2026 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

The 2026 Induction Class to the Los Gatos High School Athletic Hall of Fame was announced earlier this month and it includes 4 former football players.

The class of inductees includes 8 former Wildcat greats spanning 47 years of the school's athletic history. This will be the 21st class of inductees in the 23 years since the first Hall of Fame class was inducted in 2004. No induction ceremonies were held in 2020 and 2021. The Athletic Hall of Fame was founded in 2003 after the passing of long-time Los Gatos newspaperman and sportswriter John Baggerly, a member of the LGHS class of 1939. John had always talked about the fact that a school as great as Los Gatos High needed a Hall of Fame. A group of John's friends, including former and current coaches, along with a few other alums, including then Los Gatos sportswriter Dick Sparrer, decided to make that happen. The 2026 Induction Ceremony will take place the evening of May 2, 2026 at La Rinconada Country Club. Tickets will go on sale in mid-January.

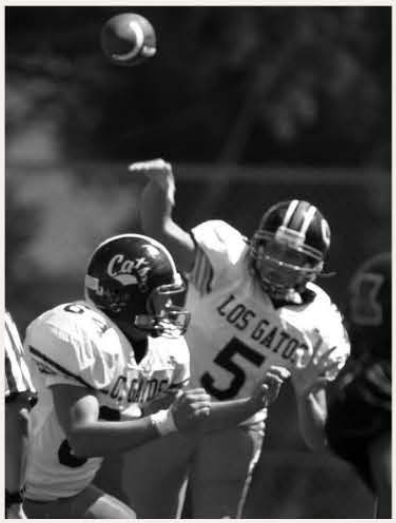
The 2026 class of inductees includes 1970 graduate Dan Dolen, Bill Berk 1990, Ben Winkelman 2000, Brian Brogan 2005, Danny Sullivan 2006, Sarah Safir 2008, Cady Chessin 2013 and Greta Wagner 2014. The youngest of the ex-footballers, quarterback Danny Sullivan, is currently the head football coach at Archbishop Mitty High School. Sullivan coached quarterbacks at Los Gatos High under long-time head coach Butch Cattolico and current head coach Mark Krail. He was hired away from Los Gatos to serve as varsity head coach at Palo Alto High School before landing at Mitty. Sullivan led the 2005 Wildcats to both a De Anza League championship and a CCS title. He completed 60% of his passes (131 completions in 220 attempts) and threw 24 touchdown passes against just 6 interceptions his senior season. At the time he graduated in 2006 his single season passing yards and single season touchdowns were second only to former NFL star Trent Edwards. Sullivan went on to play quarterback at Arizona State University, where he graduated in four years. He assumed the starting QB role as a freshman after injuries to two upper-classman quarterbacks, then played behind both of those future NFL QBs for two seasons before finishing his playing career as the starting quarterback his senior season.

Six seasons before Sullivan graduated, another future college star, Ben Winkelman, roamed the field for the Wildcats. Winkelman was a two-way star playing defensive end and tight end. Ben was tied for first on the team in TD receptions and tied for the team lead in fumble recoveries, while also being among the leaders in tackles and sacks. He played on the opposite side of the line from future NFL Hall of Famer, Jared Allen when the team allowed an average of just 7.4 points per game heading into the playoffs that season, while scoring an average of 40 points per game.

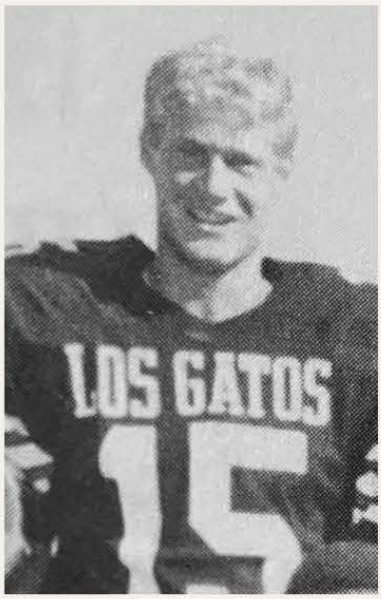
Winkelman was also a strong basketball player who dominated in the paint. A decade earlier, Bill Berk from the class of 1990, also played on a De Anza league and CCS championship team while leading his team in receptions from his wide receiver position. He caught 34 passes for 821 yards and 6 touchdowns that season. Bill also was the team's placekicker where he converted 23 extra points and a field goal. However, Berk's best sport was baseball, where he played three seasons as the varsity shortstop for the Wildcats.



Ben Winkelman



Danny Sulllivan



Bill Berk



Brian Brogan

His teams had a cumulative record of 57-21 winning a league title, finishing 2nd twice and making the CCS playoffs all three years. His junior year the team finished 2nd in CCS. Berk was an outstanding hitter batting .398 his junior season. Dan Dolen, from the class of 1970 played three seasons of football, but elected to sit out his senior year to concentrate on basketball and baseball, where the latter sport led to 3-year professional career in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization. Dolen was a 1st team all-leaguer in baseball his junior and senior seasons compiling a 6-1 league record both years while the team won the league championship twice and made the CCS semi-finals in 1969. Dolen was the team leader, scoring leader and top rebounder for the Wildcat basketball team his junior and senior years earning honorable mention all-league both seasons.

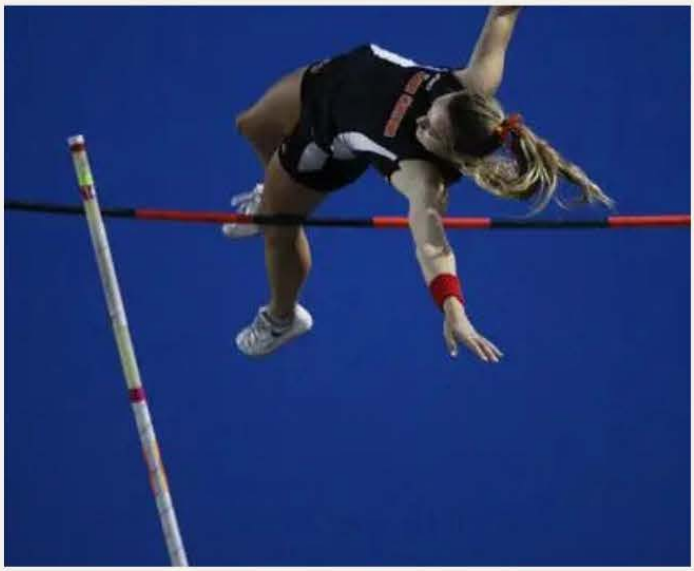


Cady Chasin

Keeping with the connection to football, 2008 graduate Sarah Safir, now Sarah Smith, can be seen roaming the sidelines these days with a camera. Sarah was an outstanding swimmer and water polo player while a student at Los Gatos High earning her an induction to the school's Hall of Fame. The youngest member to be inducted next May is track star Greta Wagner from the class of 2014. Greta was a state champion in the Pole Vault her senior season and finished 2nd at the state meet her junior year. She holds the school record and has the 13th best vault in state history. Greta also has run the fastest 100 meter and 200-meter times in school history.

The final two inductees are tennis great Brian Brogan from the class of 2005 and wrestling sensation Cady Chessin from the class of 2013. Brogan was the #1 player on the tennis team that won the Division 1 CCS championships 3 consecutive years. He was a three-time individual High School All American in 2003, 2004 and 2005. Brian went on to play tennis for Pepperdine and Santa Clara Universities. Cady was the first girl to wrestle on the boy's varsity team and the first girl to win a varsity match. She was a 3-time CCS Girls champion and won two consecutive state championships her junior and senior seasons. Her senior year Cady was also a National Champion who went on to Menlo College where she was a 4-time All American who wrestled in the Pan American games and competed in the Olympic Trials.

Like all Los Gatos High School athletic events, tickets to the Induction Ceremony on May 2, 2026 can be purchased through GoFan and will be available on the website in mid January.



Greta Wagner



Sara Safir