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3rd ANNUAL PHOENIX UNION SPORTS HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT 70 COACHES, ATHLETES

PHOENIX UNION—NFL players **Bob Breunig** (Alhambra) and **Steve Jordan** (South Mountain), Olympic medalist **Dwayne Evans** (South Mountain), college baseball coaching legend **Ron Polk** (Carl Hayden), PGA golfer **Howard Twitty** (Central), MLB executive **Fred Nelson** (West) and many others will be honored at the Phoenix Union High School District's third annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner, Tuesday, December 19, at Talking Stick Arena.

This year's event will induct coaches, athletes and teams from 1970-79, as well as individuals from the historical era. The third class will have 70 individuals honored. Ninety-five individuals were inducted in the first two years, going back over 100 years of high school sports history.

Basketball coaches **Leon Edward Jordan** of Carver and **Pete Tuccio** of Carl Hayden, Camelback football coach **Jesse Parker**, and North tennis coach **Catherine Wilkinson** are among the coaches inducted. Twenty-eight state championship teams between 1970-79 are also being recognized.

Breunig was an ASU All-American and played linebacker for the Dallas Cowboys for 10 years. Steve Jordan, the son of Leon Jordan, played for the Minnesota Vikings for 13 years, including six Pro-Bowl selections. Evans made the USA Olympic team as a 17-year old, and won a bronze in 200 meters at the 1976 Olympics. Polk coached Mississippi State Baseball for 29-years, winning 1,139 games and six College World Series appearances. Twitty was a two-time All-American at ASU, and won four tournaments as a PGA professional and was the Comeback Player of the Year in 1993. Nelson was a baseball All-American and National Champion at ASU, and has enjoyed a 36-year career as a baseball executive with the White Sox, Astros and currently Colorado.

Other notables include Univ. of Massachusetts football coach **Mark Whipple** (Camelback); former NFL receiver **Brad Anderson** (Alhambra) MLB players **David** and **Gary Rajsich**, (Central); current Mets hitting coach **Pat Roessler** (Camelback) and legendary ASU track & field coach **Baldy Castillo** (Phoenix Union)

As a commitment to the legacy of athletic excellence in Phoenix Union, Male and Female Athlete of the Year scholarships were established by the PUHSD Sports Hall of Fame. 2017 scholarship recipients were **Brianna Boehm** of Betty Fairfax and **David Avitia** of Alhambra.

The Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony begins at 5 p.m. at the Talking Stick Resort Arena, on the main arena floor. Seven-hundred attendees are expected. This event has sold out the last two years. Longtime sportscaster and local high school sports historian **Kevin McCabe** will emcee the ceremony.

A committee made up of members of the high school sports community select the inductees each year. The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education is a supporting sponsor. For information on the event or honorees, you can reach Phoenix Union Athletic Director **Dr. Zachary Muñoz** at (602) 764-1335 or zmunoz@phoenixunion.org.

Names of the 3rd Class for the Phoenix Union Sports Hall of Fame below:

2017 PUHSD Hall of Fame Inductees

* designates Modern Era Athletes 1970-79

Athletes

Alhambra

Brad Anderson-Football/Basketball/Track*
Bob Breunig-Football/Wrestling*
Chuck Faubion-Football/Basketball/Baseball*
Don Mabry-Wrestling*
Steve Malovic-Basketball*
David Ohton-Football/Track & Field*
Jim Rice-Basketball

Carver High School

Ira J. O'Neil-Football/Track
Charles Christopher-Football/Baseball/Basketball/Track
George Diggs-Track/Football
Hadie Redd-Basketball

Camelback

Carole Cheuvront Clark-Archery*
Patti Iske Kimpler-Archery*
Randy Palmer-Football*
Pat Roessler-Baseball*
Mark Whipple-Football/Baseball*
Ray Woolery-Cross Country/Track*

Carl Hayden

Ernie Kullos-Gymnastics/Wrestling/Football
Ron Polk-Baseball
Howard Wharton-Football/Wrestling

Central

JoElyn Boone-Volleyball/Softball/Tennis/Track*
Travis Holcombe-Football/Wrestling*
Eric Kruljac-Football/Wrestling*
Patrick McCormick-Football*
David Rajsich-Baseball*
Gary Rajsich-Baseball/Basketball/Football*
Bruce Nichols-Tennis*
Howard Twitty-Golf/Football

East

Roland Campbell-Basketball*
Michael Villegas-Basketball*
Bill Wallace-Basketball*
Mike Welsh-Basketball*
Jay "Flo" Wesley-Basketball*

Maryvale

Rob Babcock-Basketball*
Jack Housley-Football/Wrestling*
Kenny Hansen, Baseball

North

Gil Blanco-Baseball
Rennie Crittenden-Baseball/Football/Basketball

John Hill- Football/Baseball/Wrestling
Duff Lawrence-Golf
Bill Owsley-Football
Gerhard Schreur-Basketball
Steven Vaughn-Football/Baseball

Phoenix Union High School

Mike Barrick-Track/Cross Country
Loren Hooper LaPrade-Football/Basketball
Albert Nealey, Basektball/Baseball/Track (Carver & Phoenix Union)
Reynaldo “Shorty” Rivera-Football/Basketball/Baseball
William Warner-Basketball

South Mountain

Larry Copeland-Track & Field/Cross Country*
Dwayne Evans-Track & Field*
Stephen “Rudy” Moreno- Track/Cross Country*

Trevor Browne

Jeff Conner-Baseball*
John Quijada-Baseball*

West

Paula Miller Noel-Badminton*
Terry Coyle-Basketball
Nancy Larremore Funari, Badminton/Softball
Fred Nelson, Baseball/Cross Country
George Rountree-Basekball/Football/Track

Coaches

Carver High School

Leon Edward Jordan-Basketball, Football, Track
Augustus Shaw-Football/Track

Camelback High School

Jesse Parker-Football*
Janet Shaler Westcott- Badminton/Tennis*

Carl Hayden

Pet Tuccio- Basketball*

Maryvale

Wayne Kindall- Basketball*
Osborn “Shack” Shackelford- Girls Basketball*

North

Dr. Catherine Wilkinson-Tennis

Special Inductees

Don Baniewicz-West-Baseball; Coach-Carl Hayden Football/Basetball/Golf/Baseball
Senon “Baldy” Castillo- Phoenix Union- Track & Field, Basketball, Football
John Roth-Alhambra-Baseball Coach
Rudy Sanchez- West; South Mountain Athletic Trainer