sweetheart."



Dr. Scott Stein

Athlete

Dr. Scott Stein was born in Denver, Colorado and moved to El Paso as a young child. He is a graduate of Coronado High School, UT Austin and Baylor College of Dentistry. In 1990, after three years of serving in the U.S. Army, Scott returned to El Paso to open his private practice.

Participating in all sports growing up, he played basketball in high school as well as club ball for ex UTEP Miner star Teddy Williams. He made the all tournament team in the El Paso City Tourney in 1977, and was named the MVP in the Western Regional Tourney, Los Angeles, California in 1978.

Having lifted weights since college, he turned to power lifting and bodybuilding. He first competed in 1992 and has not stopped despite multiple major injuries. His biggest accomplishment to date is at the Arnold Classic Amateur International in 2014. The Arnold Classic is the largest international multi-sport event in the world. It has 18,000 athletes from 62 countries competing in 46 different events. Scott finished 1st in the USA and 5th overall in his class. He holds two Texas State titles, Mid USA regional, Southwest USA regional, Venice Beach, and Las Vegas

titles. He finished 2nd in the North American Championships, and has finished top five in more than ten national, regional and state contests. He is a team Dentist for the US Olympic Committee, UTEP athletics, El Paso Chihuahuas, and El Paso Rhinos. He is a member of the Academy for Sports Dentistry. He is a National Physique Committee judge, and trains multiple athletes for strength and conditioning.

Scott is married to Margaret Negrete and has two daughters, Alex and Daryl who all also hold national titles in the fitness arena.



Brian Young

Athlete

Brian Young is one of a select few El Paso natives to star in high school football, at UTEP and in the NFL. Born in Lawton, Oklahoma, Young moved to El Paso and attended Ross Middle School. He later earned All-District and All-City distinction playing at Andress High for El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame coach Allan Sepkowitz. Young signed with the Miners and was a two-time All-Western Athletic Conference defensive lineman and his senior year he was the WAC Defensive Player of the Year highlighted by 121 tackles and eight quarterback sacks. Young graduated with a

bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Young was drafted in the 5th round of the 2000 NFL draft by the St. Louis Rams. By his second season he was a starter for the NFC Champion Rams. In 2003, Young tied an NFL record with three fumble recoveries in one of the most dominating single game defensive performances in an NFL game. In a win over the Baltimore Ravens, Young also had a career-high 11 tackles, a sack, one QB pressure and a forced fumble as he was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week.

The next season Young

signed a free-agent contract with the New Orleans Saints where he remained the rest of his career. Young played nine years in the NFL and finished with 22.5 sacks and eight fumble recoveries before injuries forced his retirement. Young remained with the Saints and has been a linebacker and defensive line assistant coach under Sean Payton since 2009.

Brian Young has kept close ties with his hometown having donated his time to conduct multiple off-season free youth football camps at UTEP. He and his wife Noelle have three children, Austin, Rio and Skye.



Scott Brooks

Coach

Scott Brooks and his 2014 Canutillo Eagles set a new standard for El Paso area high school football when they defeated Azle in the regional stage of the Texas state playoffs. No other El Paso area school had advanced past the third round of the playoffs. Canutillo changed that and put themselves and El Paso area football on the Texas football map. The Eagles not only got past the third round but won a quarter-final game against Everman before eventually falling to Ennis in the semi-finals. Brooks and his Eagles

captured the hearts of area football fans and gave everyone a sense of pride never felt before in the playoffs. Orange and blue became the colors of the city and Eagle football dominated the news for a three week period. Everyone was a Canutillo fan.

Scott Brooks' accomplishments were already well known before 2014. He has been a head coach at Canutillo since 1999. He has a coaching record of 115-72 in 17 years and is the active winningest coach in the El Paso area. His teams have won five district champion-

ships, five bi-district championships, two area championships, one regional championship, one quarterfinal championship and one semi-final appearance. Brooks has won numerous Coaches of the Year awards and was selected to coach in the 2008 Texas vs The Nation all star game.

Brooks has been married to his wife, Karen for 26 years and they have two sons; Tyler and Bo. He is also the son of another El Paso football legend and Hall of Fame member – Don Books.



Anthony J. Morgan

Coach

Graduated from Parkland High School in 1981 and was a stellar athlete in basketball and football. At UTEP, he walked on for football, became a commissioned army officer/teacher then graduated in 1987.

Morgan started his coaching career in 1988 at Bel Air High School as he served in the Army Reserves. At BA, his JV teams averaged 98 ppg. In 1996 he became the Head Boys Basketball Coach at his alma mater, Parkland. In 10 years, Parkland captured seven District Championships, (five in a row) and three area championships. The Class 4A School was State ranked for five years during Morgan's tenure along with him

being named El Paso Times Coach of the Year twice.

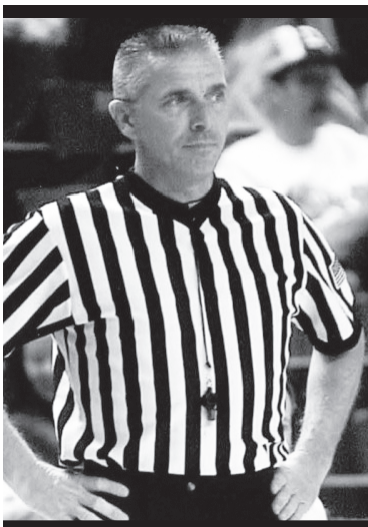
In 2006 Morgan was named the Head Boys Coach at Plano West. During Morgan's tenure, Plano West won four District Titles, six Bi-District Championships, three Area titles and one Regional. Plano West was State ranked nine of the ten years and ranked nationally twice. In 2015, he captured the first ever 6A State Basketball Championship. Plano West was ranked #5 nationally. While being named Coach of the Year three times, Morgan became Texas 6A Coach of the Year in 2015.

Morgan never experienced a losing season as a Head Coach

while coaching 5 McDonalds All-American nominee's, numerous All District, All City and All State athletes and was selected to coach in numerous All Star games such as the USA vs. Florida and TABC.

Morgan is well known as a basketball tactician but he is a role model, mentor and inspiration to all those that have been in his presence and he will always remain as one of El Paso's favorite sons.

Anthony J. Morgan is the son of Thomas and Mary Morgan and is married to Myshele Bell Morgan with three children Jalen, Mikayla, Jordyn. He also has two older brothers in Tyrone and Thomas Jr.



Shawn Lehigh

Official

Shawn Lehigh is a two sport official as a baseball umpire and basketball referee. He is originally from the small town of Uhrichsville, Ohio. Shawn enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1976 as an air traffic controller.

In 1979, he started officiating baseball while serving at Ft. Bliss. Lehigh umpired at all levels. His competence and calm demeanor drew the attention of playoff bound coaches and he became a mainstay in postseason play. For three consecutive years beginning in 1990, Shawn officiated at the Texas UIL state championship tournaments in Austin.

From 1981 to 1998, he was selected to umpire college games in the WAC, Big West, and West-

ern Junior College Athletic Conference. At the professional baseball level, Shawn was the local El Paso umpire for the Texas League. He had the honor of being the home plate umpire for the Milwaukee Brewers vs El Paso Diablos in exhibition games in 1988 and 1991.

In addition, Lehigh began refereeing in 1980 doing numerous bi-district and regional high school state playoff basketball games (1987-1998). He was selected to officiate NCAA men's college basketball beginning in the 1995 season with the Western Athletic Conference. In later years, he added the Big West, Southland, Sun Belt, Mountain West, Missouri Valley, Big Sky, Pac-12, and West Coast

conferences. In the postseason, Lehigh has officiated in the NCAA Tournament (2010 & 2014), numerous National Invitational Tournaments, MWC & WAC Tournaments including their championship games, and the 2015 College Insider Tournament (CIT) Postseason Men's Semifinal game NJIT vs Northern Arizona.

In 2010 Shawn Lehigh was inducted into the El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame. He works as an air traffic controller in Phoenix, Arizona. And, giving to Shawn their loving support whether he is wearing his baseball umpiring attire or zebra striped shirt is his wife, Sandy and children Christy and Keith.



Gabriel Hernandez

Supporter of Athletics

Gabe Hernandez was born on March 18, 1916, in Durango, Mexico. He came to the United States with his parents when he was 8. Growing up in the neighborhood of Guardian Angel, Gabe learned the art of boxing, and also began to show skills in baseball and softball which would later place him among the best fast pitch softball and baseball players in El Paso. His status was cemented with inductions into El Paso's Baseball, Boxing and Fast Pitch Softball Halls of Fame. Gabe's passion however was in providing activities for the Segundo Barrio boys and

girls; in an effort to give them options away from the street gangs and drugs.

In 1949, Gabe opened the Joker Club, a popular south side watering hole, which he ran in to the 2000's. Proceeds from the Joker Club went directly to sponsoring and equipping baseball, softball and basketball teams and leagues. He also ran a gym on Copia street where he shared his knowledge of boxing. Since the income from the bar went to providing activities for the kids, Gabe supported his family from a poultry business and as a realtor.

Gabe's benevolence with children was well known, and the Alta Vista Optimist Club, at that time predominantly Anglo, invited him to join them. He eventually led them as president.

Gabe's dedication to the youngsters was summed up best, when in 1999, the City of El Paso issued a proclamation which reads in part. "Gabe has committed his life to the youth whom he has inspired, helped and encouraged to better themselves and break out of the barrio syndrome. He has taken hundreds of kids off the streets".



Robert "Rap" Rapanut

Posthumous

Robert Rapanut, affectionately known as "Rap", was born in Santa Maria, California, and was a U.S. Army Veteran. Rap was UTEP's first Head Equipment Manager from 1981 to 2003. Prior to being hired, UTEP only had student equipment managers. Rap came to UTEP from the University of Oregon after starting his career in athletics at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Rap was instrumental in changing UTEP school colors from orange and black to orange and blue along with initiating the pick axe as a significant school symbol by adding it to UTEP football helmets decal. In 2000, Rap was awarded the UTEP

Distinguished Achievement Award for Service to Students, which is the highest award given at the University to faculty and staff.

Cory Vasquez Favela was a student equipment manager for Rap in the 1990s and will always see him as a father figure. According to Albert "Noodles" Veytia, the first student equipment manager under Rap and current Head Equipment Manager at SMU, "Nobody did more for others than Rap. He taught me about creating positive relationships with coaches, players and administrators."

Sekou Walker, current UTEP Head Equipment Manager said, "Rap is the reason I am here

today, he was simply the best." A sentiment echoed by current UTEP Head Trainer and El Paso Athletic Hall of Famer Dawn Hearn. Hearn says, "Rap was a big mentor of mine, he was unforgettable and showed me a special type of work ethic."

Bill Yung, former UTEP Head Football Coach gave Rap the game ball from the school's historic victory over BYU in 1985 as a special birthday present.

Robert Rapanut will always be known as a person of respect, integrity and dignity. Rap passed away on February 4, 2003, and is survived by his wife Roberta, son Randy, and his grandchildren, Ryan, Reanna and Robert.

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