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Ronnie Zamora

Congratulations

2021 Rio Grande City High School Baseball Team Seniors



10 Michael Ramos
17 Edén Barrera
20 Emanuel Saenz
14 Yael Montemayor
34 Emmanuel Garza

Head Coach Roque Cortinas

1 Honelio Leal Jr.
27 Andre Garza
3 Daryl Diaz
37 Eduardo Garza
21 Marc Peez



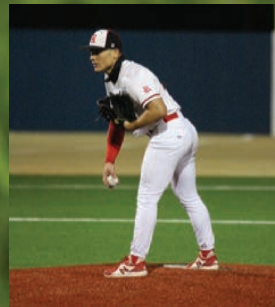
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Rice University



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 33rd Annual Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony!

The RGV Sports Hall of Fame began in 1985 as 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.

The 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.

Tonight, we are privileged to honor seven individuals who have brought recognition to themselves, their family, and the entire Rio Grande Valley in the sports field. It might seem odd that we are honoring the Class of 2020 one year late but last year's ceremony was postponed because of the global pandemic. So tonight is an event many have looked forward to for a long time.

The Class of 2020 offers a group of men and women who have excelled in different sports and sports-related professions. It includes four coaches, a former professional athlete, a sports official and a journalist. The RGV Sports Hall of Fame also gives out annual scholarships. This year, we selected and recognized 14 student-athletes from across the Valley.

Many hours have been spent by our volunteer board members to organize this tribute. This year's group will now join an elite group of 265 past inductees.

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

Iris Iglesias, 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 are 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 scholarships to student-athletes from all over the Valley. The financial awards assist the student-athletes with expenses for higher education or whatever future they plan. 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 ceremony 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 this 2021 induction, there are now 272 men and women enshrined in 33 ceremonies, with an average of eight joining the group each summer. We also remember our 128 inductees who have passed away.

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



SELECTION PROCESS

People often ask how do candidates get selected for the RGV Sports Hall of Fame? The process is both fair and thorough to ensure that every candidate is properly vetted.

The task of selecting a group of deserving people for induction into the RGV Sports Hall of Fame is a very difficult one. There are more than 120 worthy men and women in our pool of candidates who have been nominated, and new nominations continue to be submitted each year.

- The nomination pool consists of former student-athletes, amateur athletes, coaches, game athletic administrators, athletic trainers, game officials, and sports media.
- Information received in each nomination is composed into a 150-word biography by professional journalists to give the Board and eventual voters equal information about each inductee.
- Nominees are grouped into like categories to make objective comparisons to determine the most worthy candidate. For example, football coaches are grouped together, baseball athletes are grouped together, sports officials are grouped together, and so on.
- The Board then has the difficult task to narrow that list to about 30 to create a ballot. Achievements by all nominees are compared in subgroups by activity as equally as possible to achieve fairness.
- Nominees from the previous year who received a significant number of votes but fell just 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 results of the votes of past inductees as a blueprint to determine the next class.

While the RGV Sports Hall of Fame may be heavy with football athletes and coaches during the early years, we recognize the contributions of nominees from all sports and those whose careers have been engulfed in Valley sports.

We strive to remain objective and fair to honor the most deserving people. We will continue to focus on uncovering outstanding achievements of men and women throughout Valley sports history.



Well Done

Hall of Fame Class of 2020

Robert Capello

Hall of Fame Class of 2003

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Professor at The University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley
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A Beautiful Ride

Reviewed in the United States on May 26, 2021

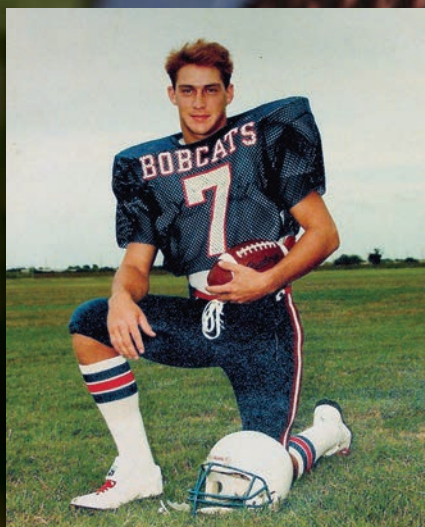
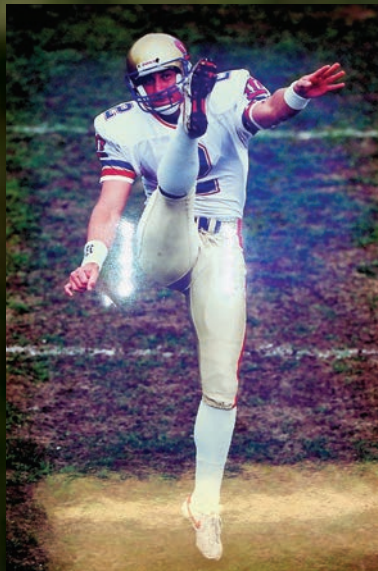
This is a splendid story that's flawlessly told. I love books like this that celebrate unsung heroes like Herbie Hinojosa, an extraordinarily talented jockey who was less famous than he deserved because he was Latino and came from a corner of the world that has itself been historically obscure. Author Manuel Hinojosa, through interviews, and primary sources no one else had access to, has saved Hinojosa from that obscurity and told the world his story in exciting fashion. Hinojosa raced horses all across the U.S., from the small time to the big time. His achievements were so impressive that had he been in football or baseball, he would likely have been a household name and most certainly in the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown or Canton. Read his book. Manuel Hinojosa weaves a great tale.



CONGRATULATIONS PAUL ALSBURY

**FOR YOUR INDUCTION
INTO THE
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**FROM YOUR LIFELONG FRIEND
RENE RAMIREZ**



PAUL ALSBURY

Hometown: Edinburg, Texas
High School: Edinburg High School
College: Southwest Texas State University
Sport Best Known For: Football

Alsbury was a four-sport letterman at Edinburg High, where he graduated in 1987. In football, he played safety and was the Bobcats' punter for three years. In baseball, he played in the 1987 Texas All-Star Baseball Classic in the Astrodome. He received All-Valley recognition in both sports. Despite missing nine games because of illness during his senior season, he managed to receive a full scholarship to Southwest Texas State University.

Alsbury lettered four years at SWT as the team's punter and was selected to the All-Southland Conference first team in 1989 and 1990. He shared punting duties as a freshman and became the team's top punter as a sophomore. He was All-SLC honorable mention in 1988. He punted for an average of 44.9 yards in 1990, which was seventh-best in the nation and earned him All-America honorable mention. He also played safety for the Bobcats.

"I most enjoyed that through punting, I could actually positively affect our outcome," Alsbury said. "Field position was a factor that could win or lose a close game. I don't know how I got good at it."

He attended the NFL Combine and was drafted in the 11th round of the 1991 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots as a punter. In 1992, he was drafted as a punter by the London Monarchs of the World League of American Football, which later became NFL Europe. In 1996, he was a free agent punter for the Dallas Cowboys.

"Professional football was a dream come true. I was dancing with the stars."

Paula Dodge

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PAULA DODGE

Hometown: Red Wing, Minnesota
High School: Red Wing Central High School
College: University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
Best Known For: Coaching Volleyball

Dodge amassed an impressive 584-280 record over 25 years coaching volleyball at McAllen High School.

“The young people who touched my life daily have brought the most satisfaction,” Dodge said. “It is so rewarding to watch them grow and mature as members of a team and then as adults with careers and loving families of their own.”

A native of Red Wing, Minnesota, Dodge was a three-year letterman in three sports in high school before graduating in 1980. She played collegiate basketball at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, where she was a member of the 1981 AIAW Division III national champion team. She earned her bachelor’s degree from UWL in 1984 and moved to the Valley.

Her first coaching job was at Brownsville Hanna, where she was the varsity track coach at Hanna High School from 1985 to 1993, coaching a state silver medalist. She coached varsity basketball at Lopez High School for two years before moving to McAllen High as head volleyball coach in 1996. Her Lady Bulldog teams have won five district championships and have advanced to the state playoffs 19 times – reaching the regional tournament six times.

“It’s such a tremendous honor,” Dodge said. “In these past 37 years I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to be involved with so many people who have had such a positive influence on my life – from my colleagues, administration, assistants, booster parents and wonderful young women on my teams. I am so blessed.”



San Isidro Independent School District

Congratulates

**Coach
Rolando Garza**

**For your induction into the
Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame
Thank You for your 28 years of service
to our School District!**





ROLANDO GARZA

Hometown: San Isidro, Texas

High School: San Isidro High School

College: Laredo Junior College,

The University of Texas-Pan American

Best Known For: Coaching Basketball

Garza enjoyed a very successful 28-year basketball coaching career at San Isidro High School.

As a high school athlete, he starred at San Isidro High, named First Team All-District three times, and was also selected Second Team All-State in 1977. Texas Basketball Magazine listed him as one of the all-time scoring greats with 1,850 points. He played at Laredo Junior College for two years and transferred to The University of Texas-Pan American, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1989.

“Coaching was something I always wanted to do since I was a senior in high school in 1978,” Garza said. “I had two determining factors – one was helping our junior high girls during practice and the other was my high school coach asked me if I could help assist with coaching the middle school teams. I was given the opportunity to play the role of coach for the junior high boys’ team during a day tournament while still in high school.”

Since 1992, he has coached basketball at San Isidro High School – the first two as the Lady Tigers’ coach. His long list of accomplishments includes 12 boys’ District championships, 20 playoff appearances, six area championships and regional quarterfinalists, and three regional semifinal appearances. He was selected District Coach of the Year 12 times.

While coaching the Tigers in his last year 2018-19, he also coached the Lady Tigers after the unexpected death of the girls’ coach. Including three years as the coach of the girls’ team, his career record was 607-256, a .703 winning percentage.



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LARRY HOWELL

Hometown: Marion, Ohio

High School: Madison High School,
Mansfield, Ohio

College: Purdue University

Best Known For: Coaching Track and Field

Howell has made a living out of teaching and coaching, from working with special-needs children in the classroom to all-star throwers on the track.

“I have been blessed to have been able to coach 39 Athletes to become the number one thrower in Texas,” Howell said. “Hopefully I can find one more athlete who’s willing to work super hard so that he or she can become number 40.”

Howell graduated from Purdue University in 1965 and reached the Valley in 1978 after stretches in Minnesota, Ohio, and Houston.

He coached at Mission for 12 years and coached eight years as a special education teacher for South Texas ISD. Howell produced four state champions in discus and shot put for the Eagles and a U.S. Top 25 thrower in Rachel Garcia of Mission Veterans Memorial High, also coaching at La Joya and Hidalgo. From 2000-07 he developed eight All-Americans as the Track Throwers’ Coach at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

He has instructed track athletes in South Texas for more than 40 years, including influencing Rio Grande City’s Stephen Saenz to become the greatest thrower in Valley history. His All-American Throwers Camp has been popular for many years.

“My most favorite part of coaching is when I see the spark in an athlete’s eye once they realize that with a lot of work they can become a champion in track as well as in the classroom. It’s even better later when they sign a Letter of Intent to receive an athletic scholarship.”



CONGRATULATIONS COACH LITTLETON ON YOUR INDUCTION INTO THE RGV SPORTS HALL OF FAME



Your Memorial Mustang Football Boosters and Fans
applaud you for all the time, sacrifices and energy
you have dedicated to our kids and the game!
You always kept a close eye on making sure they
learn the skills necessary to succeed on and off the field.
Thank you Coach Littleton.





BILL LITTLETON

Hometown: Sanderson, Texas

High School: Sanderson High School

College: Angelo State University

Best Known For: Coaching Football

Littleton built up an impressive coaching record as head coach in basketball and football.

He played sports at Sanderson High School, where he graduated in 1971. He is a 1976 graduate of Angelo State University and decided that coaching younger student-athletes would be his calling.

“My love of sports as a kid growing up led me to become a coach,” Littleton said. “Also, my high school coaches like Willy Myers and Tommy Hall, the influence they had on me made me want to be a coach and give that back to my athletes. My brother Bob was a coach, and I wanted to be like him.”

He coached for 44 years, with stops in Sanderson (three), Sterling City (four), Iraan (nine), and Cuero (11) and McAllen Memorial (18). He posted a 28-16 football head coaching record before coming to Memorial in 2003. He also coached basketball and track and served as an assistant coach in football. Littleton posted a record of 128-72 in 18 seasons. His Mustang teams won nine district titles and made 14 playoff appearances. His overall coaching record at two schools is 156-88 (.639) and his teams reached the playoffs 17 of 22 years.

“Obviously, winning is very important but seeing your athletes grow and mature physically, mentally and emotionally is a win in itself,” Littleton said. “Another thing is watching our athletes graduate and then come back and see us and seeing them become young adults and productive citizens. It is wonderful to know you were a part of their lives.”



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Mario Reyna

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MARIO REYNA

Hometown: San Juan, Texas

High School: Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School

College: The University of Texas-Pan American

Best Known For: Officiating

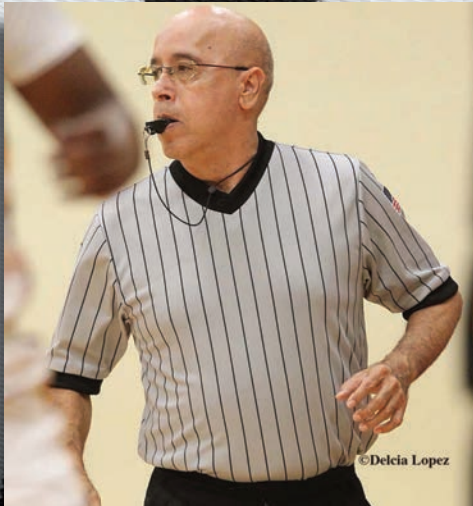
An official of many sports for 43 years and still counting, Reyna may be the only official in the Rio Grande Valley that has officiated UIL state championships in three different sports and one TAPPS state championship game.

“On several occasions when I was 15 years old, I went to the baseball park where I played baseball as a youth,” Reyna said. “They needed an umpire and I volunteered. I enjoyed the experience so I joined officiating as soon as I graduated from high school.”

Reyna officiated title games in UIL baseball (1993 and 1994), UIL volleyball (2003), UIL basketball (2003 and 2005), and TAPPS basketball (2008). Additional highlights include officiating the 1998 Texas All-Star Basketball game and the 2009 Texas Girls’ Class 5A Volleyball game. Reyna umpired college baseball games for 12 years that included players that went on to play in the major leagues. He has officiated more than 2,000 high school games and 200 college baseball games.

“My biggest satisfaction comes from officiating a game where nobody notices you are there,” Reyna said. “I enjoy performing a job that cannot be done by very many people.”

Reyna has served in leadership positions of local sports’ officials associations in baseball, basketball, and volleyball. In 2016, he was inducted into the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America) Hall of Fame. In 2019, he received the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Directors (TAHPERD) David K. Brace Award, the highest award bestowed on a member, and was named the TAHPERD Administrator of the Year in 2015.





EDINBURG CISD ATHLETICS

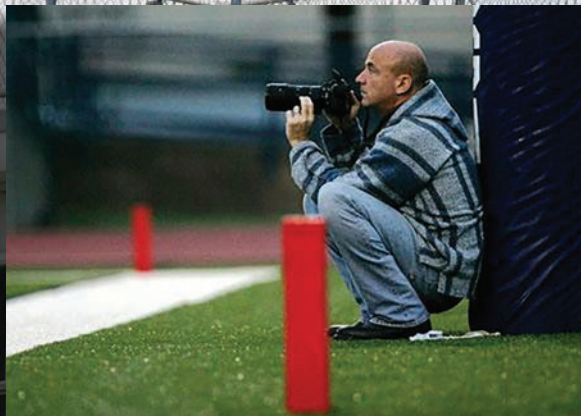


Congratulations

GREG SELBER

**Thank you for your coverage
and your genuine dedication
to the student athletes and families
of Edinburg CISD.**





GREG SELBER, PH.D.

Hometown: Austin, Texas
High School: Lanier High School
College: Texas Christian University,
 The University of Texas at Austin
Best Known For: Sports Journalism

Selber started covering Valley sports in 1989 and since then has written for several newspapers, including the Valley Morning Star and Edinburg Review.

“I was always going to be a sports journalist,” Selber said. “I was the editor of the yearbook and newspaper in junior high and high school, and into TCU, where I wrote sports for the newspaper and yearbook.”

Selber earned his bachelor’s degree in journalism and master’s degree in media studies, both from Texas Christian University. He earned a Ph.D. in journalism from The University of Texas at Austin. Selber has published four books – Border Ball: The History of High School Football in the Rio Grande Valley in 2009; Bronc Ball: The History of College Basketball at Pan American University in 2013; and Hardwood Heroes: The History of High School Basketball in the Rio Grande Valley, volumes 1 and 2, both in 2020.

“I always wanted to stay in the shadows as an observer, trying to reach the ultimate goal to make Valley sports as special and memorable as possible,” Selber said. “I wanted to collate the collective efforts that have been made in the Valley over time.”

Selber was named the 2011 Putt Powell Sports Writer of the Year by the Texas High School Coaches Association. At The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, he is a Professor in the Department of Communication. He continues covering Edinburg sports for SelberSports.com.

“My career as an educator allows me to triangulate the experience as a player, coach, and journalist with the students at UTRGV.”

Congratulations
Greg Selber
So well deserved.

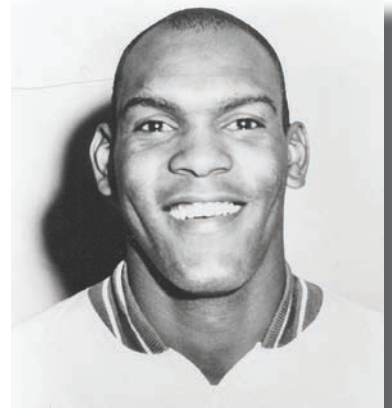
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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**Lucious
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Class of 1995**

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†
Strohmeier, George Jr.†
Strohmeier, 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†
Sauceda,
 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†

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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 Butlert
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,
Teresa†

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

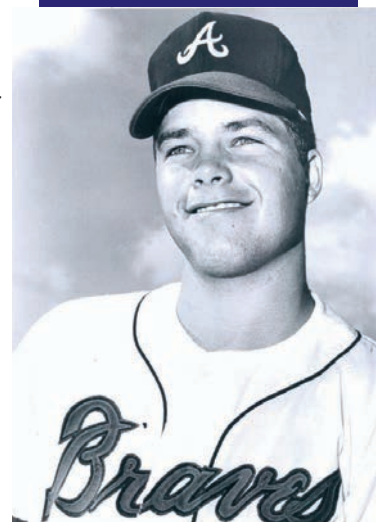
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Houghtaling, Jim†
Lugo, Alfredo†
Rodriguez,
Hesiquio "Zeke"†
Wise, Steve
Zamarripa, Nora

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



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Vaughan
Class of 2004**



**Rochelle
Barker-Davis
Class of 2006**

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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
Rolando Garza, 2020
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
Mario Reyna, 2020
Camilo "Bucky" Rodriguez, 2002
Joe A. Rodriguez, 1991
Pikey Rodriguez Jr., 2001
Hector Salinas, 2009
Lupe Salinas, 2003
Patsy Sanchez-Paredes, 2013

Greg Selber, Ph.D. 2020
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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Corona, Regino "Reggie"
Filoteo, Joe Jr.
Keyes, Bert Jr.
Moore, Tommy
Vela, Robert†
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

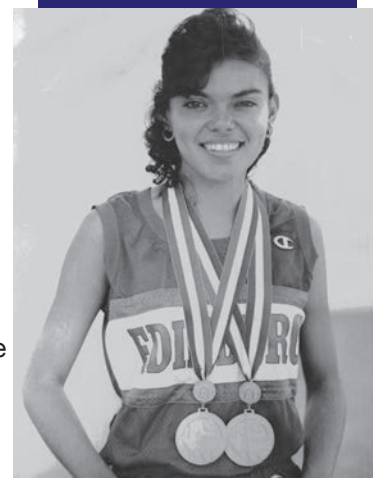
Chavez, Tom
Gonzales, Ruben
Hernandez, Frank
Hinojosa, Manuel
Lancaster, Jim
Norris, Jim †
Sepulveda Dempsey, Sonia
Villarreal, Tony Jr. †
Woods, Harlan

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

2019

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



**Sonia
Sepulveda
Dempsey
Class of 2017**



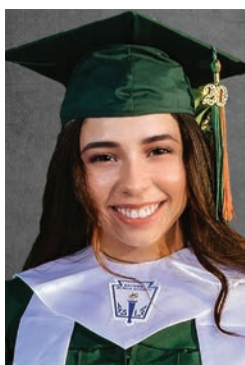
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 Harlingen South High School
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 College: Huston-Tillotson University
 RGV Sports Hall of Fame Student Scholarship



BRIANNA ALANIZ
 Roma High School
 Sports: Soccer, Track and Field
 College: The University of Texas at Austin
 Cesar Perez Starr County Scholarship

VERONICA CANTU
 Mission Veterans Memorial High School
 Sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field
 College: St. Edward's University
 Kenneth White/Forrest Hood Foundation Scholarship—Mission



ZEFERINO COMPEAN
 Rio Grande City High School
 Sports: Football, basketball, golf, powerlifting, and, track and field
 College: The University of Texas at Austin
 Cesar Perez Starr County Scholarship





JANIE DELGADO
 Nikki Rowe High School
 Sports: Cross Country, Track and Field
 College: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 RGV Sports Hall of Fame Student Scholarship



BRANDON ESTEVES
 Brownsville Hanna High School
 Sports: Football, Powerlifting
 College: The University of Texas at San Antonio
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ROY FLORES JR.
 La Joya High School
 Sports: Football, Swimming, Cross Country, Track and Field
 College: Texas A&M University
 RGV Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship



ALEXA GONZALEZ
 McAllen High School
 Sports: Volleyball, Soccer
 College: The University of Arkansas
 RGV Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship

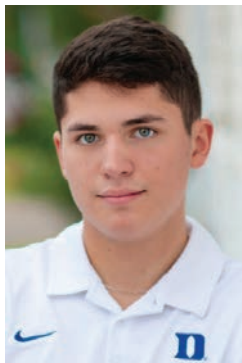


ESTRELLA MEDELLIN
 Brownsville Porter High School
 Sports: Cross Country, Track and Field
 College: The University of Texas at Austin
 RGV Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship



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 Mission High School
 Sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
 College: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
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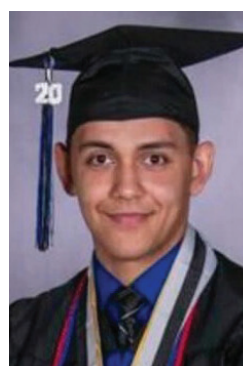
ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ
 McAllen High School
 Sports: Track and Field
 College: Duke University
 RGV Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship



JOSHUA RODRIGUEZ
 Weslaco High School
 Sports: Basketball
 College: The University of Texas at Austin
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DANYA MIKEL SELBER
 Robert Vela High School
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 College: Trinity University
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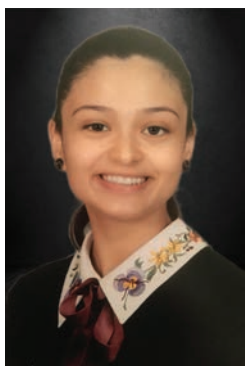


DERRICK TREJO
 Robert Vela High School
 Sports: Football
 College: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 E.C. Lerma Memorial Scholarship

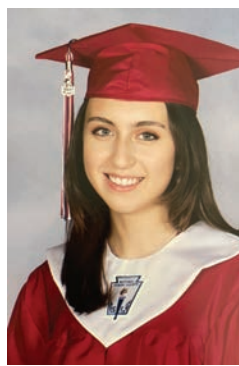


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ADRIANA ALVAREZ
 Sharyland High School
 Sports: Basketball, Volleyball
 College: Northeastern
 University, Massachusetts
 RGV Sports
 Hall of Fame Scholarship

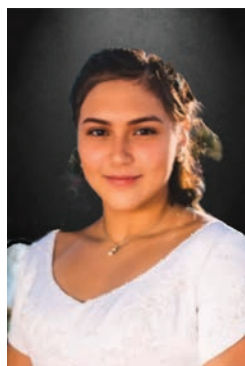
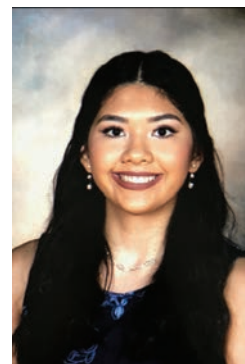


DANIELA CHAPA
 Brownsville Veterans
 Memorial High School
 Sports: Swimming
 College: The University of
 Texas at Austin
 Joe A. Rodriguez Memorial
 Scholarship

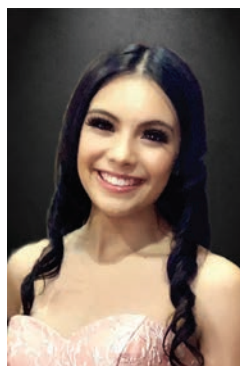
CHLOE LILLYANNE FALLEK
 McAllen High School
 Sports: Soccer, Cross Country
 College: The University of Texas
 at Austin
 RGV Sports
 Hall of Fame Scholarship



REANNE FRAGA
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 Sports: Volleyball, Basketball,
 Track and Field
 College: The University
 of Texas at Austin
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 Hall of Fame Scholarship



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 High School
 Sports: Basketball,
 Swimming
 College: The University of
 Texas Rio Grande Valley
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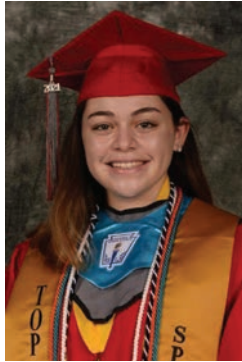


ELIZABETH GONZALEZ
 Rio Grande City High School
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 Country, Track and Field,
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 College: The University of
 Texas Rio Grande Valley
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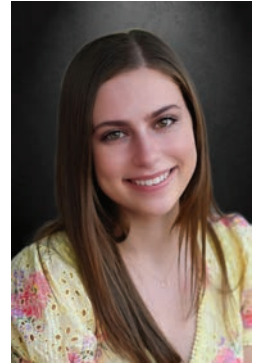
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Sharyland Pioneer High School
Sports: Soccer
College: The University of Texas
at Austin
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College: The University of Texas
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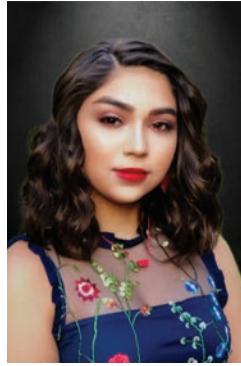
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Rio Grande City High School
Sports: Tennis
College: Concordia University
RGV Sports
Hall of Fame Scholarship



RYANN RAMIREZ

Mission Veterans High School
Sports: Swimming, Cross
Country, Archery
College: The University of Texas
at Austin
Kenneth White/Forrest Hood
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KORYNNE REININGER

Harlingen South High School
Sports: Soccer
College: The University of Texas
at Austin
Herman Keillor, M.D. Memorial
Scholarship



KYLENE RICHARDS

Robert Vela High School
Sports: Soccer
College: Texas A&M University
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CARLOS DANIEL ROBLEDO

Weslaco High School
Sports: Football, Powerlifting
College: Texas State University
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ANNIKA SAENZ

Edinburg High School
Sports: Basketball, Cross
Country
College: The University of
Texas Rio Grande Valley
RGV Sports
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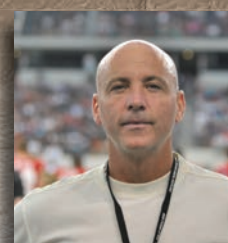
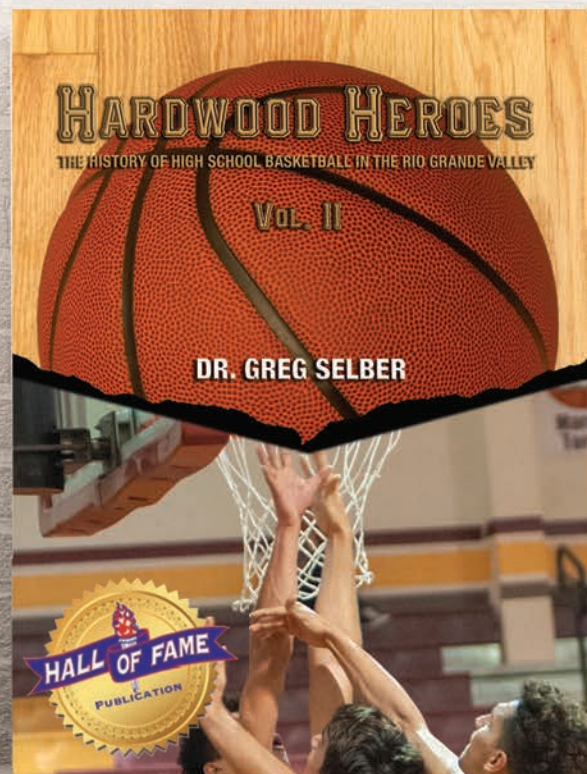
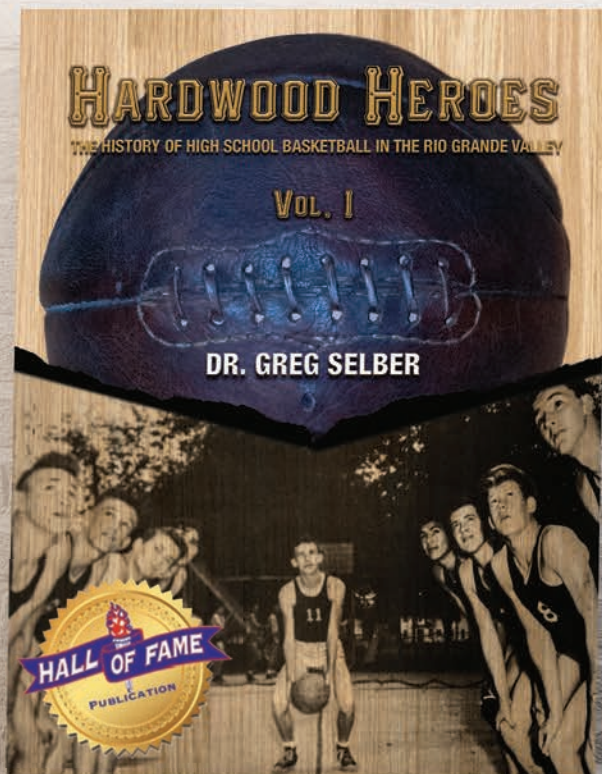
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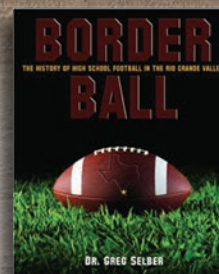
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Selber is a professor of journalism at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and covers RGV sports through his blog, SelberSports.com.

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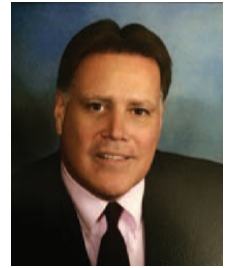
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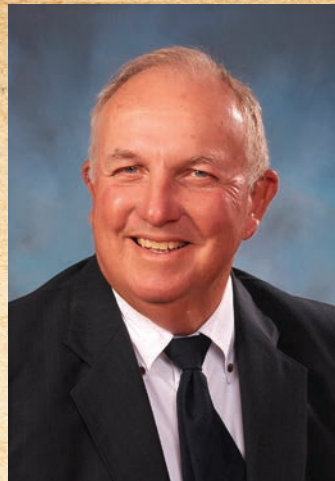
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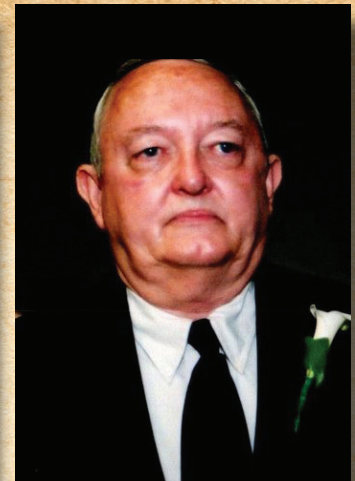
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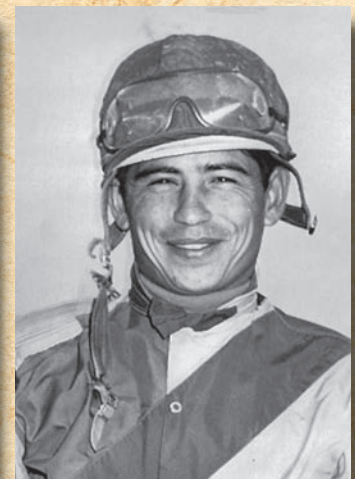
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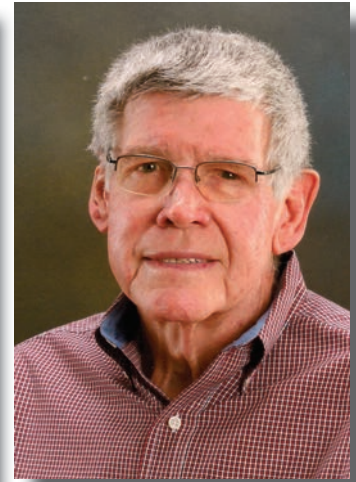
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1942-2021
1994 Inductee



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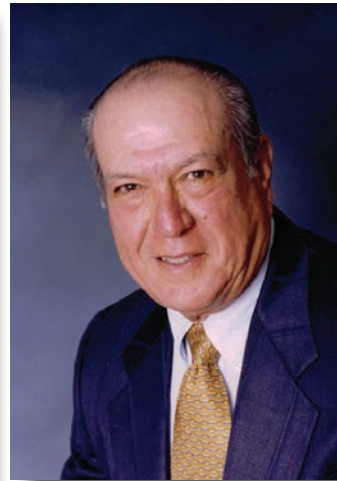
Jim Norris
1939-2020
2017 Inductee



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1936-2021
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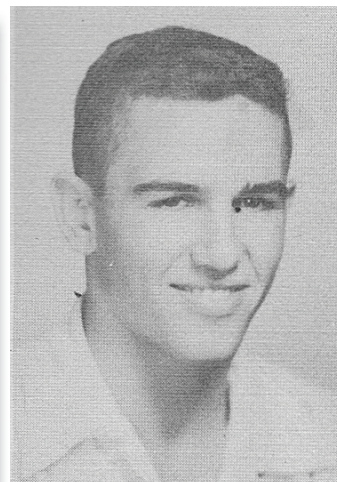
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