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5:30 P.M.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

(See Pages 32-33)

**Bianca Cardenas · Isis Delgado · Ariel Garcia · Christian Jared Garza
Landry Gilpin · Cruz Gomez Jr. · Emily Nicole Guerrero · Alejandro Lopez
Jacob Posas · Carlos Jacob Rosas · Manuel Sandoval Jr. · Jazmine Sustaita
Douglas Tolman · Allison Marie Torres · Leanza Gabrielle Treviño · Stephanie Treviño**

6 P.M.

WELCOME

Master of Ceremonies, Ronnie Zamora
Past President, RGVSHOF Board of Directors

INVOCATION

Lloyd Hesterly
Member, RGVSHOF Board of Directors

WELCOME AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Tony Guerrero Jr.
President, RGVSHOF Board of Directors

YOUR SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Ronnie Zamora

SHORT BREAK

INDUCTION CEREMONY

**Doyle Slayton† · Jim Morton† · Frank Parker
Desi Najera · Sissy Skinner · Mike Buck
Leticia Canales · Lisa Silva Malesich · Cesar Perez**

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 32nd 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 through their participation in sports as an athlete, coach, official, trainer, journalist or other sports-related position.

Our RGV Sports Hall of Fame collects, preserves and exhibits memorabilia, collectibles, and statistical data of Rio Grande Valley sports for historical preservation, database collection, and enjoyment.

We are privileged to honor nine 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.

The Class of 2019 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.

Many hours have been spent by our volunteer board members to bring you an event that will be a memorable one. Our nine inductees have done great things in sports, we honor them tonight for their achievements. This year's group now join a very elite group of 256 past inductees.

On behalf of the Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors, we thank you for your support. We hope that you enjoy the evening.



President,
Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors



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Our Mission

What does the Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame do? People who have done great things in sports many years ago is what we are all about. There's a common thread among our board members – we love sports, and we love history. The greatest achievements go down in our history books.

We are the custodians of your Valley sports history. We want to recognize the very best with the fanfare they deserve.

We also want to be part of the success of high school student-athletes. We award academic achievement awards to deserving student-athletes from all over the Valley. The financial awards assist the student-athletes with expenses for higher education. Since 2013, the RGVSHOF has co-sponsored the All-Valley Sports Awards banquet with RGVSports.com to honor high school student-athletes, coaches and sports programs for their achievements during the school year.

Honoring new inductees each year at our banquet is the highlight of the year with the Board of Directors. We on the board – as well as past inductees – remember what you have accomplished.

Counting the 2019 induction, there have been 265 men and women have been enshrined in 32 ceremonies, with an average of eight joining the group each summer. We also remember our 110 inductees who have passed away.

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



Recognizing Achievement

NEW INDUCTEES SELECTION PROCESS

How can I nominate somebody for the RGV Sports Hall of Fame? That is the most common question that we receive.

The task to select a group of deserving people for induction into the RGV Sports Hall of Fame is a very difficult one. There are more than 100 deserving men and women in our pool of candidates who have been nominated, and new nominations continue to be submitted each year. Our nomination form is under the Forms section of our website www.rgvshof.net.

- The nomination pool consists of former student-athletes, amateur athletes, coaches, game athletic administrators, athletic trainers, game officials, and sports media. The athletic merits of each applicant are compared equally.
- The pool is divided into two categories — primary pool for nominees between the ages of 45 and 64, and a veteran pool for those 65 years of age or older.
- The Board's task is to narrow that list to about 30 – 15 for each group – to create a ballot. Nominees from the previous year who received a significant number of votes but fell short of induction are automatically placed on the ballot.
- The ballots are then sent by mail and email to past inductees, who vote for the nominees they feel are the most deserving of induction.
- The results of the votes from past inductees are then tabulated. The Board uses the results of the votes of the past inductees as a blueprint for determining the next class.

We are continually focused on uncovering stories of notable sports stars of the next generation. New nominations are welcome.

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MIKE BUCK

Hometown: Deposit, New York
High School: Deposit High School
College: State University of New York,
University of Texas at Arlington,
North Texas State University
Sport Best Known For: Officiating

Longevity and consistency have marked Mike Buck's career as a football referee. He became one of the most trusted officials in the Rio Grande Valley. It's a high school football officiating career that started in 1979, ran through 2017, and included 706 varsity and games.

Buck served in various capacities at Texas State Technical College in Harlingen from 1976 to 2008, including Vice President of Administrative Services and later Associate Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services for the TSTC System. His duties included overseeing \$50 million-plus in construction at the school. It was in 1979 at TSTC that a co-worker asked Buck if he would like to start officiating football games. Buck was interested in the opportunity and said yes. The rest is history.

The longtime Harlingen resident has been a member of the Valley football officials organization, TASO, since 1979. He officiated an average of 20 varsity games per season for approximately 20 years. He has officiated several high-level Texas high school football playoff games. Throughout his career as a football referee, Buck enjoyed officiating the sub-varsity games on Saturdays as much as the varsity contests on Friday nights. He did that with a desire to help train younger officials who were just starting out and gaining experience on the sub-varsity level, just like he did.

Buck is scheduled to receive the Curly Hays Award at this year's THSCA Convention in July in Houston as the top high school official in the state. It is an award given to only one person annually.



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LETICIA CANALES

Hometown: McAllen, Texas
High School: McAllen High School
College: Sul Ross University
Best Known For: Coaching Basketball

The highly successful basketball career of Leticia “Leti” Canales as a player and coach began in the Rio Grande Valley and eventually led her to the Coastal Bend.

She was a starting guard for legendary coach Teresa Casso at McAllen High, earning numerous all-district and All-Valley honors before graduating in 1980. Canales then played at Sul Ross State University, where she was named all-conference twice and helped her team reach the Texas Intercollegiate Athletics Association championship in 1985, the same year she earned her college degree.

Canales began her varsity head coaching career in 1990 at McAllen Memorial High School. She guided the Lady Mustangs for five years, taking her teams to the playoffs. She then accepted a job to guide the Corpus Christi Carroll High School in 1995. She continues to coach and direct the Carroll girls’ basketball program and recently recorded her 800th career coaching victory. Her achievements at Carroll have been many, and her career coaching win total now stands at 805.

Canales led the Lady Tigers to their first UIL State Tournament appearance in 1998. Other state tournament appearances followed in 1999 and 2000. Out of 30 years of coaching, Canales has taken her teams to the playoffs 27 times, last winning a district championship in 2016.

She was inducted into the Sul Ross State University Hall of Honor in 1997.

As with all successful coaches, Canales has a specific coaching philosophy that she imparts to her players and teams. It involves getting the most out of the athletic experience.



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JIM MORTON†

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
High School: Fox Tech High School
Military Service: U.S. Marine Corps
Best Known For: Coaching Football

Jim Morton's character was as tough as nails. It showed during his 20-plus years of military service (1947-1968) and later as a drill instructor and football coach along with other duties at Harlingen's Marine Military Academy (1969-2004).

Before beginning his military career, Morton attended San Antonio Fox Tech High School, where he played football before graduating in 1947. He then enlisted to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps and fought in the Korean and Viet Nam wars. He was twice awarded Purple Heart decorations. While in the military, Morton played and coached football with the opponents ranging from other services and U.S. bases to college teams throughout the country.

Morton's first high school football coaching job came in 1968 in Memphis, Tenn. His team was ranked No. 1 in the state at one time and finished the season 8-2. From there, he was hired in 1969 by Marine Military Academy in Harlingen. Besides drill instructor, Morton eventually became MMA's athletic director, head football, basketball and track coach. Over his 25 years of guiding the football team at MMA, the Leathernecks compiled a 137-119 record. In 1974, MMA finished as the state runner-up in TCIL. In 1977, MMA won the state championship in TAPPS.

Morton became a mentor and father figure for many young men attending MMA and playing sports for him. Although his grueling practice standards and hard-nosed approach to athletics were well-known, the legendary coach's passion for sports and dedication to molding young men became his trademark. He died in 2004.





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DESI NAJERA

Hometown: Brownsville, Texas
High School: Brownsville High School
College: Texas A&I University
Best Known For: Football

Desi Najera is regarded as one of the best quarterbacks to ever play high school football in Brownsville.

Najera played quarterback as a three-year starter at Brownsville High School from 1967-69, and was part of a team that went winless his sophomore season under Coach Joe Rodriguez. The Eagles went 6-4 when the 24 sophomores from 1967 were juniors the following season. There was a turnaround by the time Najera and his teammates became seniors. BHS won the District 26-4A championship and finished with a 10-2 record in 1969.

Najera directed a team that averaged 37.2 points per game during the regular season. He guided the Eagles to a come-from-behind 25-15 victory in bi-district before a packed crowd of 10,000-plus fans at Brownsville's Sams Memorial Stadium. Miller had a talented team with three future NFL players. The season ended at 10-2 the following week with a 47-14 loss to Seguin.

Najera and 10 of his teammates from the 1969 team went on to play college football. Najera received 26 scholarship offers and chose Texas A&I University, where he played two seasons after graduating in 1970. As a sophomore QB for the Javelinas in 1971, Najera started against Trinity University and passed for 192 yards while rushing for 141 yards. His combined offensive total of 333 yards set an individual school record at the time for a single game. It earned him recognition in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd." The magazine awarded him a golden bowl, which has become one of his prized possessions from his playing career.



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FRANK PARKER

Hometown: Brownsville, Texas
High School: Brownsville High School
College: The University of Texas at Austin
Best Known For: Football

Frank Parker ranks as one of Brownsville's all-time best high school athletes after graduating from Brownsville High School in 1947 with nine letters for football, basketball and track.

A two-way starter at center and linebacker while standing 6-foot-1 and weighing 180 pounds, football became the sport that enabled Parker, as an all-state center, to earn a scholarship to play for the The University of Texas Longhorns in the late 1940s.

Parker played on the Golden Eagles' varsity team for three seasons and started his junior and senior years in 1945 and 1946. The Eagles won the District 16-2A championship when he was a junior, finishing with a 10-1 record under head coach Bob Martin, previously the coach for Tom Landry at Mission in 1941. When Parker was a senior in 1946, the Eagles went 6-4 but missed the playoffs by a tiebreaker. As a senior, Parker was selected to play in the 1947 North-South All-Star Game in El Paso.

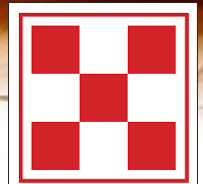
Then it was on to Austin to play for the Longhorns. Parker started at center and linebacker for the Texas freshman team and made the varsity travel squad as a sophomore, getting some playing time at the end of several varsity games. Just when it appeared Parker might have a chance to play more regularly as a junior on the Longhorn varsity, he was injured on a crack-back block early during the 1949 season and never fully recovered. He eventually had to have multiple surgeries on his knee.

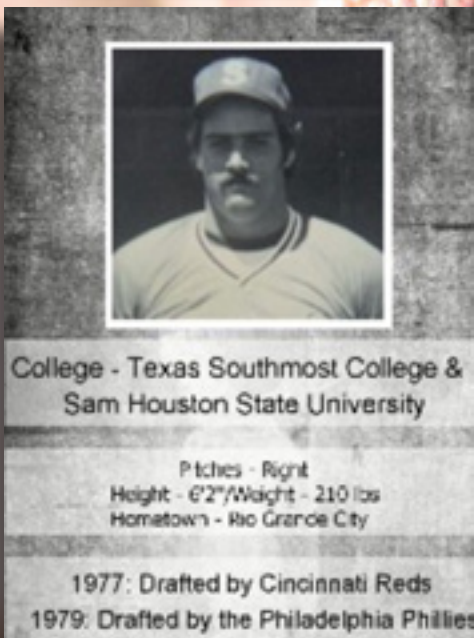
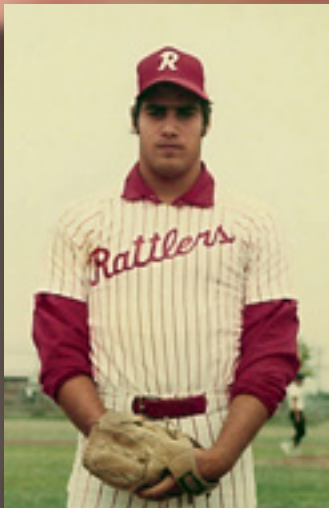


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CESAR PEREZ

Hometown: Rio Grande City, Texas
High School: Rio Grande City High School
College: Texas Southmost College
 Sam Houston State University
Best Known For: Baseball

From Little League to college, regardless of the level of baseball he played, Cesar Perez always excelled as a hard-throwing, right-handed pitcher.

Growing up in Rio Grande City, Perez was a multi-sport standout for the Rattlers, but baseball clearly was his passion. Perez hit his stride as a pitcher in high school by throwing strikeout games of 19, 18 and 16 plus multiple 15-strikeout outings for the Rattlers as a four-year starter.

He received a scholarship to pitch for Texas Southmost College and sparked the Scorpions to their only appearance at the NJCAA College World Series in 1977. TSC finished as one of the top eight junior college teams in the country out of 540 that season.

Truly an ironman on the mound at the regional tournament, he pitched 27 innings in five days as a starter and reliever, winning two games and saving two. There was a game against Concordia College in which Perez pitched 13 innings, threw 216 pitches and recorded 18 strikeouts as the Scorpions won 1-0.

From TSC, Perez went on to Sam Houston State University (1977-81), where he pitched the Bearkats to the NAIA College World Series in 1979. He was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies that season after being drafted by the Cincinnati Reds while at TSC in 1977.

Perez's desire to further his education was stronger than the attraction of playing professional baseball. After receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from SHSU, he entered the University of Texas at Austin School of Law.



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LISA (SILVA) MALESICH

Hometown: La Villa, Texas

High School: La Villa High School

College: The University of Texas at San Antonio

Best Known For: Cross Country and Track

No one did more to bring attention to the small town of La Villa through athletics in the 1990s than Lisa (Silva) Malesich, who became one of the Rio Grande Valley's most successful female runners at the state level.

Growing up, Spanish was her primary language. She overcame that challenge just like so many others and became fluent in English before graduating from La Villa High School in 1993 as the salutatorian.

Silva won five gold medals as a standout distance runner for the Lady Cardinals. She qualified for the UIL Class 2A state track meet as a sophomore. As a junior, she won the 2A state cross country gold medal in the fall and added the 2A 1,600-meter gold medal at the state track meet in the spring. As a junior, she won the silver medal in the 800-meter run in state track.

Her best high school showing came as a senior. She repeated as Class 2A state cross country champion and then won gold in both the 2A 800- and 1,600-meter races at the state track meet. She also won multiple district and regional championships in cross country and track.

Her success as a high school runner helped her receive a scholarship to run cross country and track at the The University of Texas at San Antonio, where she lettered four years. Silva Malesich has remained an active runner in recent years, earning runner-up honors in her age division in the 2010 Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in San Antonio.

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FORMER HEAD COACH, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL





SISSY SKINNER

Hometown: Edinburg, Texas

High School: Edinburg High School

College: Lamar University,
The University of Houston

Best Known For: Coaching Tennis

Few have meant as much to tennis in the Rio Grande Valley, particularly the Edinburg area, than Mary Frances “Sissy” Skinner who has played the sport since she was 9. She has been a strong tennis presence in Texas for decades.

A standout player at Edinburg High in the 1960s, Skinner gained a No. 1 ranking four times and represent the state at the national Junior Wrightman Cup competition. A star in college at Lamar University and The University of Houston, she played No. 1 singles and doubles at Lamar for two years before doing the same thing for two years at UH.

Skinner has been ranked No. 1 in Texas in women’s doubles and mixed doubles, and third in women’s singles. In 1982, she reached the quarterfinals in the National 35s (doubles) in Houston. She has been ranked No. 2 in women’s doubles in the Missouri Valley and No. 2 in 35 mixed doubles as well. Skinner was the first women’s tennis pro at Houston’s McGregor Park Tennis Center. She also coached at Stephen F. Austin University and with Spring Branch ISD. During her six years coaching the SFA program in the 1970s, Skinner took the Ladyjacks from obscurity to a No. 5 ranking nationally in NCAA Division II tennis.

Skinner returned to the Valley as a tennis coach in 1992. She directed the Sharyland High girls’ and boys’ program for six seasons (1992-1997), capturing at least one district title each season with a 123-3 combined record.

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DOYLE SLAYTON†

Hometown: Pharr, Texas
High School: P-SJ-A High School
College: McMurry College
Best Known For: Football and Track

Doyle Slayton was a standout multi-sport athlete at Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School in the late 1950s who became a well-known football/track/powerlifting coach at various schools in the Rio Grande Valley. His impact as a coach came primarily at the Valley's smaller schools.

As an athlete in football, Slayton played tackle at P-SJ-A High School and lettered from 1959-61 for the Bears, earning all-district and honorable mention all-state honors in 1959. He set a state record in the discus with a throw of 162 feet, 8 inches at the regional track meet in 1960.

Slayton attended McMurry University, where he started at tackle for three years and earned a spot on the 1964 NAIA Division 8 All-Star Team.

Among the South Texas schools where Slayton coached were Santa Rosa, Zapata, Lyford, Progreso, Harlingen South and Brownsville Hanna. He served as head coach/athletic director at Santa Rosa (1969-1970) and at Zapata (1972-1873). He guided the Warriors to a 9-1 record in football in 1969 and was named RGV Football Co-Coach of the Year. Under his leadership, the The 1969 and 1970 Warriors captured district championships in track. Under his leadership in baseball at Zapata, the Hawks reached the state finals in 1973.

His coaching career took him to Tarkio College in Missouri in the 1980s. While at Tarkio, he produced six NAIA All-Americans and three Academic All-Americans. Two of his Tarkio graduates were selected by the NFL.

He was inducted into the Tarkio College Hall of Fame in 2003.

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Louie Alamia, 2010
LuAnn Alexander, 2013
Arnie Alvarez, 2007
Richard Avila, 2003
Tony Barbosa, 2005
Jack Bloomfield, 1993
Mike Brisky, 2012
Jim Brooks, 1990
Guadalupe "Lupe" Canul, 2002
Max Cavazos, 1991
Nancy K. Clark, 2014
Cody Colchado, 2016
Becky Dube Thomas, 2018
Kim Edquist, 2018
Thomas Esparza, Ph.D., 1991
Camilo Estevis, 1995
Richard R. Flores, 1992
Alonso "Knot" Garcia 2015
Juan de Dio Garcia 2015
Willie W. Garcia, 2010
Ruben Gonzales, 2017
Jesus "Chuy" Guerra, 2000
Oton "Tony" Guerrero, 1995

Donald Guillot, 2011
Manuel Hinojosa, 2017
Kathy Howell, 2010
Iris G. Iglesias, 2012
Lucious "Luke" Jackson, 1995
Jim Lancaster, 2017
Alex Leal, 1996
Felipe Leal Garcia, 2000
Jim McKone, 1994
Erasmus "Mo" Molina, 2010
Otto Moore, 2010
David Mosqueda, 1993
Al Ogletree, 1989
Mary Lee Rabke, Ph.D., 1997
John Anthony Raders, 2003
Jody Ramsey, 1999
Camilo "Bucky" Rodriguez, 2002
Joe A. Rodriguez, 1991
Pikey Rodriguez Jr., 2001
Hector Salinas, 2009
Lupe Salinas, 2003
Patsy Sanchez-Paredes, 2013
Guadalupe "Lupe" Soza, 1998

Rene Torres, 2007
Reggie Tredaway, 2009
Carlos Vela, 2011
Pete Vela, 2012
Robert Vela, 2009
D. Joe Williams, 2003
Sam Williams, 1988
Raul Zamarripa, 2013



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1988

Alaniz, Leonardo "Najo"†
 Davis, C.W. "Napper"†
 Landry,
 Thomas Wade "Tom"†
 Morrow, Bobby
 Williams, Charlie†
 Williams, Sam†

1989

Beaudry, Charles Ph.D.†
 Boyle, C.L. "Smokey"†
 Cannon, Bobby†
 Creasey, George†
 Lawrence, Jimmy†
 Lerma,
 Everardo Carlos
 "E.C."†
 Lohr, Larry†
 Ogletree, Alfred "Al"
 (Richardson) Heald,
 Dessie†
 Scott, Earl Jr.

1990

Brooks, Jim†
 Farris, Bill†
 Lackey, Bobby
 Rodriguez, Camilo Sr.†
 Stephens, Jerry†
 Strohmeyer, George Jr.†
 Strohmeyer, George Sr.†
 Watkins, Mary Frances†

1991

Cavazos, Max†
 Esparza, Thomas Ph.D.†
 McMurtry, Paul J.†
 Peña, Bernardo†
 Ply, Bobby
 Rodriguez, Joe A.
 Silver, Gene†
 Uhlaender, Otto "Ted"†

1992

Davis, E. Gilmore "Gilly"†
 Flores, R.C. "Fito"†
 Flores, Richard R.
 Gorges, Matt F.
 Martin, Robert L. "Bob"†
 Thomas, Anilda Ph.D.†
 West, Thomas "Tom"†
 Zavaletta, Gust†

1993

Bloomfield,
 Gordon Leigh "Jack"
 Connor, M.F. "Red"†
 Garcia, Rosendo "Roy"
 Garza, Eleuterio "Lou" Jr.
 Mosqueda, David†
 Robie, Glen R.†
 Stewart, Ray†
 Vest, George†
 Wright, James "Jim" Jr.

1994

Evans, Norm
 Hirst, Gerald "Jerry"
 Hudson, Jim†
 Longhofer, Jesse
 McKone, Jim†
 Saucedo,
 Daria M. "Dora"†
 Smith, Frank Jr.
 Villarreal, Eliseo†
 Zamora,
 Guadalupe "Chipper"

1995

Ayala, Ernesto Jr.
 Cantu, Ramon O.†
 Cleckler, Mary Jeanne†
 Drew, Tom
 Estevis, Camilo
 Guerrero,
 Oton J. "Tony" Sr.
 Jackson, Lucious "Luke"
 Parker, Lloyd†

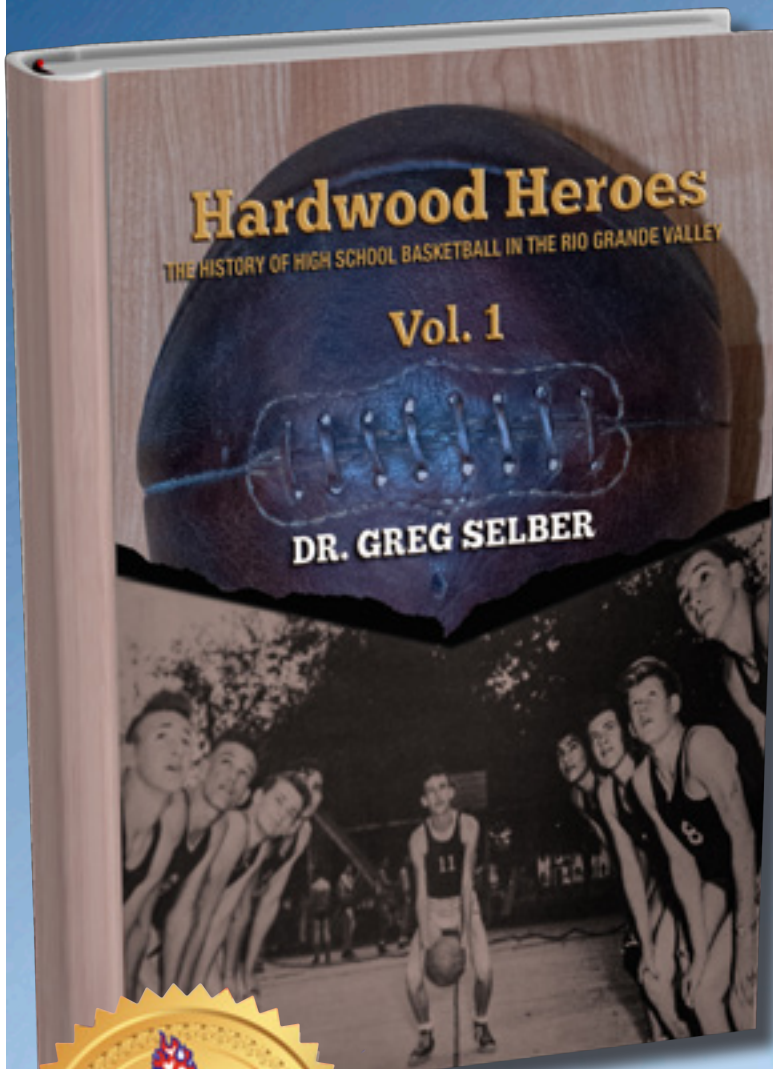


Bobby Morrow
Class of 1988

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1996

Casso, Teresa
Etnire, Stanley Martin†
Garza, Leo Jr.†
Helms, J.W. "Jake"†
Helms, Jim
Leal, Alex
Pedraza, Luz Jr.
Reichert, Tommy†

1997

Juanita M. Cantu†
Conover, Brooks W.†
Cortez, Robert
Flores, Adrian†
Labar, Wayne†
Platt, Jimmy
Rabke, Mary Lee Ph.D.†
Stevenson, W.M. "Buster"†

1998

Tony Butler†
Esquivel, Carlos†
Hernandez,
 Alfredo "Boxer"†
Levermann, Margaret†
Levine, Lewis "Lew"†
Nixon, Charles M.†
Pemelton, Billy Gene
Soza,
 Maria Guadalupe
 "Lupe"
Ward, Albert "Al"

1999

(Butler) Kalencki, Jeanie
Crane, Everett L. "Corky"
Garcia, Gonzalo†
Martinez, Carmen G.
Ramsey, Jody†
Rivas, Homero M.D.
Sanchez, Joe R. Sr.†
Vela, Efraim
White, Howard A. "Andy"

2000

Avila, Celestino Z. M.D.†
Guerra, Jesus "Chuy"
Leal-Garcia, Felipe†
Lerma, John C.
Maldonado,
 Frank "Pancho"†
Rodriguez, B.R. "Poppy"
Vela, Ernesto V.†
(Woodson) Winston, Te-
resa†

2001

Clark, Margaret M.†
LaGrange, Charles
Levermann,
 Gerald "Dutch"†
Nyquist, Larry†
Owens, Carl B.
Rodriguez,
 Pablo A. Jr. "Pikey"
Salazar, Dolores A. "Lolita"†
Villarreal, Vic†
Weekley, Tom B.

2002

Aranda, Olga
Avila, Richard
Canul, Guadalupe "Lupe"
Gerlicki, Joseph†
Hinojosa, Rene Manuel†
Martinez, Homer Sr.
Moxley, Paul S.
Rodriguez, Camilo "Bucky"
Shuford,
 John Albert "Lefty"†

2003

Avila, Alfredo
Capello, Robert
Coleman, Bert†
Crafts, Willie†
Raders, John†
Salinas, Guadalupe "Lupe"
Villegas, Ramiro
Williams, D. Joet

2004

Anzaldua, Amador "Mayo"†
Balducci, Roxanne
Capello, Juan Jose M.D.
Edwards, Fred
Gonzalez, Rogelio "Roy"†
Harbour, Todd
Hollingsworth, Hank†
Mims, John†
Vasquez, David
Vaughan, Charles "Charlie"

2005

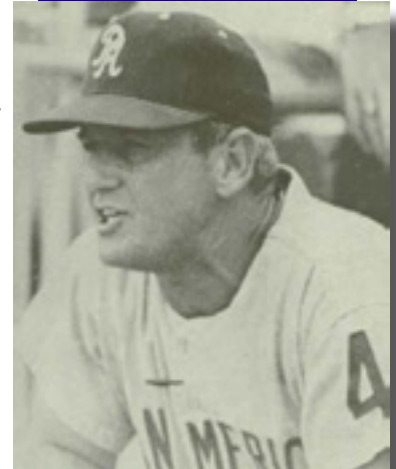
Barbosa, Tony
Castillo, Juan
Denson, Don
Gonzalez, Paula
Hall, James C. "Red"†
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Lugo, Alfredo†
Rodriguez,
 Hesiquio "Zeke"†
Wise, Steve
Zamarripa, Nora

2006

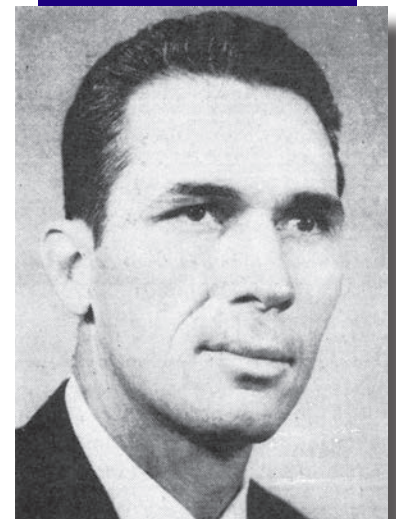
Barker-Davis,
 Edith Rochelle
Field, Jackie Sr.†
Garza, Gil
Garza, Leonel G.
Garza,
 Juan Manuel "Meme"
Garza, Rene G.
McLish, Rachel
Rodriguez, Amador†
Spoonemore, Carl†

2007

Alvarez, Arnaldo "Arnie"†
(Longoria) Rodriguez, Sylvia
Pompa, Eliseo
Solis,
 Merced "Tito Santana"
Torres, Rene
(Villarreal) Johnson, Magda



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Young, Russell†

2009

Bazan, Pete
Cox, Tommy†
Detmer, Sonny
Roberts, Tommy
Salinas, Hector
Tredaway, Reggie
Wright, Elbert "Lum"†

2010

(Abbenante) Howell, Kathy
Alamia, Luis Jr. †
Farias, Rey
Garcia, Wilfrido "Willie"
Martin, Donny
Molina, Erasmo "Mo"
Moore, Otto

2011

Brumley, Bob†
Bush, Bruce
Garza, Sammy
Guillot, Donald R.
Sanders, Travis
Vela, Carlos
Zamora, Ronnie

2012

Beene, Cathy A.
Brisky, Mike
Iglesias, Iris G.
Knetig, Edmund H.
Schulgen, George L. Jr.
Vela, Pete
Wallace, Jack Sr.†

2013

(Allen) Alexander, LuAnn†
Ausmus, Don
Caldwell, Earl†
Green, Marshall "Buddy"†
Henson,
 Robert "Bob" Ph.D.
Jackson, Johnnie
Lopez, Carlos
(Sanchez) Paredes, Patsy
Zamarripa, Raul "Doc"

2014

Araguz, Leo
Clark, Nancy K.
Gomez, Jesse S.†
Hallbeck, Vernont†
Hinojosa,
 Heriberto "Herbie"
Lambert, Gerald†
Olvera, Johnny

2015

Barker, Tommy
Garcia, Alonso "Knot"†
Garcia, Juan de Dios
Hees, Harold
Pena, Jaime
Ramirez, Aaron
Rodriguez, Lupe
(Siebert) Banks, Stacey
Valdez, Nati

2016

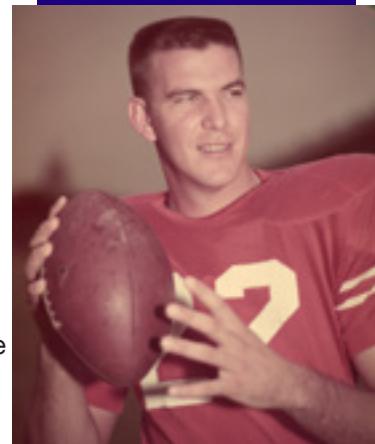
Cavazos, Manuel "Meme"†
Colchado, Cody
Detmer, Koy
Hess, Roy
Marburger, Eddie
Ramirez, Reynaldo "Rey"
(Salinas) De la Cruz, Maggie
Woods, Becky
Wright, Bobby Jack

2017

Chavez, Tom
Gonzales, Ruben
Hernandez, Frank
Hinojosa, Manuel
Lancaster, Jim
Norris, Jim
Sepulveda Dempsey, Sonia
Villarreal, Tony Jr.
Woods, Harlan

2018

Alaniz, Steve
Danaher, Phil
(Dube) Thomas, Becky
Edquist, Kim
Ingram, Roland
(Lefner) White, Rose Marie
Mancha, Jose "Joe"†
Montalvo, Sam
Tripson, John†
Villarreal, Tony III



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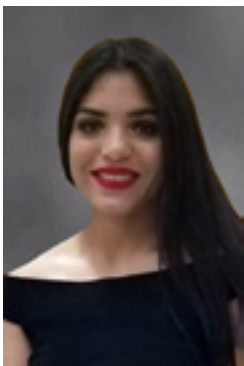
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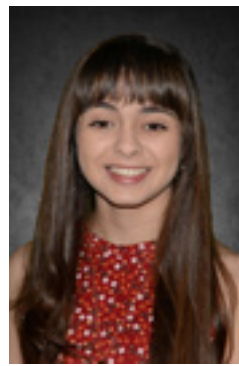
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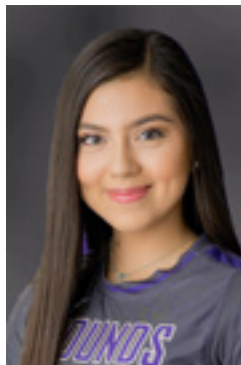


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Edcouch-Elsa High School
Sports: Track and Field
College: Texas A&M University
RGV Sports Hall of Fame Award

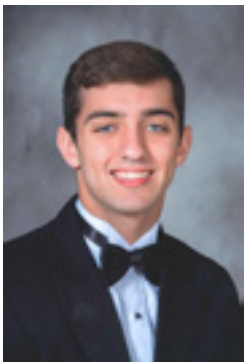
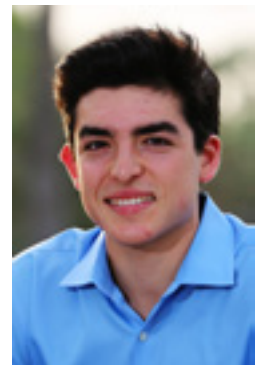


ISIS DELGADO
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Sports: Volleyball
College: University of the Incarnate Word
RGV Sports Hall of Fame Award

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San Benito High School
Sports: Volleyball, Softball
College: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
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McAllen Memorial
Sports: Cross Country, Track and Field
College: The University of Texas at Austin
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Mission Veterans High School
Sports: Football, Track
College: Southwestern University
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PSJA Memorial High School
Sports: Cross Country, Track and Field
College: The University of Texas at Austin
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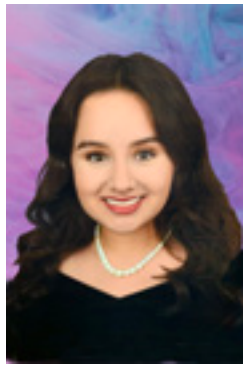
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Sharyland Pioneer

Sports: UIL Spirit

College: Texas A&M University

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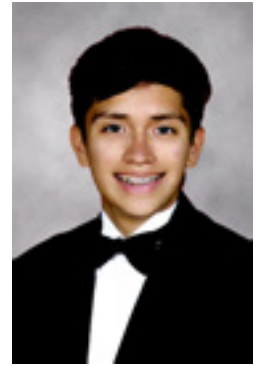
ALEJANDRO LOPEZ

Rio Grande City High School

Sports: Cross Country, Track and Field

College: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Cesar Perez Award



JACOB POSAS

Raymondville High School

Sports: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track and Field

College: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

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Sharyland Pioneer

Sports: Football, Baseball, Track and Field

College: Northeast Texas Community College

E.C. Lerma Memorial Award



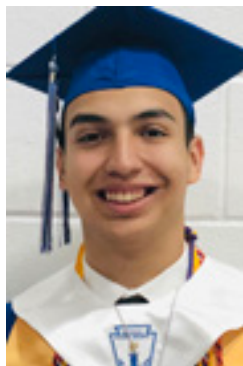
MANUEL SANDOVAL JR.

Brownsville Porter High School

Sports: Football, Basketball, Track and Field

College: The University of Texas at Austin

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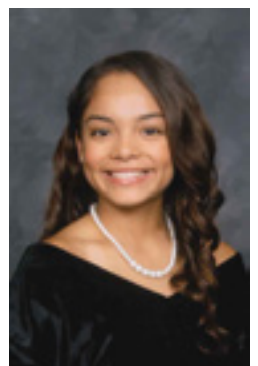
JAZMINE SUSTAITA

Mission High School

Sports: Volleyball, Cross Country

College: The University of Texas at San Antonio

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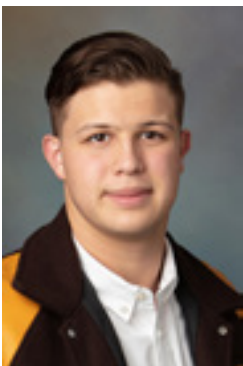
DOUGLAS TOLMAN

Brownsville Hanna High School

Sports: Football

College: The University of Texas at Austin

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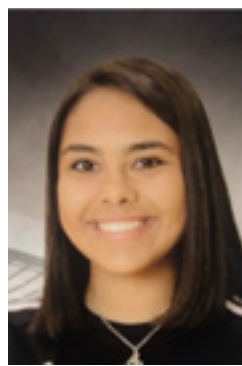
ALLISON TORRES

Edinburg Vela High School

Sports: Soccer

College: Catholic University of America, Washinton, D.C.

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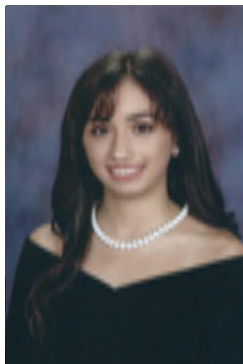
LEANZA TREVIÑO

Roma High School

Sports: Swimming, Golf, Track and Field

College: Texas A&M University-Kingsville

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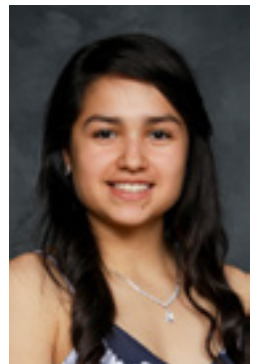
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College: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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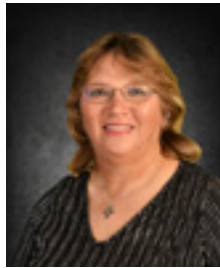
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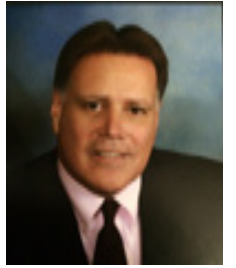
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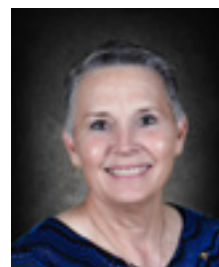
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(Richardson) Heald, Dessie	1989	Helms, J.W. "Jake"	1996
(Woodson) Winston, Teresa	2000	Hernandez, Alfredo "Boxer"	1998
Alamia, Luis Jr.	2010	Hinojosa, Rene Manuel	2002
Alaniz, Leonardo "Najo"	1988	Hollingsworth, Hank	2004
Alvarez, Arnoldo "Arnie"	2007	Houghtaling, Jim	2005
Anzaldua, Amador "Mayo"	2004	Hudson, Jim	1994
Avila, Celestino Z. M.D.	2000	Juanita M. Cantu	1997
Beaudry, Charles Ph.D.	1989	Labar, Wayne	1997
Boyle, C.L. "Smokey"	1989	Lambert, Gerald	2014
Brooks, Jim	1990	Landry, Thomas Wade "Tom"	1988
Brumley, Bob	2011	Lawrence, Jimmy	1989
Caldwell, Earl	2013	Leal-Garcia, Felipe	2000
Cannon, Bobby	1989	Lerma, Everardo Carlos "E.C."	1989
Cantu, Ramon O.	1995	Levermann, Gerald "Dutch"	2001
Cavazos, Manuel "Meme"	2016	Levermann, Margaret	1998
Cavazos, Max	1991	Levine, Lewis "Lew"	1998
Clark, Margaret M.	2001	Lohr, Larry	1989
Cleckler, Mary Jeanne	1995	Lugo, Alfredo	2005
Coleman, Bert	2003	Maldonado, Frank "Pancho"	2000
Connor, M.F. "Red"	1993	Mancha, Jose "Joe"	2018
Conover, Brooks W.	1997	Martin, Robert L. "Bob"	1992
Cox, Tommy	2009	McKone, Jim	1994
Crafts, Willie	2003	McMurtry, Paul J.	1991
Creasey, George	1989	Mims, John	2004
Davis, C.W. "Napper"	1988	Morton, Jim	2019
Davis, E. Gilmore "Gilly"	1992	Mosqueda, David	1993
Esparza, Thomas Ph.D.	1991	Nixon, Charles M.	1998
Esquivel, Carlos	1998	Nyquist, Larry	2001
Etnire, Stanley Martin	1996	Parker, Lloyd	1995
Farris, Bill	1990	Peña, Bernardo	1991
Field, Jackie Sr.	2006	Rabke, Mary Lee Ph.D.	1997
Flores, Adrian	1997	Raders, John	2003
Flores, R.C. "Fito"	1992	Ramsey, Jody	1999
Garcia, Alonso "Knot"	2015	Reichert, Tommy	1996
Garcia, Gonzalo	1999	Robie, Glen R.	1993
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Slayton, Doyle	2019
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Stewart, Ray	1993
Strohmeier, George Jr.	1990
Strohmeier, George Sr.	1990
Thomas, Amilda Ph.D.	1992
Tony Butler	1998
Tripson, John	2018
Uhlaender, Otto "Ted"	1991
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Vela, Robert	2008
Vest, George	1993
Villarreal, Eliseo	1994
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Wallace, Jack Sr.	2012
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