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President's Message

Welcome to the 31st Annual Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The RGV Sports Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing recognition to people who have brought positive exposure to the Rio Grande Valley throughout Texas and the nation.

We are privileged to honor 10 individuals who have brought recognition to themselves, their family, and the entire Rio Grande Valley in the field of sports. It is always special when we can cherish the memories that these individuals have brought us.

Many hours have been spent by our volunteer board members to ensure that truly deserving individuals will be honored for their achievements. They now join a very elite group of more than 230 past inductees.

The Class of 2018 offers a group of men and women who have excelled in different sports and sports-related professions. More than half of this year's inductees are veterans 70 years of age or more.

The inductees include two of the most successful football coaches in Texas. Tony Villarreal III, who grew up in Brownsville, is the second-winningest coach in the Rio Grande Valley with 197 career victories. Phil Danaher, who grew up in Harlingen, is the winningest coach in Texas. Roland Ingram was a successful collegiate tennis coach and Kim Edquist has recorded more than 500 victories as a girls' basketball coach.

Steve Alaniz, Joe Mancha and John Tripson are inductees who had success on the gridiron. Becky (Dube) Thomas and Rose Marie (Lefner) White had outstanding careers playing basketball, while Sammy Montalvo did the same on the track.

On behalf of the Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame, we thank you for your support. Enjoy the evening.

Tony Guerrero

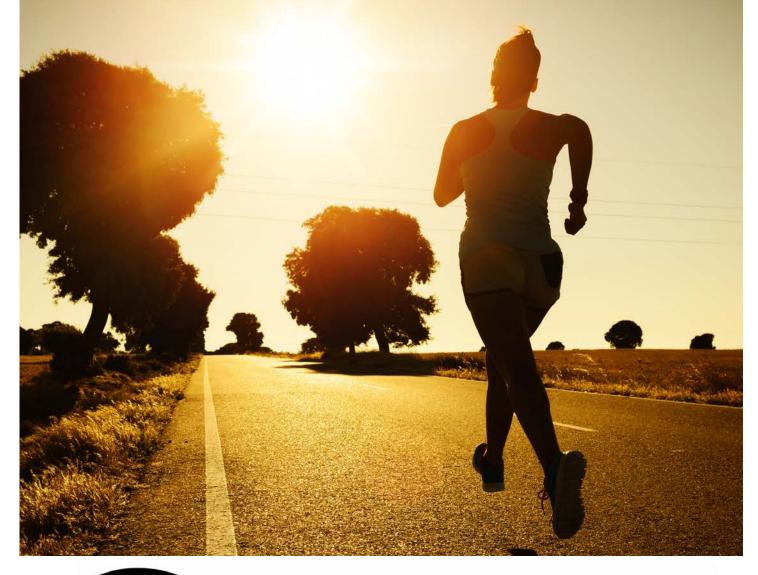
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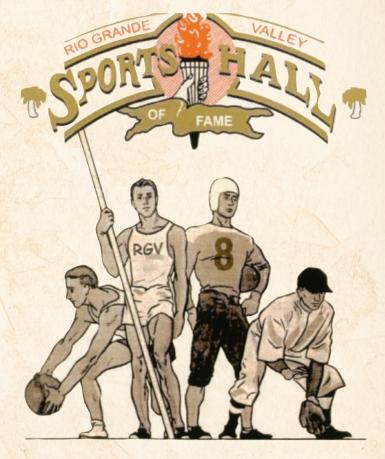
When it was founded in 1985, the Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame became a repository of Valley sports history and memory, with a goal of honoring a select group of the area's best sports heroes.

The idea was the brainchild of a handful of Valley greats from sports and news media. Three years after its formation, the RGVSHOF inducted its first class in 1988 and has been bringing luminaries of the Valley sports world together annually ever since. More than 220 men and women who made headlines in high school sports and beyond have been enshrined, with an average of 7-8 joining the group each summer.

With the guidance of a Selection Committee, the Board's task is a difficult one. There are about 100 deserving people nominated for induction each year, and the Selection Committee's task is to narrow that list to about 25-30. There are many former student-athletes, coaches, game officials, administrators, and sports media who have been nominated. The group is separated into a Primary Ballot for nominees between the ages of 45 and 64, and a Veterans Ballot for those over the age of 65.

While the honor list is heavy with football stars from the past, the organization recognizes the contributions of candidates from all sports and those whose careers were engulfed in sports. Board members have focused on uncovering the stories of notable female sports stars throughout Valley history.

The RGVSHOF is celebrating its 31st banquet since its first ceremony in 1988. The Hall continues to evolve and has a Facebook page that everyone is encouraged to "like." Since 2013, the Hall has co-sponsored the All-Valley Sports Awards with RGVSports.com, to honor high school student-athletes, coaches and sports programs for their achievements during the school year. The RGVSHOF also awards scholastic achievement



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awards to deserving student-athletes from all over the Valley.

The long-range goal of the organization is to find a permanent physical home for the Hall, from which to display donated memorabilia plus temporary and permanent exhibits, and to have a venue to host events. As we look forward to the new gathering, and listening to the stories of the honorees, the RGVSHOF thanks Valley sports fans for contributing to the growth and popularity of the organization.

Preserving the history of the area's games is our passion. We take it seriously, responsibly and with pride.

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STEVE ALANIZ

Hometown: Edinburg, Texas High School: Edinburg High School College: University of Notre Dame Sport Best Known For: Football

Steve Alaniz is remembered as one of the most reliable pass catchers in the Rio Grande Valley as a tight end and wide receiver for Edinburg High from 1982-84.

Alaniz, a 6-foot-2 athlete who could outjump defenders, earned Class 5A first-team all-state recognition as a senior for the Bobcats in 1984, when he caught 68 passes. That total ranked as the second most receptions in Texas high school football that year.

In Edinburg High's 1984 season opener against Gregory-Portland, Alaniz caught 16 passes, which set a Valley single-game record at the time. His 16-reception total in the G-P game still ranks among the top 35 all-time single-game number of catches in Texas.

Alaniz's most memorable reception came on a fourth-and-nine play at midfield in the final quarter of a 1984 bi-district game at Alice. The Bobcats trailed the Coyotes, 13-0, before rallying to tie the score 13-13, at halftime. Alaniz made a one-handed catch on a pass from quarterback John Paul Cantu to keep the fourth-quarter drive alive and help the Bobcats eventually win, 26-13.

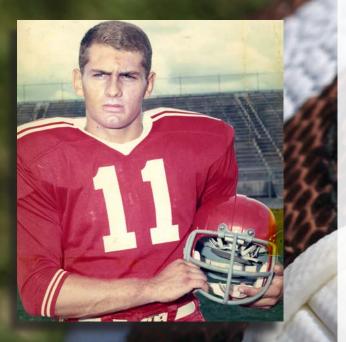
Alaniz credits the passing of Cantu and the tutelage of then-Bobcat coach Richard Flores for helping him get a chance to play NCAA Division I football. He chose Notre Dame after receiving recruiting interest from the Texas Longhorns and the Stanford Cardinal. Alaniz played four years for the Irish and became a starter his senior year in 1988, the season Notre Dame won the national championship with a 34-21 win over West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl.

Notre Dame coach Gerry Faust recruited Alaniz out of high school, but soon resigned in 1985. Alaniz wound up playing for Lou Holtz, a coach who preferred to run the ball, all of his four years at Notre Dame. The former Edinburg High standout was used primarily as a blocker for the Irish under Holtz and finished his Notre Dame career with four catches for 74 yards.



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PHIL DANAHER

Hometown: Harlingen, Texas High School: Harlingen High School College: Angelo State University Best Known For: Coaching Football

Phil Danaher is a name synonymous with Texas high school football.

In 2016, he became the state's winningest high school football coach with his 427th victory. He now has a 445-108-4 career record. He remains active coaching the Calallen Wildcats in the Coastal Bend since 1984.

Danaher was born in Missouri and soon moved with his family to South Texas, where he was a hardnosed running back at Harlingen High and earned all-state honors for the Cardinals before graduating in 1967. A four-sport standout in high school, Danaher received a football scholarship to Angelo State University and played for the Rams until graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1971.

His coaching career began in 1971 as an assistant at San Antonio Edison. He got his first head coaching job at Class 2A Dilley in 1974. Danaher left Dilley with a 25-15-2 record over four seasons for the head coaching job at Class 3A Hamshire-Fannett, where the Longhorns went 43-22 in six years, won three district championships and advanced to the regional finals twice.

Then came his move to Calallen in 1984. He basically turned around a football programs that had not qualified for the playoffs in 28 years. The turnaround was impressive as the Wildcats, beginning in 1988, achieved a state record of 16 consecutive seasons with 10 or more wins.

His Calallen teams have played in the Class 4A Division II state finals twice (2005 and 2016) while reaching the state semifinals seven other times, including a string of five straight appearances from 1993-97. He ranks in the Top 10 nationally as one of the all-time winningest high school football coaches.

Calallen's teams have earned a trip to the postseason every year since Danaher arrived (33 straight seasons). In 2009, the field at Calallen was named Phil Danaher Field at Wildcat Stadium in his honor.

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KIM EDQUIST

Hometown: Laredo, Texas High School: United High School College: Pan American University Best Known For: Coaching Basketball

For many years Kim Edquist was a fixture as one of the top girls high school coaches in the Rio Grande Valley before she retired at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

During her 27 years as coach of the Los Fresnos Lady Falcons, Edquist directed her teams to 528 victories, 17 trips to the state playoffs and seven district championships.

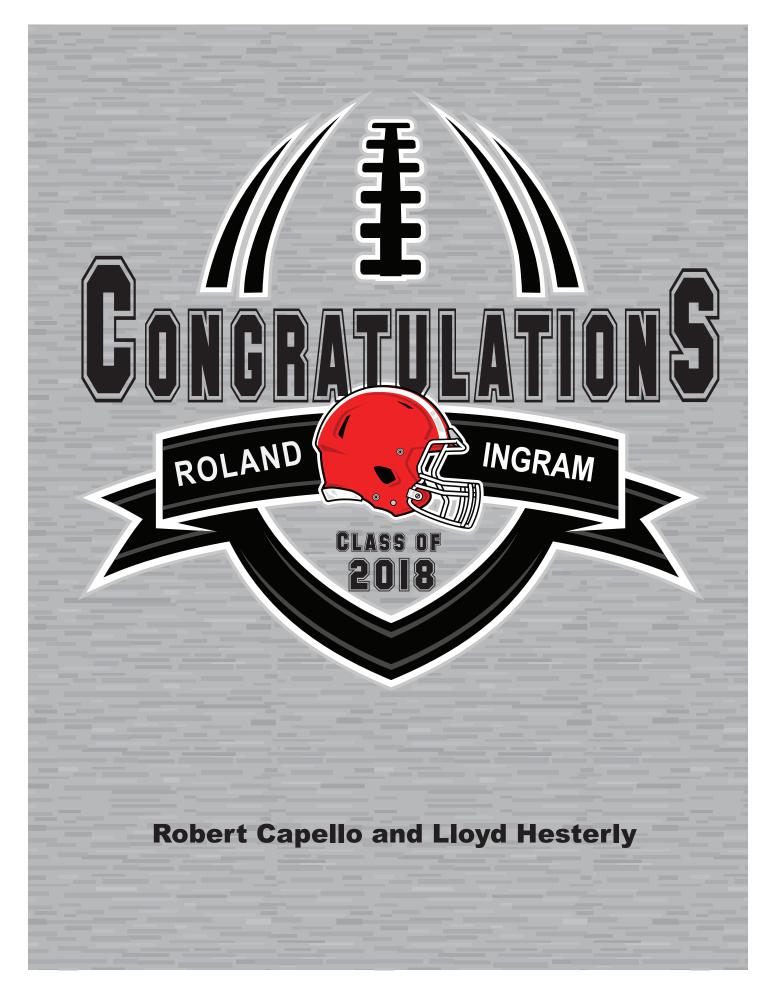
Edquist was not born in Texas, but she got here as quickly as she could. She is a native of Burlington, Iowa, and moved to Laredo with her family at a young age. She participated in basketball, volleyball and track at Laredo United in the 1980s, receiving multiple alldistrict honors.

Edquist went on to play point guard for the Pan American University women's basketball team for four years. After receiving her bachelor's degree she began her coaching career at Weslaco High as a junior varsity coach, a post she held for four years before becoming interim head coach at La Joya High for two months. From there, Edquist came to Los Fresnos, where her coaching career really blossomed.

In 27 seasons starting in 1990, Edquist's teams amassed 528 wins against 344 losses (.606 winning percentage) while capturing seven district championships. Her teams won district titles three times with perfect record in conference play.

Edquist's teams recorded seasons of 20 or more wins 13 times and two campaigns with at least 30 victories. Her best season came in 2011-12 when the Lady Falcons went 31-5. She recorded her 500th career win on Dec. 16, 2015.

The Lady Falcons advanced to the regional tournament in 1999-2000, reached the regional tournament three other times and had four bi-district championships under the veteran coach. She had a career record of 245-114 in district competition and her teams went 14-17 in the postseason.



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ROLAND INGRAM

Hometown: Harlingen, Texas High School: Harlingen High School College: North Texas State University Best Known For: Coaching Tennis

Roland Ingram's distinguished career as a tennis player and coach began as a youth playing his sport while growing up in Harlingen.

He was a standout tennis player at Harlingen High before graduating in 1957 and earned a full scholarship to Schreiner Junior College, where he won national singles and double titles in 1958 at the junior college level. Ingram transferred to North Texas State University and played there three years, earning his bachelor's and master's degrees.

Ingram started his tennis coaching career in 1966 at Amarillo High School. He left Amarillo in 1974 to take over head coaching duties at Midland Junior College. In 1974, his Midland squad won the team national championship at the NJCAA level with its players capturing national titles in singles and doubles as well.

Ingram then served as club pro at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth for seven years before becoming the women's tennis coach at TCU in 1983. It was with the Horned Frogs that Ingram enjoyed his greatest long-term success as a coach. His TCU teams were ranked nationally nine times and won four conference championships. The championships included one in the Southwest Conference, two in the Western Athletic Conference and one in Conference USA.

He compiled a 328-155 overall record in his 19 seasons as TCU's coach for a winning percentage of .679. Sixteen of his 19 Horned Frog squads posted winning records and 11 of his teams finished with 17-win seasons or better.

Before he retired from coaching at TCU in 2002, Ingram's final team went 21-5, won Conference USA and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Regionals.

He was named coach of the year in the SWC in 1986 and 1991, in the WAC in 2000 and 2001, and in Conference USA in 2002. He coached 20 conference champions.

CONGRATULATIONS Joe Mancha[†] and the Class of 2018 You scored big.

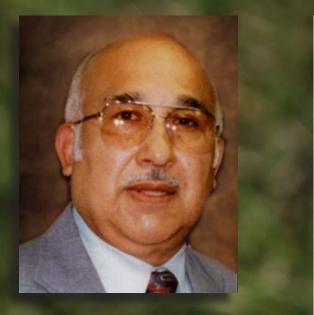


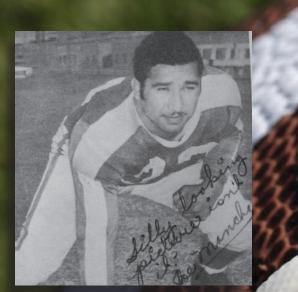
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Jose "Joe" Mancha[†]

Hometown: McAllen, Texas High School: McAllen High School College: The University of Houston Best Known For: Football

Jose "Joe" Mancha is regarded as one of the top athletes to ever come out of McAllen, particularly in football.

He was named to the Valley Freedom Newspapers' All-Millennium High School Football Team in 2000 as a member of the first-team offense.

While Mancha was a qualifier to the state track and field meet in the discus in 1952, he is better known as a three-time All-District 8-3A offensive lineman for the McAllen High Bulldogs between 1950-1952. He played for legendary coach Charles "Chuck" Moser on some of the most successful football teams his school has ever produced.

Mancha was chosen to the Class 3A first-team all-state offensive unit in 1951 and was all-state honorable mention in 1952 for an 11-1 McHi team that was ranked No. 5 in the state, setting a school record with 11 consecutive victories. In the 1952 state playoffs, McHi upset No. 3 state-ranked San Antonio Edison 26-6 in a bi-district game at Bulldog Stadium (now known as McAllen Veterans Memorial Stadium) that attracted an estimated crowd of approximately 14,000 spectators, which at the time was a Valley record for attendance at a South Texas football game. On the next week, the Bulldogs lost 36-14 to top-ranked Temple in the 3A state semifinals.

With Mancha in the offensive line and opening holes, McHi scored 450 points in 12 games in 1952. It was a scoring point total that stood as a Valley record until 1990.

Mancha passed away at age 81 in October 2016. He was retired at the time and had worked more than 30 years for General Motors.

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SAMMY MONTALVO

Hometown: Brownsville, TexasHigh School: Pace High SchoolCollege: The University of Texas at ArlingtonBest Known For: Track

Sammy Montalvo was a top athlete in track and football at Brownsville Pace, where he graduated in 1980.

Track was the sport in which he really shined. He qualified for the regional track meet four times and the UIL state meet three times, winning state championships in the 800 meters as a junior and a senior and tying the regional record in 1980. He also went to state in the 400 meters as a sophomore in 1978.

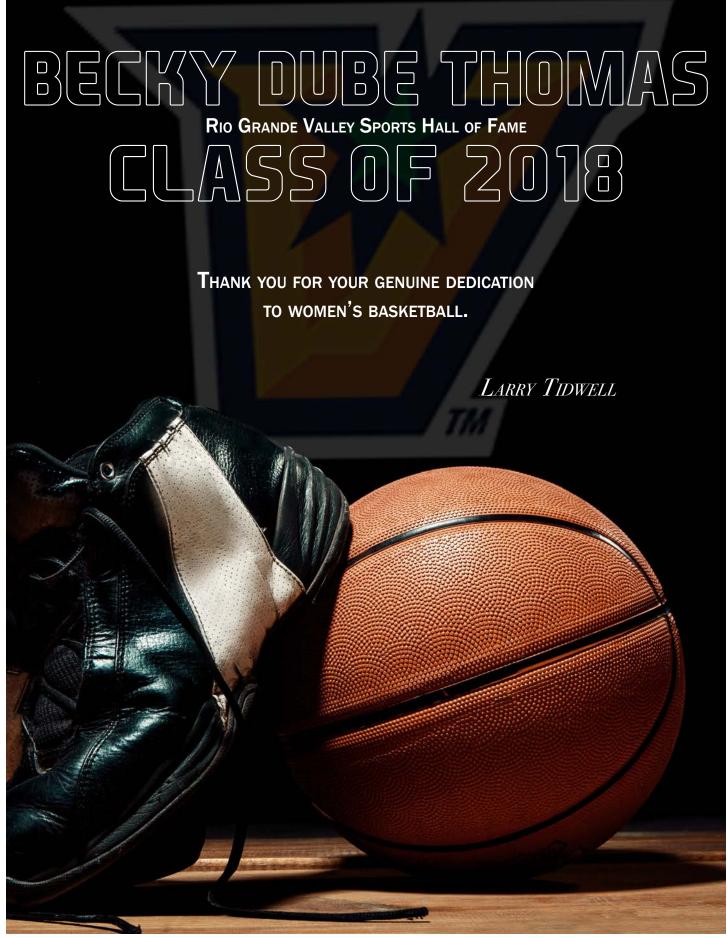
Montalvo finished his high school career as one of the top 800-meter runners in the country and was a finalist at the Golden West Invitational in Sacramento, Calif.

Also while at Pace, Montalvo played split end on the football team under coach Gordon Foerster, helping the Vikings record 7-3 and 9-1 seasons during his two years of varsity competition in 1978 and 1979.

After graduating from Pace, Montalvo competed in track at the NCAA Division I level at The University of Texas at Arlington and set school records in three events while earning a Southland Conference bronze medal in the 800 in 1982. After three years of track at UTA, Montalvo transferred to Southwest Texas State University and concentrated on academics, graduating with degrees in finance (1984) and education (1986). He earned a master's degree in educational administration from The University of Texas at Brownsville in 1999.

As a coach, Montalvo held one head coaching position at Brownsville Pace from 1993-1996, where he was head football coach and athletics coordinator.

He has served as an assistant coach at several schools, including West Oso (1986), Pace (1987), Los Fresnos (1991), Brownsville Lopez (2004), and Brownsville Veterans (2010-present). He coached Los Fresnos to a district title in 2002.



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BECKY DUBE THOMAS

Hometown: McAllen, Texas High School: McAllen High School College: Pan American University Best Known For: Basketball

Becky (Dube) Thomas' status as one of the top all-time female basketball players in the Rio Grande Valley is unquestioned.

As a middle school and high school athlete growing up in McAllen, she was known as Becky Dube, her maiden name. She attended Lincoln Middle School and McAllen High, where she graduated in 1982.

She started playing basketball as a seventh-grader in the mid-1970s when the game for girls was played half-court. That soon changed for Thomas in high school.

During her three years on the McHi varsity playing for legendary coach Teresa Casso from 1980-82, Thomas scored 1,626 points and earned All-Valley MVP honors. She led the Lady Bulldogs to the regional tournament as a junior in 1981 when she averaged 18.5 points per game and scored a seasontotal 628 points. She produced scoring highs of 35 and 30 points in two of her contests.

The All-Valley standout said she played basketball because she simply loved the game and not for any personal recognition or the awards that came her way. She also was a standout in other high school sports, including track. She became known as a fierce competitor on and off the basketball court as she was an honor student as well.

Thomas went on to play at Pan American University for coach John McDowell from 1983-86. At the time, Pan Am played in the NAIA. During the 1984-85 season, Thomas was the top scorer in the NAIA out of approximately 2,000 women playing on 270 teams. She averaged 28.4 points per game during a time when there was no three-point shot.

Thomas ranks fifth in all-time scoring at the university, now known as UT-Rio Grande Valley, with 1,159 points and is the program record holder in career shooting percentage (.556) and field goals made (514).



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JOHN TRIPSON[†]

Hometown: Madero, Texas High School: Mission High School College: Mississippi State University Professional: Detroit Lions Best Known For: Football

John Tripson grew up in the tiny town of Madero, Texas, south of Mission. After becoming a top player for the Mission High Eagles, he went on to enjoy an outstanding football career that took him all the way to the NFL in the 1940s.

Tripson, a 6-foot-3, 210 pound lineman, was a member of the 1936 Mission Eagles team that went unbeaten in the regular season in 1936. He was named all-district at tackle for the Eagles and went on to play collegiate football for four years at Mississippi State University.

In college, Tripson was selected All-Southeast Conference at tackle and received All-America honorable mention honors. With Tripson in the line, Mississippi State defeated Georgetown 14-7 in the 1941 Orange Bowl for the school's first bowl victory. In the first quarter of the game, Tripson recovered a blocked punt in the end zone to score his team's initial touchdown against Georgetown.

Tripson played in the College All-Star Game in 1941 before being drafted by the Detroit Lions in the sixth round with the 45th pick. He played the 1941 season with the Lions, starting nine of 11 games. He was chosen first-team All-Pro and played in the Pro Bowl after his lone season in the NFL.

With World War II underway, duty called. Like countless others from "The Greatest Generation," Tripson enlisted in the military. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 to serve his country. During his time in the military, he received the Navy Cross for "gallantry, dauntless courage and fearless devotion to duty" in the invasion of North Africa in WWII. Tripson passed away in July 1997 at age 77

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TONY VILLARREAL III

Hometown: Brownsville, Texas
High School: Hanna High School
College: Texas Southmost College, Southern Methodist University
Best Known For: Coaching Football

One of the Rio Grande Valley's most successful football coaches is Tony Villarreal III, who has spent 27 years as a head coach and 35 years overall (1980-2015) in his profession, which included stints coaching baseball early in his career.

His time as a head football coach has been spent at Weslaco High (2005-2015), Brownsville Hanna (1998-2004), PSJA North (1996-97) and Port Isabel (1990-1995). Other coaching stints in sub-varsity/ varsity assistant roles include Port Isabel, PSJA High, Alice and McAllen High.

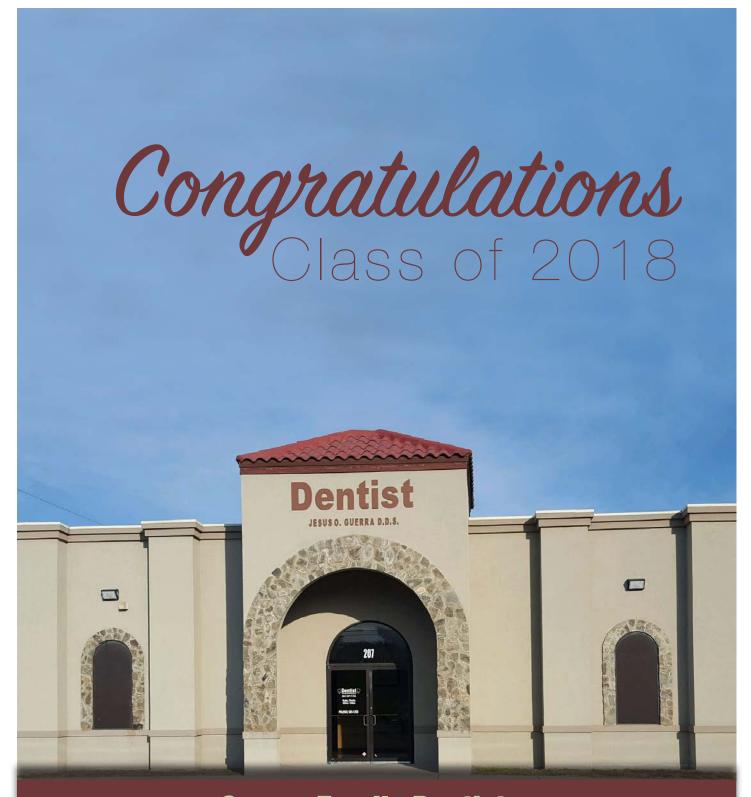
In South Texas, Villarreal's 197 wins as a varsity football coach (197-107-4) rank second among the all-time leaders in the Rio Grande Valley behind Alex Leal, who had 207 wins.

Villarreal's most successful season in football came in 1994 as Port Isabel went 13-1-1 and reached the Class 3A state semifinals. Villarreal was named Texas' Class 3A Coach of the Year that season.

Overall, as a head coach, Villarreal's varsity football teams captured 11 district titles and went to the playoffs 22 times. He has taken his teams to the postseason at each of his head coaching stops.

As an athlete, Villarreal earned all-district honors playing football and baseball at Brownsville Hanna High before graduating in 1976. He was an outfielder and leading hitter on the 1977 Texas Southmost College baseball team that became the only squad from the school to advance to the National Junior College Athletic Association World Series.

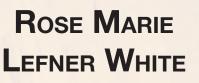
Making the dean's list at both colleges, Villarreal graduated from TSC in 1978 and from SMU in 1980.



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Hometown: Lyford, Texas
High School: Lyford High School
College: Temple Junior College, Sam Houston State University
Best Known For: Basketball

Rose Marie (Lefner) White is considered a trailblazer for females in Rio Grande Valley basketball after her stellar high school career at Lyford beginning in 1961. She grew up with four older brothers and learned to play hard-nosed basketball with the boys.

She received all-district honors four straight years during high school as a 5-foot, 8-inch post, once scoring 51 points in a game. Playing for legendary coach Mary Francis Watkins at Lyford, White was an all-region selection her senior season and played for the South Team in the 1965 Texas All-Star Game.

White averaged 27 points a game during her fouryear career at Lyford and was one of the early stars of the game for females in South Texas.

After a standout playing career at Temple Junior College, where she led TJC with the most points in a single season (575), most free throws in a single season (118) and most rebounds in a game (14). White was named second-team all-region as a sophomore at TJC as she averaged 10.9 points per game. She went on to play at Sam Houston State University as a junior and senior, graduating in 1969.

In 1966, White was one of 50 female players invited by the U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball Committee to participate in the first developmental training camp program. A knee injury hurt her chances of continuing with the U.S. Olympic Team. Her time with the U.S. Olympic Team was her first experience playing five-on-five basketball.

She coached her sport at the public-school level. White began her coaching and teaching career as a junior high coach at DeSoto and later coached at the high school level in Canyon.



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As the public address announcer for Mission football games for 46 years, Ochoa fits the category of making watching football games enjoyable for the fans.

After graduating from Mission High in 1972, Ochoa took the microphone only three months later as the PA announcer for Mission Eagle games at the stadium that would eventually be named Tom Landry Stadium. He worked 32 years as the Eagles' PA announcer and has served as the PA announcer for Mission Veterans Memorial High School for 14 years or since the school opened in 2004.



He has also served as PA announcer for Mission baseball, basketball and softball games.

Ochoa, a four-term member of the Mission CISD Board of Trustees and past president, is a member of the Texas Association of Sports Officials, and umpired softball for 15 years or since the sport began in the Valley in the 1990s. He was the first Valley official to officiate a Texas Softball All-Star Game. He was the first base umpire in the 2001 game that featured University of Texas star pitcher and Olympian Cat Osterman.

"Although I've been paid for announcing because I have to be paid, I would have done it for free," Ochoa said.

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0., Luis Jr.	2010	Colchado, Cody	2016	Gerlicki, Joseph‡	2002
Alaniz, Leo "Najo"†	1988	Coleman, Bert [†]	2003	Gomez, Jesse S. [†]	2002
Alexander, LuAnne	2013	Conner, M.F. "Red" [†]	1993	Gonzales, Ruben	2017
Alvarez, Arnie [†]	2013	Conover, Brooks W.†	1997	Gonzalez, Paula	2005
Ausmus, Don	2013	Corona, Regino C.	2008	Gonzalez, Rogelio "Roy" [†]	2009
Anzaldua, Amador "Mayo"†		Cortez, Robert	1997	Gorges, Matt	1992
Araguz, Leo	2001	Cox, Tommy [†]	2009	Green, Buddy [†]	2013
Aranda, Olga	2002	Crafts, Willie [†]	2003	Guerra, Jesus "Chuy"	2013
Avila, Alfredo	2002	Crane, Corky	1999	Guerrero, Oton "Tony"	1995
Avila, Celestino Z., M.D.		Creasey, George ⁺	1989	Guillot, Donald	2011
Avila, Richard	2000	Davis, C.W. "Napper"	1988	Hall, James C. "Red"†	2005
Ayala, Ernesto Jr.	1995	Davis, Gilly ⁺	1992	Hallbeck, Vernon	2009
Balducci, Roxanne	2004	Denson, Don	2005	Harbour, Todd	2004
Barbosa, Tony	2001	Detmer, Koy	2005	Heald, Dessie [†]	1989
Barker, Tommy	2005	Detmer, Sonny	2009	Helms, J.W. [†]	1996
Barker-Davis, Rochelle	2006	Drew, Tom	1995	Helms, Jim	1996
Bazan, Pete	2000	Edwards, Freddie Allen	2004	Henson, Bob	2013
Beaudry, Charles, Ph.D. [†]	1989	Esparza, Thomas, Ph.D.†	1991	Hernandez, Alfredo "Boxer"	
Beene, Cathy A.	2012	Esquivel, Carlos [†]	1998	Hess, Roy	2016
Bloomfield, Jack	1993	Estevis, Camilo	1995	Hinojosa, Herbie	2010
Boyle, C.L. "Smokey" [†]	1989	Etnire, Stanley [†]	1996	Hinojosa, Manuel	2017
Brooks, Jim ⁺	1990	Evans, Norm	1994	Hinojosa, Rene Manuel [†]	2002
Brumley, Bob [†]	2011	Farias, Rey	2010	Hirst, Gerald	1994
Bush, Bruce	2011	Farris, Bill ⁺	1990	Hollingsworth, Hank [†]	2004
Butler Kalencki, Jeanie	1999	Field, Jackie [†]	2006	Houghtaling, Jim [†]	2005
Butler, Tony [†]	1998	Filoteo, Joe	2008	Howell, Kathy	2010
Caldwell, Earl [†]	2013	Flores, Adrian [†]	1997	Hudson, Jim [†]	1994
Cannon, Bobby†	1989	Flores, R.C. "Fito" [†]	1992	Iglesias, Iris G.	2012
Cantu, Juanita M.†	1997	Flores, Richard	1992	Jackson, Johnnie	2013
Cantu, Ramon O.†	1995	Garcia, Alonso "Knot"†	2015	Jackson, Lucious "Luke"	1995
Canul, Guadalupe	2002	Garcia, Gonzalo†	1999	Knetig, Ed Jr.	2012
Capello, Juan J., M.D.	2004	Garcia, Juan de Dios	2015	Keyes, Bert R.	2008
Capello, Robert	2003	Garcia, Roy	1993	Labar, Wayne [†]	1997
Casso, Teresa	1996	Garcia, Willie	2010	Lackey, Bobby	1990
Castillo, Juan	2005	Garza, Eleuterio	1993	LaGrange, Charles	2001
Cavazos, Manuel "Meme".		Garza, Gil	2006	Lambert, Gerald [†]	2014
Cavazos, Max [†]	1991	Garza, Leo Jr.†	1996	Lancaster, Jim	2017
Chavez, Tom	2017	Garza, Leonel G.	2006	Landry, Thomas "Tom"	1988
Clark, Margaret M. †	2001	Garza, Meme	2006	Lawrence, Jimmy [†]	1989
Clark, Nancy K.	2014	Garza, Rene G.	2006	Leal Garcia, Felipe [†]	2000
Cleckler, Mary Jeanne [†]	1995	Garza, Sammy	2011	Leal, Alex	1996
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Lerma, E.C. †	1989	Rabke, Mary Lee, Ph.D.	1997
Lerma, John C.	2000	Raders, John [†]	2003
Levermann, Gerald		Ramirez, Aaron	2015
"Dutch"	2001	Ramirez, Reynaldo "Rey"	2016
Levermann, Margaret [†]	1998	Ramsey, Jody†	1999
Levine, Lewis Milton		Reichert, Tommy [†]	1996
"Lew"	1998	Rivas, Homero, M.D.	1999
Lohr, Larry†	1989	Roberts, Tommy	2009
Longhofer, Jesse D.	1994	Robie, Glen [†]	1993
Longoria, Sylvia	2007	Rodriguez, Amador†	2006
Lopez, Carlos	2013	Rodriguez, B.R. "Poppy"	2000
Lugo, Alfredo†	2005	Rodriguez, Camilo Sr.†	1990
Maldonado, Frank "Pancho"	2000	Rodriguez, Camilo "Bucky"	2002
Marburger, Eddie	2016	Rodriguez, Hesiquio "Zeke"	2005
Martin, Donny	2010	Rodriguez, Joe A.	1991
Martin, Robert L. "Bob"†	1992	Rodriguez, Lupe	2015
Martinez, Carmen G.	1999	Rodriguez, Pablo "Pikey"	2001
Martinez, Homer Sr.	2002	Salazar, Dolores†	2001
McKone, Jim †	1994	Salinas, Hector	2009
McLish, Rachel	2006	Salinas, Lupe	2003
McMurtry, Paul J. †	1991	Salinas De La Cruz,	
Mims, John†	2004	Maggie	2016
Molina, Mo	2010	Sanchez, Joe R. Sr.†	1999
Moore, Otto	2010	Sanchez-Paredes, Patsy	2013
Moore, Tommy	2008	Sanders, Travis	2011
Morrow, Bobby	1988	Sauceda, Dora†	1994
Mosqueda, David†	1993	Scott, Earl	1989
Moxley, Paul	2002	Schulgen, George L. Jr.	2012
Nixon, Charles M. †	1998	Sepulveda Dempsey, Sonia	2017
Norris, Jim	2017	Shuford, John Albert	
Nyquist, Larry †	2001	"Lefty"	2002
Ogletree, Al	1989	Siebert Banks, Stacey	2015
Olvera, Johnny	2014	Silver, Gene	1991
Owens, Carl B.	2001	Smith, Frank Jr.	1994
Parker, Lloyd †	1995	Solis, Merced	2007
Pedraza, Luz Jr.	1996	Soza, Maria "Lupe"	1998
Pemelton, Billy Gene	1998	Spoonemore, Carl [†]	2006
Peña, Bernardo†	1991	Stephens, Jerry [†]	1990
Platt, Jimmy	1997	Stevenson, W.M. "Buster"	1997
Ply, Bobby	1991	Stewart, Ray†	1993
Pompa, Eliseo	2007	Stromeyer, George Jr. †	1990

Stromeyer, George Sr.†	1990
Thomas, Amilda, Ph.D.†	1992
Torres, Rene	2007
Tredaway, Reggie	2009
Uhlaender, Ted†	1991
Valdez, Nati	2015
Vasquez, David	2004
Vaughan, Charlie	2004
Vela, Carlos	2011
Vela, Efraim	1999
Vela, Ernesto V.†	2000
Vela, Pete	2012
Vela, Robert†	2008
Vest, George†	1993
Villarreal, Eliseo [†]	1994
Villarreal, Magda	2007
Villarreal, Tony Jr.	2017
Villarreal, Vic†	2001
Villegas, Ramiro	2003
Wallace, Jack Sr. †	2012
Ward, Al	1998
Watkins, Mary F.†	1990
Weekley, Tom B.	2001
West, Tom [†]	1992
White, Howard A. "Andy	v" 1999
Williams, Charlie [†]	1988
Williams, D. Joe †	2003
Williams, Sam†	1988
Wise, Steve	2005
Woods, Becky	2016
Woods, Harlan	2017
Woodson Winston, Teresa	† 2000
Wright, Bobby Jack	2016
Wright, Jim	1993
Wright, Lum†	2009
Young, Russell†	2008
Zamarripa, Nora	2005
Zamarripa, Raul	2013
Zamora, Lupe "Chipper"	1994
Zamora, Ronnie	2011
Zavaletta, Gus†	1992

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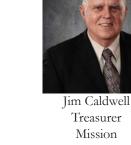
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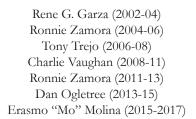
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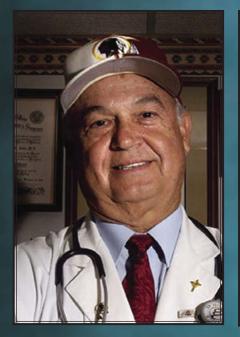
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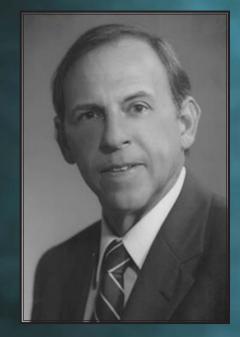
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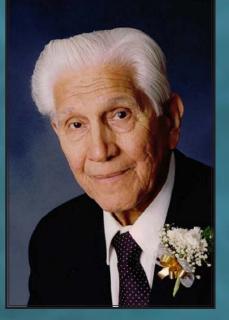
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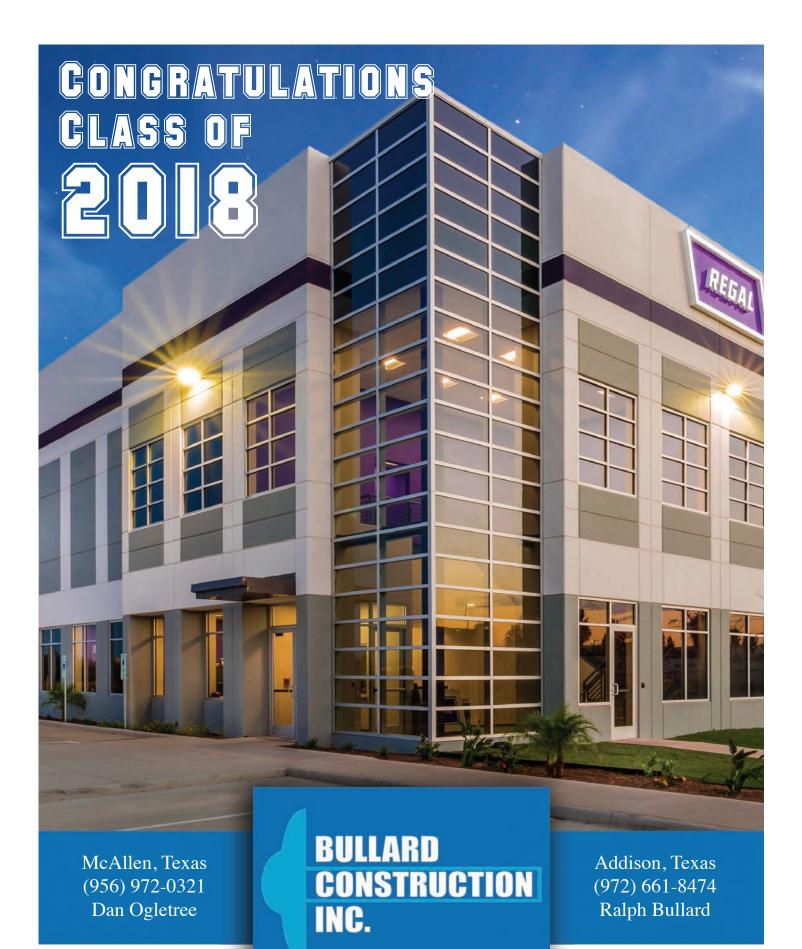
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