



Brave Talk

Lompoc High School Alumni Association

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June 2023

President's Message

Greetings my fellow Alumni!! Welcome to the 2023 edition of Brave Talk! I'd like to introduce myself, I'm **Rosie Terrones Chavez** and I have the honor of being voted the new President of the Alumni Association.



We have continued to work hard on new and easier ways to fundraise in order to raise more funds to offset our operating costs for the year, as well as fund more scholarships and donations for Lompoc High School. One of my goals is to increase the number of scholarships we award each year.

Another one is to improve our association membership through membership drives. We are finding that high school graduates are not becoming members soon after graduation, and perhaps don't understand the importance that this process helps to support and promote Lompoc High School after graduation.

We have a great Board of Directors and Officers who are committed and work hard with fundraising throughout the year and we thank the community and alumni for continuing to support our efforts.

I especially want to thank all of those who participated in last year's successful car cruise and wood raffle in July. We had a record-breaking event, making it possible to award additional scholarships to high school seniors and college students this year.

Our appreciation to all of you alumni who continue to purchase raffle tickets for the sports basket, through Brave Talk newsletter, which will take place on August 1st, 2023. In addition, thanks to those who participate in the Super Bowl pool.

Please take note that we have an impressive and informative website and we take pride in promoting our association. I would like to encourage alumni to contact a board member listed in this newsletter and show your willingness to participate and be part of this hard working organization by becoming a board member. I can't stress enough the importance of promoting membership with family and friends. The more funds raised, the more we are able to support LHS and alumni.

At this time, I would like to thank all our alumni members who have taken the time to send in donations during this past year to help fund scholarships. The LHS Alumni Association continues to work diligently to support and promote LHS students and alumni.

"Once a Brave, Always a Brave"
Rosie Terrones Chavez,
Class of 1967



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Lompoc High School Alumni Association Board of Directors holds four meetings a year. They are on the **third Thursday of January, March, June and September**. The June meeting is our annual meeting and is open to all alumni members. **The in-person June meeting is scheduled for June 15th, 2023.** The meetings are held in the upstairs conference room of the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce at 111 south I street, beginning at 7 pm.

Help Us Fund Our Scholarships

Last year, we spent **\$1,144.11** on printing costs and **\$423.12** for postage/returns to mail out **914** copies of our Brave Talk newsletter. *That's over \$1,500 which could have been spent on our scholarships!*

If you have access to email, please give us your email address so you can receive your color copy of the Brave Talk electronically. Also, if your email address has changed, please let us know your new email address. A simple email to lompocbravesalumni@gmail.com, with your name is all it takes.

We continue to transition away from mailing the Brave Talk newsletter. If you have an email on file with us, you will no longer receive a printed copy of the newsletter in the mail. You will instead receive an email containing the electronic copy of Brave Talk.

Thank you in advance for your assistance, the Brave Talk Committee : **Chair Kathy Howard ('63), Sharon Searls McVicar ('63) - Larry Huyck ('63) - Maria Mitchell Hall ('83) - Dr. James Hall, II ('86)**



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LHS BRAVES

Scholarship Program

The Alumni Association is proud to continue supporting Lompoc High School graduating seniors and college students with \$1,000 scholarship awards. Most of our fundraisers are specifically for this purpose and we continue to work hard to raise money to help fund these scholarships each year. Since 1986, the Alumni Association has awarded \$67,500 in scholarships. In 2007, we began awarding to college students as well and have increased the amount to \$1,000 from the original \$500 when the Association began in 1986.

ELIGIBILITY FOR GRADUATING SENIORS:

A graduating senior must have attended Lompoc High School all four years. Also, a parent or legal guardian must be a member of the LHS Alumni Association, a one-time fee of \$30 for a lifetime membership. Membership forms to join the Association can be found on the alumni website, lompochighalumni.com or the student can pick up a form from the high school counseling office.

High school scholarship applications can be found at the Lompoc High School website lud.org/lompochighschool then click on Counseling, then Scholarships. Students can download the Common Scholarship Application and pick up additional information form in the LHS Counseling Office.

Parents and students are notified through blasts and texts that applications are available for eligible students from the counseling office. Seniors receive notifications of application availability through Google Classroom and also reminders through their Google Classroom account.

Next year's high schools application deadline for seniors is: March 15, 2024

The 2024 high school scholarship awardees will be announced at the annual LHS Senior Awards Program in early May.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Applicant must be a Lompoc High School graduate and a member of the LHS Alumni Association, be attending a community college, four-year college, university, or technical school and must be enrolled in at least 12 units of coursework. Applications can be found on the alumni association website or at the LHS Counseling Office.

Next year's college scholarship application deadline is: April 10, 2024

Members of the scholarship committee are Bob Ambroe, Judy Carpenter, Kathi Downey, Ken Ostini, Celeste Pico, Barbara Rowe, Shannon Ranjo, and Gloria York.

(High school and college qualifications are subject to change by the Association).

Any question regarding the scholarship program, can be directed to Rosie Chavez, Scholarship Chair, at lhsmom54@yahoo.com or (805) 717-6478



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Class of 1982

2023 Scholarship Recipients

Sydney

Brooks is the daughter of parents who are both alumni members: Angela Philbrook Munkres, graduating member of the class of 1994, and Casey Brooks, alumni member of the class of 1993.

Sydney has maintained an impressive 3.88 GPA during her four years at Lompoc High School, being named to the Principal's List all four years and also earned Brave of the Quarter twice. She has been very involved in various school activities and sports. Sydney participated in various drama productions while also competing in cross country, track and field, golf for four years and helping her team win the Ocean League championship.

Sydney also found time and enjoyed taking part in Girl Scouts by volunteering as a camp counselor for seven years and was honored by earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award. Another highlight in Sydney's community service was running for Flower Festival queen and working countless hours in various civic activities involved with the Flower Festival court. She helped promote a positive image of the City of Lompoc and raised money for the Festival Association.

What stands out about Sydney is her rigorous work ethic in maintaining her exceptional academic record while earning scholar and drama award letters. She was also awarded the Presidential Service Award for performing over 400 hours of community service while in high school. Her kind, caring, creative and welcoming nature helped several exchange students from other countries over the last few years. She has also demonstrated outstanding service to others by participating in Special Olympics for three years as well as volunteering at the Convalescent Care Center.

Sydney has applied to Cal Poly SLO, Humboldt State University and Allan Hancock College. Her plans are to major in Psychology, and she intends to pursue a career as a psychologist. We are now eager to see what achievements she accomplishes.



Lauren Jansen's

proud parents are Bree Logan Jansen, member of the class of 1996 and Nick Jansen, member of the class of 1995. Lauren has maintained an impressive academic record by carrying a GPA of 4.43 during her four years at Lompoc High School.

Lauren has shown exemplary involvement and service through numerous school and community activities during high school while maintaining this impeccable academic record, and being named to Principal's List all four years, and Elk's Student of the Quarter.

Her leadership achievements have included being named Girls' State Delegate, Brave Student of the Quarter all four years, BRAVE Pride Integrity Award and Outstanding Leadership in Theater.

In addition, Lauren excelled in athletics as a member of cross country team, earning All League first and second team honorable mention. She also participated as a member of the varsity teams in soccer and softball all four years. Her love for the arts earned her the National Honor Thespian and Outstanding Performance in Theater awards.

Lauren balanced her busy time by serving as ASB Treasurer, and as a member of National Honor Society, CSF and Renaissance clubs. Her community service was also important and she made it a priority by volunteering in LGSA, Friends of the Lompoc Library, and beach and parks cleanup.

Lauren has demonstrated outstanding service to others as well as being committed to her exemplary academic record and has a drive to succeed in whatever she attempts. Her leadership, kind heart and commitment for academics, school activities and the performing arts have been commendable and is a great role model for other students.

She applied to numerous University of California campuses as well as to California State Universities and after receiving letters of acceptance from several colleges, Lauren has decided to attend University of California, Santa Barbara. Her intended major is Biology and plans to pursue a career in the medical field. We look forward to seeing the life goals she achieves.



2023 Scholarship Recipient

Marcos Maya

is the son of proud alumni member, Ana Ordonez Maya, graduating class of 2002 and Ruiz Maya. He has maintained an excellent GPA of 3.75 during his attendance at Lompoc High School.

During high school, Marcos challenged himself by taking several honors courses, in addition to enrolling in a concurrent college course to help him become the best student he can be. His dedication to his academics will encourage him to maintain his educational goals.

His academic achievements include participating in AVID, being named to the Principal's List two semesters, and participating in the Renaissance Club for academic improvement. Marcos was also named Brave of the Quarter (10), California Scholarship Federation (10) and (11) grades.

Marcos became very involved in his extracurricular activities. He was a hardworking member of the Varsity football, Varsity Basketball and Varsity Track, and Varsity Baseball teams. He was nominated for All-League Football and Basketball in 2021-2022 for recognition. Marcos found pride in himself by working diligently to earn his varsity letters and displaying them on his letterman jacket, another highlight in his high school career.

Another highlight during high school was earning Perfect Attendance Award for 9th grade. While maintaining his excellent academic record, Marcos volunteered in youth basketball camps and youth football camps. He found fulfillment in helping teach the youth of Lompoc the sports he loves. He also made time to volunteer as an office clerk in a business office in the community and enjoyed working in a food service business.

Marcos has applied to several state universities, such as Fresno State, Long Beach State, Cal State Northridge and Simpson University. His intended major is psychology and his occupational goal is to enter teaching, or pursue becoming a counselor or clinical therapist. His dedication and commitment to challenge himself has been a goal and focus for Marcos that will propel him to a great future as he pursues a career of his choice. His impressive strength will continue to serve him well in college and beyond.




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Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1963, 60th Reunion

September 1st-3rd, 2023

Friday, Mixer TBD

Saturday, Dinner at the Elk's Lodge

Sunday, Picnic at Ryon Park

Email: iristocrat@gmail.com or
sharonmacv@gmail.com

Class of 1973, 50th Reunion

September 22nd & 23rd, 2023

Friday, Cold Coast Brewing Company

Saturday, Dinner at the Elk's Lodge

Email: 4mascsak@gmail.com

Facebook group:

Lompoc Senior High School Class of 1973

Class of 1980, 43rd Reunion

September 1st-3rd, 2023

Friday, TBD

Saturday, Dinner at Floriano's restaurant

Sunday, TBD

Email: sharon.dunio@comcast.net

Class of 1983, 40th Reunion

TBD

Email: Braves1983@hotmail.com

Facebook group:

Lompoc High School Class of 1983

Class of 1988, 35th Reunion

July 22nd, 2023

Johnny's Bar and Grill

Email: kd-johnson@msn.com or

Facebook group:

Lompoc High School Class of 88

Class of 1993, 30th Reunion

July 28-30th, 2023

Friday, PCH Street Wine Lounge

Saturday, TBD

Sunday, TBD

Email: patty@leelife.net

Lompoc Historical Society's Pioneer Weekend

September 1st and 3rd, 2023

Friday, 6pm, School Reunion Dinner at the Elk's Lodge

Steak BBQ \$35 per person or

Vegetarian Lasagna \$28 per person

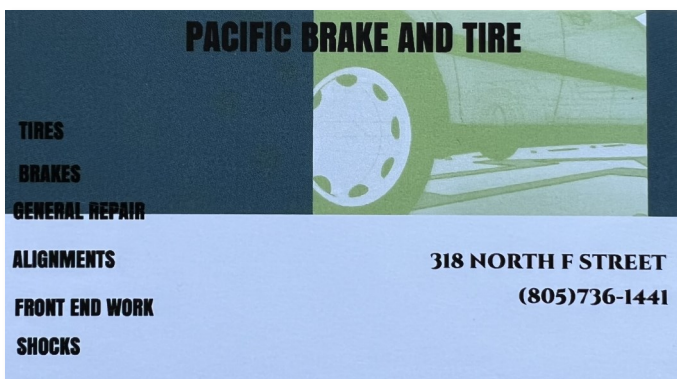
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Saturday, Fabing-McKay-Spanne Open House
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Sunday, noon, Chicken BBQ at Ryon Park, \$15
pay at the park.

Questions? Email lompochistory@gmail.com

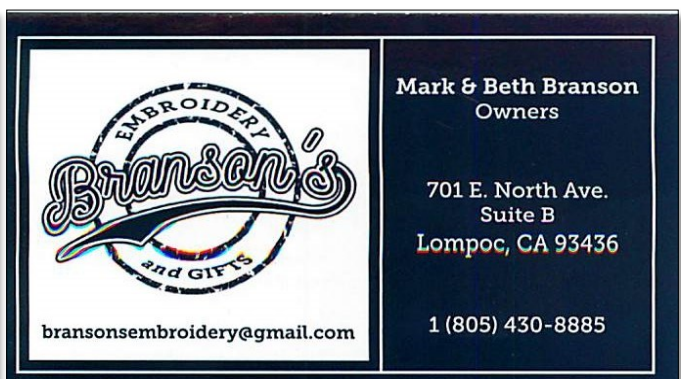


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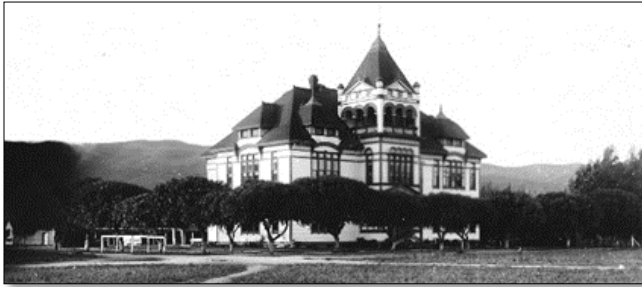
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Classes of 1979 & 1980

Transformation of Lompoc High School

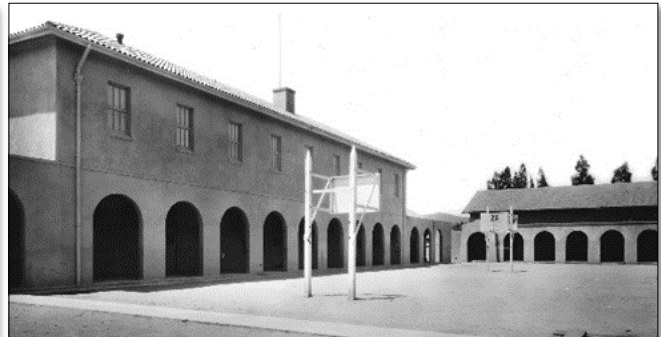


Grammar school was the highest level of education in the 1890's, until in 1892 when a private school was established for the higher grades. The name was The Collegiate Institute. About two years later the school directors elected to present the voters of Lompoc with a \$10,000 bond issue which was used to build the first high school. Lompoc Union High School opened in 1896. This school served Lompoc

until a new and larger facility was built between 1928 and 1932.



Above and below are pictures of the school as it appeared in 1932 and into the 1960's. South of this facility was a grammar school which was later demolished and became the athletic fields and the auditorium. Also, to the west, home economics, industrial arts and agriculture buildings were built in later years.



Lompoc experienced an explosion in its school population in the late 1950's due to Vandenberg Air Force Base. A new high school was built and opened in 1962-63 school year. The former facility eventually became known as Lompoc Valley Middle School. Below is the current Lompoc Senior High School.



50 Years Later... The Magnificent Seven

Pop quiz: Which group of Lompoc High School athletes is iconic enough to still be written about on sports websites, and their members inducted into state and national halls of fame after fifty years? Which team broke national record after national record with a number of them going on to college fame and beyond? If you guessed the 1972-73 Boys Cross-Country and Track team, you would be correct.

This exceptional group of young men is widely considered the best cross-country and track team in California history, and possibly the nation. During the 1972-73 school year, record after record was broken by its members. Some of their achievements on the course and around the track still stand as records fifty years later, as evidence of their dominance. Their 1972 season is one of the greatest in prep cross-country history.

However, their story began well before 1972. Lompoc High School first appeared with high placings in the Southern Section cross-country title meets in the late 1960's, with a 1968 fourth place finish Division II (there were three divisions at that time, so DII was medium sized schools) before the program under Coach Frank Hiatt (1969-1970) and Dick Johnson (1971 and 1972) took off to four straight Section titles runs in cross-country. The last two championships were at the large school level, as the Section had grown into four divisions in the sport and the Lompoc squad moved up to face the best competition in California.

At the November 4, 1972 Postal Meet, which was run on a dirt track at Westminster High School, Lompoc's top five runners averaged 9:16.2 for two miles, and **shattered the national high school record** by over 50 seconds with a team time of 46:21, breaking the old record of 47:11 thanks to Terry Williams (8:58.4), Alvin Gilmore (9:15.4), Jim Schankel (9:18.8), Jim Warrick (9:20.4) and Tony Nunez (9:28.0). Steve Galbraith, the Braves #6 runner that day, also clocked an impressive 9:37. The Braves' performance that day still stands as the fastest collection of five two-mile times by a California high school team and one of the top five in US prep history, including 3200 meter conversions. On December 9, 1972 in the three-mile, Williams again led the Braves in 13:53.8, followed by Schankel (14:27.8), Warrick (14:54.8), Roger Fabing (14:58.8) and Galbraith (15:09.8) to **set the national high school record** of 73:25.

In between national records, Lompoc amassed the most lopsided victory in section history with a 26-118 victory over Palos Verdes in the Division 4-A final at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA. Lompoc had **the lowest team total ever at Mt. SAC** in the CIF Cross-Country Championships, with five Braves runners placing in the top ten. This record still stands, and the team was inducted into the Mt. SAC Cross Country Invitational Hall of Fame in 2014, becoming the first team to receive the honor. They were also recognized by the National High School Federation Hall of Fame.



Schankel, Gilmore, Nunez, Warrick



Roger Fabing, Steve Galbraith, Jim Schankel, Alvin Gilmore, Terry Williams, Jim Warrick, Tony Nunez

This legendary team continued into the track season in the spring of 1973, with the Braves team of Terry Jackson (52.1), Tim Costa (2:00.1), Alvin Gilmore (3:02.2), and Terry Williams (4:08.6) racing 10:03.0 to **break the national high school record** in the Distance Medley Relay at the Buena Ventura Relays. This record is still the 3rd fastest in California history! Forty minutes later, Williams came back to run 4:14.6 in the mile, winning over Gilmore 4:16.5, with Jim Schankel 4:27.4, and Tony Nunez 4:28.2 totalling a respectable four-mile relay when their times in that event were added up. Schankel ran 9:20.4 in the two-mile later that day, along with teammates Roger Fabing (9:23.2), and Jim Warrick (9:41.2). (continued on next page...)

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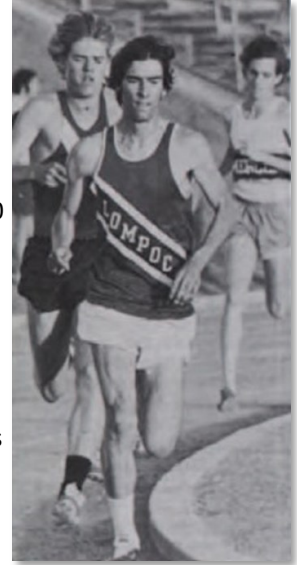


Alvin Gilmore wins 1973 State one-mile championship

He went on to become an educator and coach. **Jim Warrick**, after a stellar four years running at Cal Poly SLO, became a teacher at Lompoc High School, where he also coached cross-country and track for 33 years. **Jim Schankel** later broke numerous track records at Cal Poly SLO and was NCAA cross-country and track champion. **Roger Fabing** went on to coach at Orcutt Academy for seven seasons.

Later that spring, Alvin Gilmore, with a time of 4:11.4, became the state one-mile champion for 1973 and Terry Williams won the state two-mile championship with a time of 8:54.8. Additionally, Williams's mark in the 5,000 meters (14:08.4) still stands as the 3rd fastest in California history. The team's 4 x 1600 meter relay time (17:07.3) is still the #1 fastest in California history! (Schankel, Fabing, Gilmore, Williams)

Terry Williams went on that 1973 summer to win the US Junior six-mile in 28:45.2, later becoming a four-year All-American at University of Oregon where he was a teammate of the legendary Steve Prefontaine. **Alvin Gilmore** became a miler for UCLA, where he competed in the PAC-8 championships before a career-ending injury.



Terry Williams on track to become the 1973 State two mile champion

LHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Submission Deadline is July 1st

Candidate Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____
 High School Graduation Year: _____
 College or Vocational School Attended (if applicable):
 School Name: _____
 Graduation Year: _____
 City and State: _____
 Degree and Major: _____



Candidate must have graduated from Lompoc High School or be an associate member of the Lompoc High School Alumni Association.

Please attach the following to this form:

- A typed letter of school and community activities, awards and lifetime achievements.
- 5 x 7 color photo (not to be returned unless requested)

Send your completed application to:

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Please include your name, address and phone number as a contact, as this is still a secret until award presented:

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LOMPOC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

The following is a complete list of LHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame Inductees, listed by graduation year.

1906	<i>Dr. Albert Larsen</i>	1947	<i>Chuck Deering</i>	1965	<i>Rick Candaele</i>
1907	<i>Elwyn Wakefield</i>	1948	<i>Charlie Grossini</i>		<i>Robert Canfield</i>
1913	<i>Harold Dimock</i>		<i>Doug Hitchen</i>		<i>Gunther Cunningham</i>
1916	<i>Weston Leonard</i>		<i>Isadore Triguero</i>		<i>Dennis Grossini</i>
1917	<i>Harry Arkley</i>		<i>Roger Westmont</i>		<i>Ketrenia Crass Hall</i>
1918	<i>Harry Kelliher</i>	1949	<i>Bob Almanzo</i>		<i>James Hall</i>
1921	<i>Nick Carter</i>		<i>Gerry Patton Domingos</i>	1966	<i>Christopher Elkins Ph. D., MS</i>
1922	<i>Elsie Douglas Sperber</i>		<i>Ron Hooker</i>		<i>Christie Claycamp Stanley</i>
1924	<i>Ann Scolari Calvert</i>	1950	<i>Doug Adkins</i>		<i>Ardeane Machado Eckert</i>
	<i>Forrest Hibbits</i>		<i>Jack Anderson</i>	1967	<i>Dennis Headrick</i>
	<i>Cecilie Glidden Larsen</i>		<i>Tony Domingos, Sr.</i>	1968	<i>Bob Campbell</i>
1925	<i>Earl Calvert</i>		<i>Wallace "Tyke" Grider</i>		<i>Cathy Rivaldi Gruner</i>
	<i>Larry Heiges, Jr. M.D.</i>		<i>Alice George Milligan</i>		<i>Ken Ostini</i>
	<i>Ray "Pooley" Jacobs</i>		<i>Frank Romero</i>	1970	<i>LeRoy Grijalva</i>
	<i>Ed Negus</i>		<i>Leroy Scolari</i>	1971	<i>Monte Bolinger</i>
1926	<i>William "Bill" Perozzi</i>		<i>Ronald Williams</i>		<i>Charles Jackson</i>
	<i>Cecarina Pensa Loustalot</i>	1951	<i>Ethel Cass Bell</i>		<i>George Perry</i>
1927	<i>Bert Howerton</i>		<i>Roland Chesser</i>		<i>Roy Thomas</i>
1928	<i>Ernest Brooks</i>		<i>Jim Dutra</i>	1972	<i>Russ Bolinger</i>
	<i>Perry Dean Martin</i>		<i>Joe Hernandez</i>		<i>Marvin Cook</i>
1929	<i>Lawrence "Bill" Schuyler</i>		<i>Eugene Huseman</i>		<i>Johnny Gray</i>
1930	<i>Fenton Holloway, M.D.</i>		<i>Larry Navarro</i>		<i>Roy Howell</i>
1931	<i>Edwin "Bud" Jenks</i>		<i>John "Bink" Olson</i>		<i>Dave Stegman</i>
1932	<i>Albert Bodine</i>	1952	<i>Carol Ann Fair Chambers</i>		<i>James F. Surch</i>
	<i>Walter Manfrina</i>		<i>Bob Feeley</i>	1973	<i>Mike Bratz</i>
	<i>Winifred Taylor Eckert Massey</i>		<i>John Huyck</i>		<i>Terry Williams</i>
	<i>Mary Morehart McCabe Miller</i>		<i>Bill Rule</i>	1975	<i>Mary Ann Costa Rios</i>
1933	<i>Lawrence Huyck</i>	1953	<i>Peter Aguilar</i>	1977	<i>Rick Aguilar, Sr.</i>
1934	<i>Mimi Pensa Main</i>		<i>Walter Alves</i>		<i>Dr. Janet Jeffers Lo, DVM</i>
	<i>Kenneth Stillman</i>		<i>Erlan Calvert</i>		<i>Dr. Edward Taylor</i>
	<i>Elsa Horn Wygal</i>		<i>Peter Sousa</i>	1979	<i>Jeff Bettendorf</i>
1935	<i>Susan Lundberg Godden Dietrick</i>	1954	<i>Patricia Lower Brady</i>		<i>Casey Candaele</i>
	<i>David Herdman</i>		<i>Doris McCoy Cross</i>	1986	<i>Sheldon Canley, Sr.</i>
	<i>Glenn Schuyler</i>		<i>Sherman Hansen, Sr.</i>		<i>Dr. James Hall II</i>
1936	<i>Clarence Lair</i>		<i>Rudy Martinez</i>	1987	<i>Scott Holloway</i>
	<i>William "Ed" Larsen</i>		<i>William "Stormy" Short</i>	1989	<i>Dr. Hunter Greene-Cvach</i>
1937	<i>William Morgan</i>		<i>Frank Signorelli</i>	1990	<i>Lt.Col. Heather Hall Bridges</i>
1938	<i>Ray Anderson</i>	1955	<i>Anna Triboli Sorenson</i>		<i>Tommy Thompson</i>
	<i>Ed Everett</i>	1956	<i>Jack Dutra</i>	1991	<i>Napoleon Kaufman</i>
	<i>Mary Dettamanti Fairbanks</i>		<i>John Hoag</i>		<i>Scott Morgan</i>
1939	<i>Myra Huyck Manfrina</i>	1957	<i>Richard Newcomb</i>	1994	<i>Kim Wuest</i>
1941	<i>Beverly Mello Thoman</i>		<i>Jim Wafer</i>	2000	<i>Amy Terrones</i>
1942	<i>Don Stalker</i>	1958	<i>Rodney Eckert</i>		
	<i>Dee Davis Sudbury</i>		<i>Teddy Grossini, Sr.</i>		<u>Others</u>
1943	<i>Harold Begg</i>	1959	<i>Ruth Glidden Schuyler</i>		<i>Tilden Brugheli</i>
	<i>Virginia Horn Morehart</i>	1960	<i>Larry Rheams</i>		<i>Dean McHenry</i>
	<i>William Proud</i>	1961	<i>Jim Bohl</i>		<i>G.W. Moore Family</i>
	<i>James Sloan</i>		<i>Joyce Roberts Howerton</i>		<i>1941 Football Team</i>
1945	<i>William Alexander, M.D.</i>		<i>Barry Manfrina</i>		<i>The Original Model T Club</i>
	<i>Harry Brooks</i>		<i>Debbie Schuyler Manfrina</i>		
1946	<i>Robert Haggood</i>		<i>Gary Seymour</i>		
	<i>Leona Hoag Mulryan</i>	1962	<i>Bob Mange</i>		
	<i>Bob Robinson</i>	1963	<i>Richard Herrier. Pharm FAPhA</i>		
	<i>Dominico Signorelli</i>		<i>Fred Lopez</i>		
	<i>Forrest Staffanson</i>	1964	<i>Eddie Hawley Sissons</i>		
	<i>Minniebelle Hoover Stalker</i>		<i>Dr. Darlene Garcia Suarez</i>		



Alumni Honors



Celeste Lang Pico, 1992,

the principal of Lompoc High School, has been named the Lompoc Valley Woman of the Year during the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual event where recipients of four awards were revealed. "Celeste Pico was nominated by several community members for her longstanding dedication to our local youth," said DeVika Stalling, the chamber's president and CEO. She praised Pico for "working tirelessly to help springboard Future for Lompoc Youth through her time, space, and ever-present support and encouragement."

Pico credited her own amazing teachers and a love for children with guiding her into the career. "I think it's always just been my passion — children, giving back, wanting more for them," she said.

Pico was named Lompoc High principal in 2020 after serving as assistant principal since 2014 following a transfer from Lompoc Valley Middle School. She also has worked or volunteered at other Lompoc Unified School District campuses through the years. But Lompoc High has a special place in her heart as her husband and three children went there, too. "I bleed blue," she said of the Braves' color.

After attending Santa Barbara City College and then Chapman University for her bachelor's degree, she earned her master's from California Lutheran University. "I believe in the beginning I thought teaching would be enough," Pico said. "I love being in the classroom and having that connection to the kids, but I recognized that in order to influence change more I needed to be in different positions."

Pico has been involved in a variety of community and education organizations, including serving as president of the Parent-Teacher Association, as a board member of the Lompoc High Alumni Association, helping form Futures for Lompoc Youth, belonging to the American Association of University Women, acting as a mentor for Grizzly Youth Academy in San Luis Obispo, and supporting the California Highway Patrol's "Every 15 Minutes" program.

Lompoc High School Stock Photo and story by Janene Scully (Noozhawk North County Editor)

Patricia Thompson Lee, 1993

was appointed to the Nevada Supreme Court and sworn in on December 21, 2022.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and communications from the University of Southern California in 1997 and a Juris Doctor from the George Washington University Law School in 2002. Prior to her swearing in, Lee was a partner at Hutchison and Steffen, where she worked since 2002. She became a partner in 2009, and primarily engaged in complex commercial litigation. She also practiced in areas including trademark law, family law, appellate, collections and represented pro bono clients through Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.

Lee was born in Korea, to an African-American military father and a native Korean mother. She is the first African-American woman and first Asian-American to serve on the State's highest court.



In many ways, Lee describes her historic appointment as somewhat of a full-circle moment. Shortly after she graduated from USC, Lee was volunteering at the California Science Center in Los Angeles. And it was during that time she was introduced to civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, who was helping establish a computer lab nearby.

Lee said she was mostly too shy to speak with Parks, but one day Parks apparently couldn't help but take notice. "She just looked at me one day, we were talking, and she was like, 'So this is what you're going to do for the rest of your life? You're just going to work at this museum?'"

Law school was somewhat on Lee's radar, so she mentioned that as a possibility. Then Parks chimed in again: "Well, baby, if you want to go to law school, then you go to law school." It was settled. "When Rosa Parks tells you to go to law school, you go to law school," Lee said.

IN MEMORIAM

Classmates, alumni and faculty who have died in the past year or we recently learned of their passing. Please email lompocbravesalumni@gmail.com with notifications. The Alumni Association sends our sympathy to the families of our alumni.

Delia "Dee" Davis Sudbury	1942	John Stahl, Jr.	1960	Valorie Avants	1976
Venice Grossi Dettamanti	1942	Ermalinda Avila	1961	William Goodrich	1976
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James Sloan	1943	Anthony Lopez	1962	Kevin Biggs	1981
Richard Negus	1946	Russell Trigueiro	1962	Richard "Butch" Adams	1981
Frank Costa, Sr.	1947	Dennis Trimble	1964	Olivia DeLuna Solorio	1983
Elizabeth Guerra Bondiotti	1948	Janet Amette	1964	Christopher Signorelli	1985
Bill Vern Staffanson	1950	Jeannie Neale Fernandes	1964	Timothy Kozlowski	1986
Janet Pat Martin	1950	Patrick Downey	1964	Anthony Scott Martin	1989
Willard Bill Grossi, Sr.	1951	Richard Schankel	1964	Alejandro Delgado	1990
Celestino Sousa	1951	Charles "Butch" Olmstead	1965	Brian Coxsey	1992
Natalio Munoz	1952	John Vance	1965	Franklin Coleman	2001
Frederic "Ric" "Digger" Starbuck	1953	Alfred DeMaria	1966	Michael Limon	2003
Charlotte Negus Butcher	1954	Carlton "Corky" McDonald	1966	Jose Luis Castillo	2006
Gilbert Cornejo, Sr.	1954	Edward Belluz	1966		
Douglas Fitts	1954	H. Craig Hines	1967		
Malcolm Hearne	1955	Gloria Gaitan Terrones	1968		
Nola Haraughty Flanagan	1955	Robert Lower	1970		
DeWayne Holmdahl	1956	Rita Monasterio	1970		
Enid Kay Hodson Seedorf	1956	Donald Jeffrey Palmer	1971		
Irene Howerton	1956	Peter Phillips	1973		
Henry Vasquez	1957	Margaret "Peggy" Leck Warrick	1973		
Daniel Beattie	1958	Stuart Wertman	1974		
Lucia Navarro Alvarado	1958	Michael Hurst	1976		



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Faculty and Staff

Melvin James "Jim" Barthel volunteered for 30 years at Lompoc High School, helping in all sports. For seventeen of those years he was known as the "Voice of the Braves" where he announced over the PA all of the Friday night games. He also coached little league baseball, basketball and football. Jim passed away on February 19, 2023. He was 91 years old. His three sons all graduated from Lompoc High.

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2022 Car Cruise

After a two year hiatus, on July 15, 2022 the Alumni Association's Car Cruise was back on Ocean Avenue and what a success it was! 250 cars, trucks and unique vehicles came to cruise and raise \$5,000 for the Association's Scholarship Fund.

Coming the farthest to cruise was Lompoc High alum and former Lompoc Unified School District employee Gloria Grijalva, who came from Manteca, CA to cruise and visit family and friends.

After twelve years, Barry, Bob and Debbie Manfrina are stepping down as chairs of the event. A new committee with some great new ideas will be leading the 2023 cruise.

The Manfrinas want to thank the Lompoc Police Department, the City of Lompoc street crews, Caltrans and all the volunteers who have helped over the years. They especially wish to thank the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring Old Town Market of which the cruise is a part.






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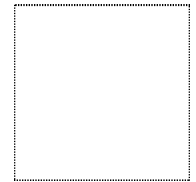
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