

LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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VALLEY GLEN, CA—Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) Athletic Hall of Fame Committee recently made its selection of its 2012 class. It now moves forward to produce and coordinate the annual induction banquet scheduled on Saturday June 30, 2012.

Known for its rich history in athletics, more than 200 individuals, coaches, and team members have been inducted into the Hall of Fame, which was established in 2007 and celebrating its sixth year! "Since its inaugural induction, many nominations continue to be received by the LAVC Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee and it was quite an honor to select our inductees who will make up the 2012 Class," said HOF Committee member and Nomination Chair Brick Durley.

The Class of the 2012 LAVC Athletic Hall of Fame includes:

Hall of Fame Committee

Paul Sabolic, Chairman *

Class of 1967

Diedra Stark *

LAVC Athletic Director

Raul Castillo

LAVC Foundation

Lennie Ciuffo *

LAVC Job Training

Dan Means

LAVC Retired

Mary Ann Breckel *

LAVC Retired

Billy Reed *

Class of 1952/LAVC Retired

Fred Grimes *

Class of 1972

Angelo Cimity

LAVC Athletics

Louis Jones

LAVC Athletics

Brick Durley *

LAVC Retired

Charles Ferrero

LAVC Retired

Sharen Jacobs

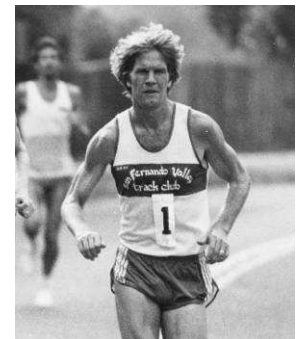
LAVC Job Training

* indicates Hall of Famer



Jim Arellanes was an All American Quarterback for the 1994 Monarchs (10-1). Arellanes was also named the Western State Conference Player of the year. He later transferred to Fresno State where he starred in 1995 and 1996. He played in the Blue - Grey All Star game and the Hula Bowl. Arellanes then played professionally with the Seattle Seahawks (NFL), NFL Europe, and the Arena Football League.

David Babiracki was the next great champion in the long line of great distance runners at Valley College. As a freshman in 1970 he won the So Cal Cross Country Championship. The next year he set a New National Junior College record in the three miler. In 1972, Babiracki was undefeated in both the 800 and 10,000 meters; he set a National Junior College record in the 10,000 meters; broke his national record in the 3 miles; and won the Metro Conference, the Southern Cal Championship and the State Championship.



Diana Hoffman attended Valley College from 1961-1963 and competed on the women's volleyball and basketball teams as well as the co-ed volleyball team. She was a member of the USA national volleyball team and represented the United States on a tour in Canada, played in Mexico City and competed against the Japanese in local exhibitions. Hoffman is an 8-time national champion and was selected as an All-American 5 times. Diana used her volleyball experiences and expertise to coach at Cal Lutheran College as well as California State University, Northridge.

**SAVE THE DATE
INDUCTION DINNER
JUNE 30, 2012!**

LAVC Athletic Hall of Fame c/o LAVC
Foundation (818) 947-2618

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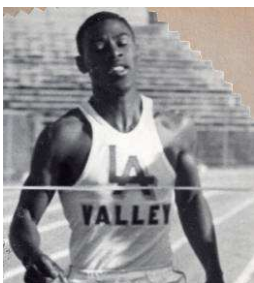
Tim Knappen received state and national acclaim as a champion pole vaulter and decathlete. He finished the 1970 season undefeated in dual meet competition in the pole vault. Knappen went on to win the Metropolitan Conference Championship, the Southern California Championship and the California State Championship with a best of 15'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". His Valley College record in the decathlon, set in 1970, still stands today.



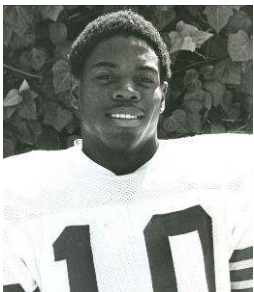
Jim Malkin was an outstanding basketball player for Valley College. During his two years at Valley, he was named first team All Metro Conference and scored a total of 776 points. He transferred to San Fernando Valley State (now Cal State Northridge) where he was also an outstanding basketball player and eventually inducted to their Hall of Fame.



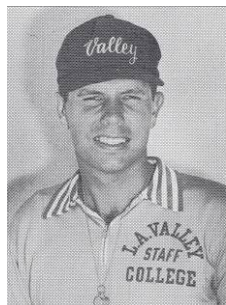
Trung Nguyen was the Los Angeles Valley College football equipment manager from 1991 to 2011. During his tenure he became synonymous with L.A. Valley Football. His professional skills, organization and relationships with players and coaches were truly unique and help elevate the program.



Terrell Ray was one of great Wide Receivers in the history of Valley College football. He starred for the Monarchs in 1964 and 1965, where he was named All American, All Metro, team MVP, for both years. He later transferred to The University of Southern California where he played in 1967 and 1968, and was member of the 1967 National Champion Trojan Football team. He later played professionally with the Washington Redskins (NFL).



Rock Richmond starred for the Monarchs in 1976 and 1977 and was one of the great Defensive Backs and Punt returners in the history of the Metropolitan Conference. He was named All American, All State, All Metro, for both years. He was later named to the J. C. Gridwire All 1970's Decade Team. He played for the University of Oregon in 1978 and 1979 where he led the secondary in tackles and interceptions. He later played professionally for the Pittsburgh Steelers (NFL) and the San



One of the legendary swim coaches in the history of the California Community Colleges, **Mike Wiley** coached the swim team at Valley for 18 years. He coached future Olympians and countless All Americans. His teams won nine Conference Dual Meet Championships, nine Conference Meet Championships, three Regional Championships, eight Socal Relay Championships, and one California State Championship (1970).

HOF Chairman's Letter



This spring 2012 edition of the HOF Newsletter proudly introduces our newest class of Hall of Fame inductees and our sixth annual dinner event on June 30, 2012 at Monarch Hall on the Valley College campus. It seems like "yesterday" that we were planning our first event in 2007 and nominating the first inductees.

Over the last six years we will have inducted forty-six individuals, nine teams (with over two hundred fifty team members, and one organization (SCOI). Many of you will remember the excitement of the dinners and the opportunity to see old friends, renew acquaintances, and celebrate achievement. The dinner also provides us with a yearly forum to bring us together for a common purpose: **to recognize former Valley athletes and to support current Valley College athletics.**

This is my message to you in this Chairman's letter: please help us support Valley College athletics. We have committed our fundraising efforts to building the Athletic Endowment which will provide much needed funds to support our teams. Many of you probably know that the state of California has gutted community colleges budgets, with several schools cancelling sports programs. Just last month, LA Harbor College and LA Southwest College were forced to cancel their long standing football programs. However, Southwest College's program was saved due to a tremendous private sector donation.

We need you, our Green & Gold Club members, former Hall of Fame inductees, including team members, and your friends to help build our Athletic Endowment. We have committed to raise \$100,000 over a five year period and we are only at 50% of this goal with a year and a half remaining on the pledge. If we can count on each of you to give a mere \$100 each per year over the next two years, (a little over .25 cents per day), we will achieve our goal. Each of you made the Hall of Fame a reality and a legacy for future generations

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HOF'er Profile: Mike Wagenbach

Mike Wagenbach was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2007. He was a very decorated Cross Country as well as Track & Field runner for the Monarchs in the late 1960's. His Cross Country team was also inducted last year. Mike has the distinction of going into the Hall of Fame as an individual and as a member of a team.

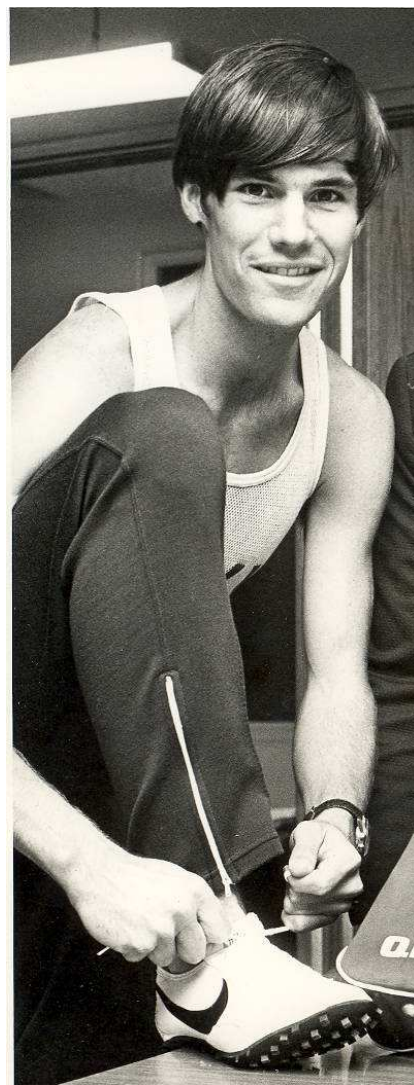
Mike has also been a continuous supporter of the Hall of Fame program and the Athletic Endowment. We asked Mike to write about what he enjoyed about Valley College then and now.

My father passed on when I was quite young, so I was raised primarily by my mother. As a result, my father figures were my coaches., My high school coaches were mainly teachers that were drafted into coaching on the spur of the moment and were lacking in experience. My athletic achievements were only average at best. The only coach that recruited me was George "Honcho" Ker at Valley College. That would turn out to be one of the lucky breaks of my life. Coach Ker had just brought in a former world class runner by the name of Laszlo Tabori. He would be my coach and mentor for the next several years and by the time I

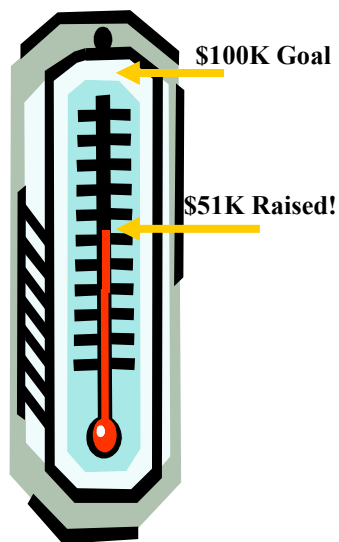
left Valley I would hold 2 school records 1 national record and be captain of a state championship team. In just 2 short years I went from having no one interested in me to receiving scholarship offers from USC, Arizona, Long Beach State and San Jose State to name a few. All of that would lead me to my degree in education and after a stint in the US Navy back to Valley to coach and teach.

I think it is very critical to support the Foundation and the Hall of Fame at LAVC so that current student athletes are afforded the same educational opportunity that we were so lucky to have had. When I went to Valley College, the tuition was free. Now it's \$46 a unit! This financial burden now puts the educational experience out of reach for many high school students. With the help of the Foundation, many of those students will be able to stay in school, earn their degrees and hopefully achieve their dreams. That's why the Hall of Fame dinner and other Foundation functions are so very important.

Mike Wagenbach
Hall of Fame Class of 2007



Athletic Endowment Campaign Update



Over \$51,000 has been pledged and raised for the Athletic Endowment Campaign. The goal is to raise \$100,000 in the next two years. The purpose of the Athletic Endowment is to provide supplemental revenue for Athletic Department help cover expenses such as equipment, supplies, staffing, travel, and food.

The Athletic Endowment Advisory Board was formed three years ago to oversee the fundraising campaign. The Advisory Board, which is made up of Valley College alumni who were student athletes or involved with athletics cite that this endowment is very important to Athletics and Valley College!

"While we are grateful for the donations received thus far, we are a long way from achieving our goal," said Endowment Chair Phil Mundy.

"We implore everyone to support and contribute to the endowment including Hall of Famers, alumni, and anyone associated with LAVC Athletics at one time or another. With a \$100 annual donation, you can become a member of the Green & Gold Club. Donations can also be made in increments through out the year if you prefer.

There are a number of ways to donate including online by way of the LAVC Foundation at www.lavcfoundation.org or calling (818) 947-2618.

Coming Soon! The Multi-Purpose Community Service Center!



The new Multi-Purpose Community Service Center (MCSC) building will serve as a gateway into the campus at the Hatteras Street and Ethel Ave intersection. This new MCSC building and the Athletic Training Facilities project will provide state-of-the-art instruction and recreational facilities for LAVC and its community. These buildings will aim at encouraging interaction and foster a welcoming and inviting environment for students, faculty, and

staff, as well as the community. The MCSC will house a gymnastic center, two large multipurpose rooms for various dance, martial arts, and wellness classes. It will also house an indoor rock climbing wall as well as a computer lab that will be used as an Athletics Study Hall during the day and an instructional classroom at night. Several exterior site improvements are also part of this project. The athletic entry plaza will be an exterior open space

between the Multi-Purpose Community Services Center and the new Athletic Training Facility linking the rest of the campus through a new ceremonial pathway called the alumni walk. A redesigned ticket booth and entry will complete the site design at the stadium home side. A new practice field will be located just south of the new buildings and will be surrounded by a walking track with Par course equipment. Completion date is scheduled for 2014.

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of Valley College athletes. Help me to keep it going...

We hope you will still be able to join us for the sixth annual induction dinner on Saturday, June 30, 2012. Please contact Raul Castillo at (818) 947-2618 for further information.

I look forward to seeing you at the dinner and greeting old friends, players, and colleagues. I thank you in advance for your continued support of our athletes...

Sincerely,
Paul C. Sabolic, Chair
Hall of Fame Committee

Use Social Media to Help us Raise Funds for the Endowment!

If you or perhaps your kids are on Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn, you can help us a great deal to raise much needed funds for the Athletic Endowment and it is so easy! Here's how.

Is your birthday or an anniversary of an occasion around the corner and you really don't want or need to receive presents? If so, encourage your friends on your social media to donate \$2, \$5, or \$10 to the Athletic Endowment. Simply post on Facebook or Twitter something like:

"Thanks for your birthday wishes! In lieu of gifts, please donate \$5 or \$10 to something that means a lot to me-

the Los Angeles Valley College Athletic Endowment. They could really use your support. You can give online by going to www.lavcfoundation.org"

It's that easy! Doing this same thing, a twelve year old raised \$500 for a child-care center, a couple raised \$6,000 for a shelter, a mom raised \$800 for little league uniforms. You can do the same thing for the LAVC Athletic Endowment. If you're not familiar with social media, then ask your kids! Yeah that's right! Your kids. Of course you can also call Raul Castillo at the LAVC Foundation to also help you out at (818) 947-2618.