

Los Gatos High School Athletic Hall of Fame

Welcome to the eighteenth *almost annual* induction ceremony for the Los Gatos High School Athletic Hall of Fame. After a 2 year pause due to the pandemic, we finally inducted the 2020 class last April 30th. It is the goal of the Hall of Fame committee to recognize those men and women who, while students at Los Gatos High School, distinguished themselves as outstanding athletes. It is our hope that we have created a Hall of Fame that honors the accomplishments of past Los Gatos High School athletes and also serves as a source of community pride and inspiration.

It is an extremely difficult task to sort through the hundreds of athletes worthy of this honor. This year's inductees bring the total to just one hundred eighty-six "Hall of Famers". In a school established in 1887, this number still represents just a small percentage of individuals worthy of induction. Tonight, each of you can obtain a Hall of Fame ballot. Please take the time to nominate any athlete whom you consider worthy of entry into the LGHS Athletic Hall of Fame. The committee will evaluate and discuss the accomplishments of each nominated athlete whose name we receive. We will add that person's name to the growing list of outstanding athletes who will continually be considered. Each year we hope to recognize more athletes and continue to balance gender and era and cover the entire spectrum of sports competition throughout the decades.

To be selected to the Hall of Fame, a candidate must receive 75% of the votes from the standing committee. This committee is dedicated to recognizing those athletes who clearly displayed greatness on the playing fields while students at Los Gatos High School. We hope to continue the level of excellence that tonight's inductees typify. Our inductees will be recognized with a magnificent trophy. Their names will be added to the banner hanging in the school's gym and the Hall of Fame plaque mounted in the lobby of the gym will also be engraved with their names.

We plan to begin shortly after tonight's proceedings with the selection of next year's class of inductees. The guidelines established by the committee require that 10 years pass from graduation from high school before a candidate becomes eligible for consideration. We hope to make the announcement for the Hall of Fame "Class of 2024" at the Alumni Reunion Football Game in October 2023 and honor the group at a dinner ceremony on the first Saturday in May 2024. Please enjoy the evening as we recount the accomplishments and feats of some of the greatest Wildcat athletes in the long and storied history of Los Gatos High School.

Los Gatos High School Hall of Fame Committee

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Induction Dinner – May 6, 2023

Evening's Events and Timetable

5:00 PM

No Host Reception

6:15 PM

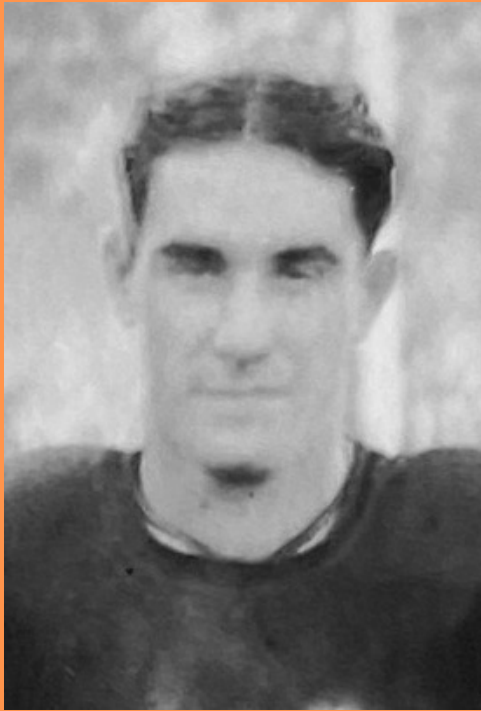
Hall of Famers' Photo Shoot

6:45 PM

Dinner

8:00-10:00 PM

Introduction of 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees



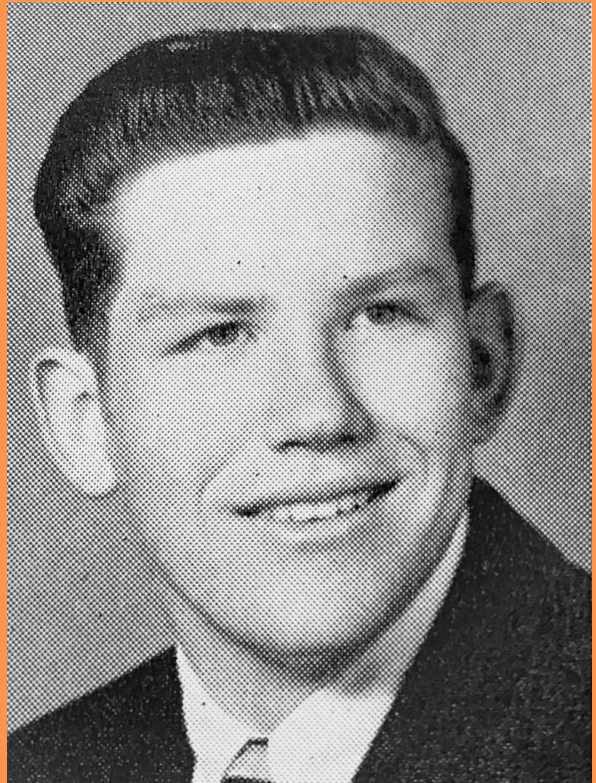
Jack Anti

1931

**FOOTBALL, TENNIS, BASKETBALL,
TRACK, BASEBALL**

Jack Anti played 3 years of basketball, tennis, baseball and track at LGHS, and one year of football, where he was the left halfback. His only year playing football, he was named first team in the Santa Clara Valley League. In a 1948 *Los Gatos Mail-News* story, Doug Helm was asked to pick an all-time Los Gatos High school basketball team. "Helm's selection for the school's greatest all-around athlete was Jack Anti." Los Gatos won the basketball league championship in 1931 and Anti was the team's star. On the baseball team he was the captain and pitched most of the team's games. On the tennis team he was the #1 singles player and played doubles on occasion. On the Track team he finished second in the league in the shot put and ran on the relay team that set the school record. It was reported in the *Los Gatos Mail News* that he refused an offer from the Boston Red Sox so that he could play baseball his senior year for.

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Dick Whiteman

1951

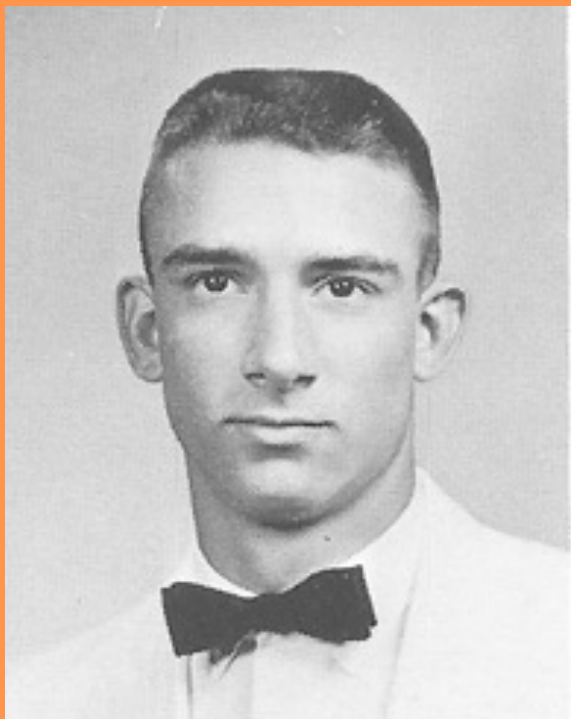
FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK

Dick, at 6'3", was the starting end on the football team his senior year and was named to the First Team All SCVAL. In the eight games played that season he scored 7 touchdowns and kicked 12 extra points which accounted for 54 of the teams 156 total points scored that season. He played safety on defense and was the team's place kicker as well. He was the Colburn Trophy winner as the team's Most Outstanding Player.

Dick was a two-year starter on the Varsity basketball team which was the undefeated league champion his senior year. He was named 2nd team All SCVAL in basketball. In both his sophomore and junior years he was a valuable member of the track team. He was the Block LG president.

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Bob McArthur

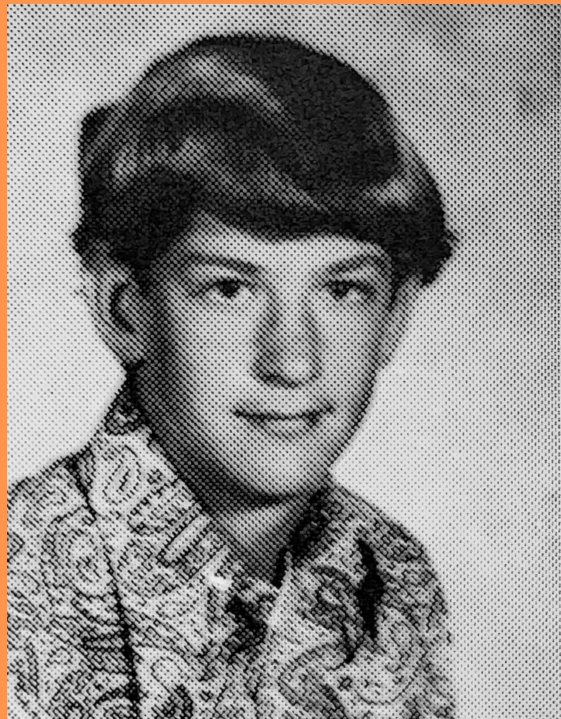
1964

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Bob played 4 years of basketball and four years of baseball, the last three on the Varsity. His sophomore year of basketball he played on a league championship team and was named All-League. He played forward. His 3 years of baseball saw him playing 3rd base, OF and pitcher and he was a leading hitter always batting in the middle of the lineup. Football was his best sport where he played quarterback on offense and defensive back or safety on defense. He was All League and team captain for a team that finished 2nd place his senior season of football.

Bob was offered a 4-year scholarship to play football at UOP where he starred as a quarterback and safety.

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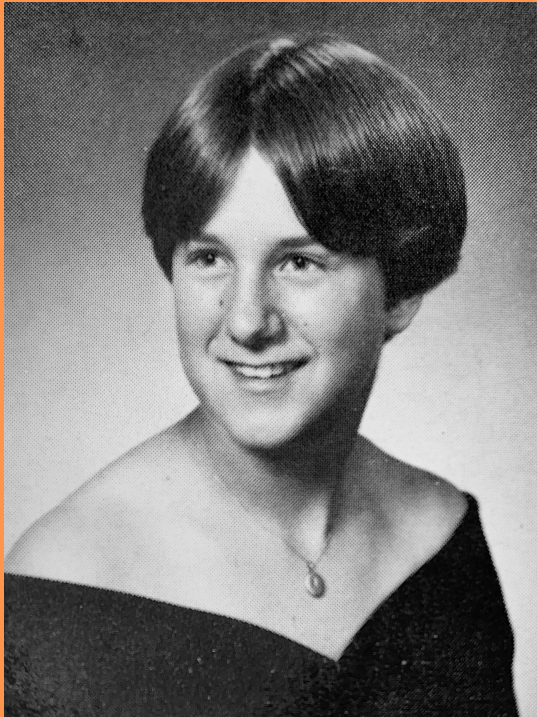
Jeff Robinson

1975

TENNIS

Jeff was the number one player on the varsity tennis team at Los Gatos beginning his freshman year. He was named team MVP as a freshman. He was again named team MVP his junior year. As a sophomore he saw limited action on the court at LGHS, only playing for the school when they had a tough singles player on the opposing team. He was the California State Champion for 12-year-olds in 1967, when he was only 10 and California State Champion for 18-year-olds in 1975. After high school he went on to the University of Alabama to play tennis as their #1 singles player. In 1976 and 1977 he was the SEC singles champion and All America Tennis singles. He was also the SEC Doubles Champion in 1976 and all SEC 1976, 77, and 78. In 1976 he was ranked 28th in the nation.

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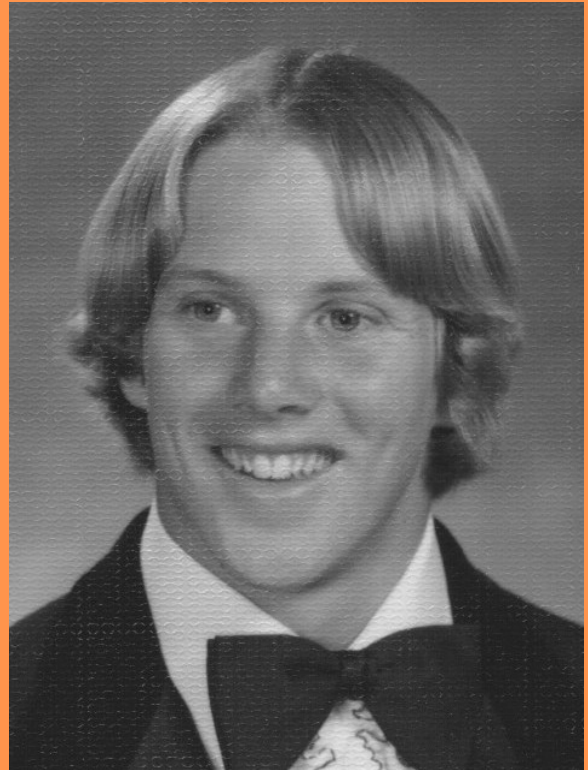
***Karen Freedman
Thompson***

1978

FIELD HOCKEY, BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL

Karen was a two-year starter on the field hockey team at center forward. She was named captain and team MVP her senior year when she set the school record for most goals in a game (5). She was named to the All-League team. She was the point guard and team captain of the basketball team her senior season when she was also chosen first team All-League. That team was the first to win the Regional Tournament and play in the NorCal Tournament of Champions at the Oakland Coliseum. As a softball player she was the catcher on a League co-championship team and was once again chosen first team All-League. Karen received the Female Athlete of the Year Award her senior year.

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A.J. Matthews

1982

FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK

A.J. played on five championship teams while at LGHS including Varsity championships in Football, Basketball and Track, but never played his best sport for LGHS. He was an all-league wide receiver in football and played in the county all star game. He was twice the varsity basketball captain and team MVP his senior season when the team won the first LGHS championship in 31 years. A two-time all-league selection in basketball and selected twice to play in the county all-star game. Named to the all-CCS team in 1982. He was selected as the outstanding senior athlete. AJ was recruited out of high school to play both football and basketball but chose to attend Occidental College where he walked on to the soccer team and started every game at center midfield for 4 years.

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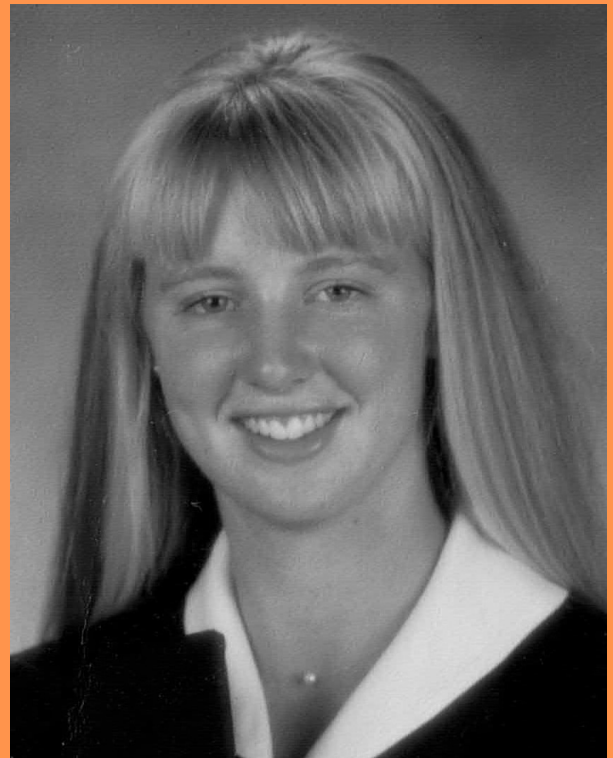
***Samantha Copenhaver
Van Devender***

1983

BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL

Sam played 3 years of varsity basketball for the Orange Crush including 1982, her junior year, when the team captured the CCS and Northern California championships. She was the team's second leading scorer during the NorCal run, only a few points behind the school's most noted hoopster, who was a senior that year. In her senior season she was the team MVP and co-defensive player of the year on a team that finished 21-4. She became the all-time career assists leader after her senior year with 180 assists over 3 varsity seasons. In her senior year she went out for softball for the first time and started at first base for a team that made the CCS tournament after not winning a single game the year before. Her coach credited her and fellow basketballer Missy Dallas for helping turn the team around.

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***Virginia Fritsch
Darrow***

2003

VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL

Virginia's strongest sport was softball where she was a three-time first-team All-League selection her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. In both her junior and senior seasons she was chosen as the SCVAL Most Valuable Offensive Player. She mostly played first base but also was a very good catcher. She was selected to the All-State team as an infielder in both 2002 and 2003. She was chosen captain of the softball team her senior year. Virginia was also captain of the basketball team her senior season. Growing up she played soccer and volleyball as club sports and played volleyball at LGHS. After high school Virginia attended Harvard University where, as a freshman, she was again 1st team All-Ivy League and chosen Ivy League Rookie of the Year batting .306 with 5 homers and 26 RBI.

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Kiko Alonso

2008

FOOTBALL

Kiko was arguably one of the best football linebackers ever to attend LGHS. He led the team in tackles both his junior and senior seasons with a total of 293 tackles and 10 sacks. He was also great on offense as a tight end. His senior year he caught 35 passes for 539 yards and scored 7 touchdowns. He was a first team All-League selection both years and a first team All-CCS choice his senior year and Honorable Mention All CCS as a junior. He was named Cal Hi Sports Defensive Player of the Year in 2006. He went on to play at the University of Oregon where he played in three Bowl games and was the Defensive MVP of the Rose Bowl in 2012. Kiko was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in 2013 and in his first season he was named NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year. His NFL stats included 588 tackles, 10 interceptions, 7 fumble recoveries and 4 sacks.

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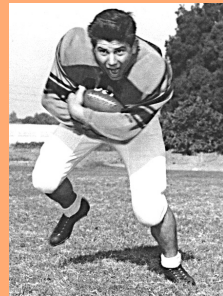
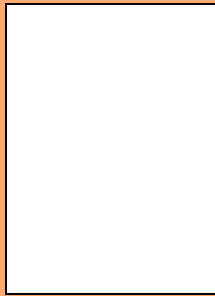
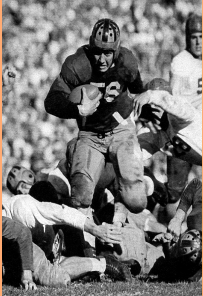
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Cathy Macierz

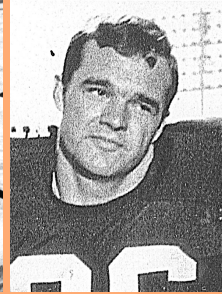
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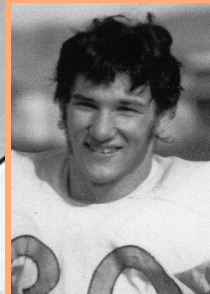
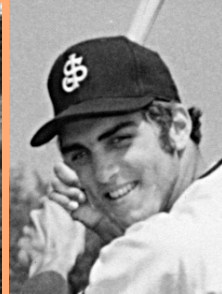
2004 Hall of Fame Inductees



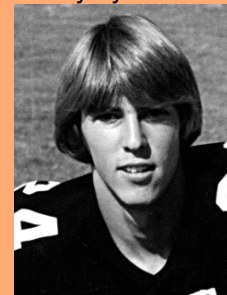
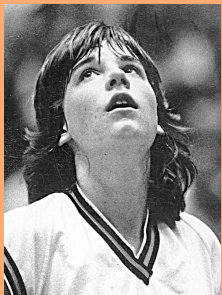
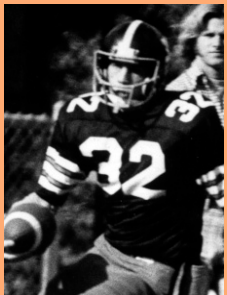
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