

WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES BIOS

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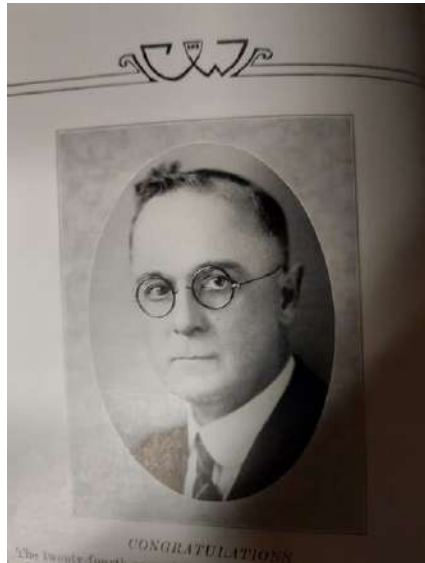
Adams, Wendy Alane



(Class of 1979, HOF Class of 2022)

- Certified Public Accountant, entrepreneur and professor
- Award-winning children's author
- Started the non-profit Rise Up Foundation in 2008

Albertson, O.C.



(Faculty, HOF Class of 2013)*

Principal 1908-1930. During his tenure many of the original buildings were erected (Science, old Aud/Library, auto shops, cafeteria), and Girls League and Razors/Senators were established

Allison, Glenn



(Class of 1948, HOF Class of 2014)

Ten-pin bowler, founding PBA member, won five PBA tour events, bowled a 900 series

Anderson, Mitzi (Reichling)

(Class of 1947, Hall of Fame Class of 2013)

- Special education teacher
- Dyslexia researcher

Anderson, Stephen Lee



(Class of 1970, Hall of Fame Class of 2019)

- Actor of stage and screen, credits include Richard III, Bright Star and The Crucible (Link to: [Cardinal Chatter about Anderson's HOF induction](#))

Arrambide, John



(class of 1931, Hall of Fame Class of 2002)*

- Member of the Cardinals' 1931 CIF-SS championship basketball team
- Little All-American, 1934
- WHS PE teacher and coach, 1936-42
- Mount San Antonio College Coach and Athletic Director 1947-1974
- State JC baseball championship, 1964
- Read his entry in [Whittier College Poets Hall of Fame](#)
- [Link to John Arrambide interview with Whittier College on going to school with Nixon:](#)

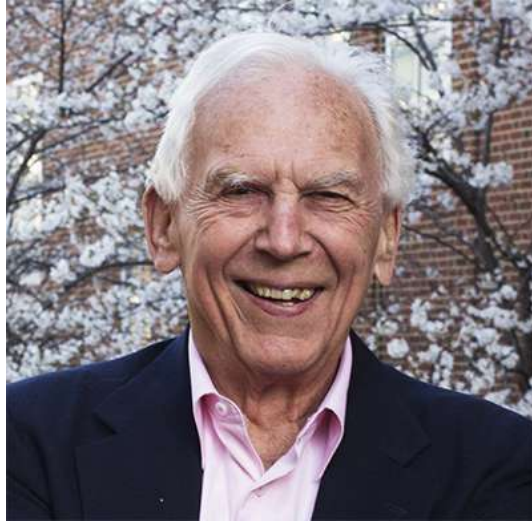
Ashleigh, Dave



(Class of 1961, HOF Class of 2022)

- Team USA Water Polo player at 1964 and 1968 Olympics
- Member of undefeated UCLA Water Polo Team
- Successful coach at Modesto Junior College

August, Tom



(Class of 1945, HOF Class of 2009)**

- [Conducted research into lysosome-associate membrane proteins, used in vaccinations](#)
- Member of American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- [Read his ASBMB obituary here](#)

B

Ball, Dolores (Lautrup)

(Class of 1929, HOF Class of 2003)**

- Ball Family owned Whittier Sanitary Dairy
- Major donor to Whittier College and other local organizations
- [Read her Whittier Daily News obituary here](#)

Beck, Brian

(Class of 1961, HOF Class of 2003)

- CIF Water Polo player
- Neurologist

Bennett, Carol



(Class of 1972, HOF Class of 2014)

- Artist, muralist and set designer, mainly in Hawaii
- Art featured in Honolulu Convention Center and numerous banks and hotels

Bermudez, Marc



(Faculty, HOF Class of 2016)

Art Faculty 1965-2001

Bewley, Eleanor



(Class of 1973, HOF Class of 2021)

- Pioneering female athlete at Whittier High and Earlham College
- Athletic Director & Dean of Physical Education, Rio Hondo College
- Served on several statewide athletics commissions

Brown, Cathie Moon

(Class of 1949, HOF Class of 2009)

psychologist/author

Brundin, Clark



(Class of 1948, HOF Class of 2014)*

British academic, president of Templeton College Oxford, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Warwick

[Link to Obituary from Magdalen College, Oxford](#)

Buehler, George



(Class of 1965, HOF Class of 2019)

2x CIF wrestling champion, member 1964 champion football team, NFL lineman 1969-79, won Super Bowl ring with Oakland Raiders ([click here for more detailed bio in Cardinal Chatter](#))

Butler, Dave



(Class of 1962, HOF Class of 2008)**

- Police officer & Vietnam Veteran
- owner of Carol Ann's gas station,
- Mayor of Whittier 2002-04,
- Founding Board member of Whittier High School Alumni Association

C

Carreto Brown, Patty



(Class of 1969, HOF Class of 2015)

Former world record holder 800-meter freestyle, finished 5th at 1968 Olympics

[Read an article about her in the Los Angeles Times.](#)

Carroll, Marilyn Magness



(Class of 1971, HOF Class of 2006)

Stager and choreographer for Olympics, Super Bowls, presidential inaugurations, Artistic director, WUHSD arts Academy

Chandler, Bob



(Class of 1967, HOF Class of 2002)**

2x All-Pro wide receiver, Played with the Bills from 1971-79 and the Raiders from 1980-82, played in two Rose Bowl Games with USC, Super Bowl XV champion, sportscaster, gives name to WHS sports complex, often cited as WHS' greatest all-around athlete due to football, basketball and decathlon

Chu, Ben



(Faculty, HOF Class of 2021)

Chemistry teacher 1966-2004, Science department chair for over 25 years

Claxton, Myron



(Class of 1936, HOF Class of 2002)*

- Small-college All-American football player
- Owned shoes that became Whittier-Occidental football trophy
- Teacher and coach at WHS
- Mayor of Whittier (1984-86)
- namesake of WHS Science Building

Cole, Bill



(Class of 1966, HOF Class of 2025)

- Played trumpet and water polo at WHS and UCLA
- Motivational speaker and leadership trainer
- Trained more than 5,500 executives
- Author of *The ABC Formula: Building Your Life's Enduring Core Values*

Cole, Stan



(Class of 1963, HOF Class of 2015) **

- 1965 Pac-8 100-meter butterfly champion
- Member of 1964, 1968 and 1972 Olympic water polo team, bronze medal in 1972 Olympics
- Gold medal at 1967 Pan-American Games,
- Navy veteran in Vietnam War
- Inductee into USA and International Water Polo Halls of Fame
- [Information on Stan Cole from USA Water Polo](#))
- [Obituary from UCLA Athletics](#)
- [Obituary in San Diego Union Tribune](#)

Curran, Sean



(Class of 1995, HOF Class of 2025)

- Award-winning biochemical researcher
- Conducted research for the National Institutes of Health
- Dean of Faculty and Research, University of Southern California
- Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America

D

Daversa, Jay



(Class of 1962, HOF Class of 2018)

Trumpeter, appeared on Tennessee Ernie Ford and Lawrence Welk Shows as a child, member of Stan Kenton Orchestra, featured on 200+ movie and TV soundtracks. He has performed “live” in shows with studio audiences such as Mary Tyler Moore and Bob Newhart. As a studio musician, he is featured on numerous albums, including several tunes for the Carpenters. His most notorious tune you would recognize him for is the theme song from the hit TV show, “The Waltons.”

Dedmon, Arvle



(Class of 1938, HOF Class of 2021)*

- Longtime recreation director for Whittier City School District
- Introduced game of foursquare to Whittier students

Deihl, Richard



(Class of 1945, HOF Class of 2005)**

- Bank president, chair of H.F. Ahmanson Co., family is namesake of academic bldg at Whittier College
- [Link to Obituary Here](#)

Devore, Carl



(Class of 1967, HOF Class of 2025)

- Board certified in the fields of geriatric, internal and occupational medicine
- Healthcare consultant for Xerox, Bausch and Lomb, Champion Products, and Fisons Corporation.
- Medical Expert for the WHAM Morning Show
- Medical Director at Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Dore, Robin

(Class of 1967, HOF Class of 2007)

Rheumatologist

E

Ely, Leanne Rouch



(Class of 1976, HOF Class of 2019)

Nutritionist and author, wrote “Food for Thought” column, author of Saving Dinner and nine sequels

Eshilian, Lori Peel



(Class of 1972, Principal 2008-2016, HOF Class of 2014)

- Special ed teacher
- Writings featured in several special education books
- Founder of Academic Community for Enrichment Program (ACE)
- WHS AP 2005-08 and principal 2008-2016
- First WHS grad to become principal
- Alumni Association president 2020-2023

F

Freitag Clarke, Catherine



(Class of 1975, HOF Class of 2018)

Biochemist, conducted research into coenzyme Q, first woman to head UCLA Chem/Biochem Dept

[Read her Wikipedia article here](#)

Freitag, Nancy



(Class of 1980, HOF Class of 2018)

- Biomedicine professor at University of Washington and University of Illinois-Chicago
- Published 70 research articles, written 8 book chapters and holds two patents

C

Garrison, Marjorie Moon

(Class of 1948, HOF Class of 2017)

Educational methodology researcher, author (Bethlehem Inn, The Hobgoblin Story)

Girvigian, Ray



(Class of 1943, HOF Class of 2024)*

- World War II combat engineer
- Civil works architect
- Historical Architect, California State Landmarks Comm.
- Restored California State Capitol in 1970s
- Helped craft historic state and local preservation ordinances such as Mills Act

Gobar, Alfred



(Class of 1949, HOF Class of 2014)

Founder of a real estate consulting firm, developed real estate simulation, published 250 articles, former Whittier College trustee

Gordon, William C.

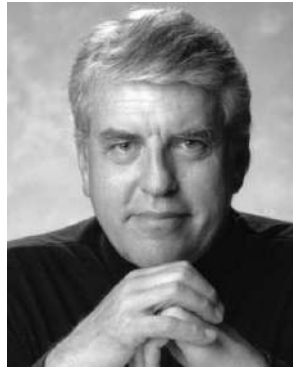


(Class of 1955, HOF Class of 2009)**

Attorney, author in both English and Spanish (*The Chinese Jars*, *The Halls of Power*), married to Isabel Allende, namesake of WHS library

[Read his obituary here](#)

Gothold, Steve



(Class of 1959, HOF Class of 2012)**

Whittier College music professor, Founder of Chorale Bel Canto. [Read his obituary here](#)

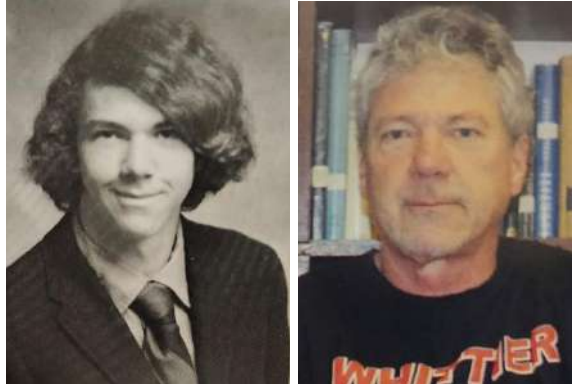
Gothold, Stuart



(Class of 1952, HOF Class of 2008)

- Superintendent, LA County Schools
- Professor at USC School of Education

Gotts, Mark



(Class of 1975, Faculty 1999-2020, HOF Class of 2024)

WHS English teacher 1999-2020, Presbyterian clergyman, teacher's union representative, could read over 20 languages

Green, Donald



(Class of 1967, HOF Class of 2018)

Trumpeter, principal or associate principal trumpet in Houston, Detroit and LA Philharmonic, member LA Phil 1982-2012, on faculty of USC Thornton School



Hales, Jack



(Class of 1960, HOF Class of 2025)*

- Lead forecaster, National Severe Storms Forecast Center, 1975-2011
- Issued 5,540 tornado and thunderstorm watches
- Originator of “Particularly Dangerous Situation” terminology
- Forecasts mitigated many disasters

Hathaway, Jeffrey



(Class of 1970, HOF Class of 2019)

- Admiral, US Coast Guard
- Head of Joint Interagency Task Force South
- Author, *Rogue Wave: The U.S. Coast Guard on and after 9/11*
- [Article about Hathaway from the Archives of the U.S. Coast Guard](#)

Henderson, Bob



(Class of 1958, HOF Class of 2013)

- Local insurance businessman
- Whittier City Council 1976-84 and 1990-2018
- Mayor of Whittier 1992-94, 2009-10, 2013-14
- Instrumental in saving Whittier Hills from development
- Longtime chairman Puente Hills Habitat Authority
- Involved in creation of Whittier Greenway Trail, local historic buildings ordinance, & several parks

Henderson, Judi Hendrixson



(Class of 1958, HOF Class of 2023)

- "Experimental psychology professor, Rio Hondo College
- Rio Hondo College dean
- Fellow of Rio Hondo College
- 2020 Las Distinguidas Award from Whittier Area A.A.U.W.
- Member of Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dog Foundation

Henke, Robert "Bo"



(Class of 1970, HOF Class of 2023)

- Former Superintendent of Montebello Unified Schools
- Creator of Henke Family Scholarship Fund
- Founder of Friends of Montebello Unified Scholarship Fund
- Raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for students

Herold, Owen "Rick"

(Class of 1951, HOF Class of 2012)**

- Dentist
- [Read his Whittier Daily News obituary here](#)

Hills, Roderick



(Class of 1948, HOF Class of 2010)**

- Corporate attorney, former head of Securities and Exchanges Commission
- [Read his obituary in the Los Angeles Times here](#)

Hitt, Patricia Reilly



(Class of 1935, HOF Class of 2002)**

- Campaign organizer for Richard Nixon, Asst. Sec of Health, Education and Welfare
- [Read her obituary in the San Diego Union Tribune here](#)

Hodge, Marian Wilson



(Faculty, HOF Class of 2021)*

- WHS Principal and WUHSD Superintendent
- First Woman Superintendent in CA (1941- WUHSD)
- founder of Hodge Foundation that supports Whittier Public Library book purchases

Hofstetter, Marilyn



(Class of 1945, HOF Class of 2012)**

- First female Mayor of Whittier (1968-70)
- Early UC Berkeley Bolt law grad
- President of Soroptimist International
- [Read her Whittier Daily News obituary here](#)

Hofstetter, Patricia



(Class of 1944, HOF Class of 2012)**

- Municipal Judge (1963-88)
- First woman to serve as President of the California Judges Association in 1976
- [Read her Whittier Daily News obituary here](#)

Holloway, Heber

(Faculty 1933-69, HOF Class of 2016)*

- Faculty 1933-69, Water polo coach, CIF Champion 1941, 1942, 1947, 1951, 1952
- Won two AAU national championships
- WUHSD Superintendent 1957-69
- Inducted into US Water Polo Hall of Fame ([Read his hall of fame bio here](#))
- [Read his Los Angeles Times obituary here](#)

Hookstratten, Ed



(Class of 1948, HOF Class of 2007)**

Entertainment lawyer and talent agent, clients included Elvis Presley, Johnny Carson, Pat Crowley (also his wife), Tom Brokaw, George Allen, Marcus Allen, Pat Riley, Vin Scully and LA Rams ([Read obituary here](#))

Hoover, Charles "Brad"



(Class of 1959, HOF Class of 2005)

Whittier & Santa Fe Springs Police Chief

Horn, Bob



(Class of 1950, HOF Class of 2013)**

- UCLA Water Polo Coach 1963-1991
- Won three NCAA titles in 1969, 1971 and 1972
- Won 8 Pac-8/Pac-10 titles
- Played in 1956 and 1960 Olympics
- 7x AAU All-American (1950-56)
- Coached in 1968 and 1972 Olympics
- Inducted into US Water Polo Hall of Fame
- [Read his obituary here](#)

House, William



(Class of 1941, HOF Class of 2014)*

- Ear researcher, one of the developers of the cochlear implant
- [Read his Wikipedia article here](#)

Hurlbut, Wendell "Bud"



(Class of 1936, HOF Class of 2025)*

- Theme park ride designer
- Built mine train and log ride for Knotts Berry Farm
- Refurbished and repaired rides for Disney & others
- Operated Castle Park amusement park

Hussey, Kevin



(Class of 1971, HOF Class of 2017)

- Software engineer, image synthesis and visualization consultant
- Earth Science Visualization Specialist at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

J

Jenkins, Don



(Class of 1949, HOF Class of 2006)**

- Instructor, Asst. Superintendent and Board Member, Rio Hondo College
- Former board member of Whittier High School Alumni Association
- Gave generously to YMCA Camp Arbolado
- [Read his Whittier Daily News obituary here](#)

Jordan, Clifford

(Class of 1935, HOF Class of 2011)*

- Superintendent, Coronado Unified School District
- Started Mentor Teacher Program for California

K

Kelly, Don



(Faculty, HOF Class of 2004)*

- Social Studies Teacher and coach 1952-90, "Voice of Whittier High School"
- [Read his Whittier Daily News obituary here](#)

Kelly, Glen



(Class of 1938, HOF Class of 2003)*

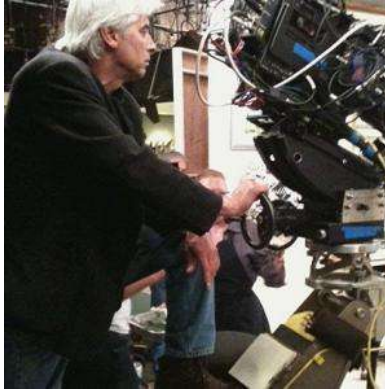
- Basketball champion, WHS teacher, coach. Principal at new Monte Vista HS 1963-1979
- Retired in 1981 after 35 years with the Whittier Union High School District
- [Read his Star News Obituary Here](#)
- [Read his L.A. Times obituary here](#)

Kempf, Louise McMillan

(Class of 1954, HOF Class of 2010)

Physical education teacher at a private school

Kifer, Vernon



(Class of 1972, HOF Class of 2019)*

Film and television cameraman, cinematographer and diner, credits include *Avatar*, *Friends* and *Joey*.

[Check out his IMDB here](#)

[Hollywood Reporter Obituary](#)

Kracke, Don



(Class of 1949, HOF Class of 2011)*

- Artist, cartoonist (*Yankee Doodles*)
- Author, Wrote "How To Turn Your Life into a Million Dollars"
- Inventor of Rickie Tickie Stickies flower stickers.
- [Read his P.V. News obituary here](#)

L

Lasseter, John



(Class of 1975, HOF Class of 2016)

- Head of Pixar animation studios
- Director of the *Toy Story* and *Cars* films
- Two-time Academy Award winner
- [Read his Wikipedia biography here](#)

Lavagnino, Cherylyn



(Class of 1969, HOF Class of 2022)

- Dancer with Pennsylvania Ballet, Arizona Ballet Theatre and Ballet del Espacio
- Chair of NYU Dance Dept
- Choreographed over 40 works with Cherylyn Lavagnino Dance studio
- <https://www.cherylynlavagnino-dance.com/about>

Leffler, John

(Class of 1949, HOF Class of 2015)

Record company exec, sales manager for Capitol Records, Est. John Leffler and Associates record marketing company

Lescsak, Genevieve



(Faculty, HOF Class of 2017)**

- Colonel in 349th General Hospital
- WHS Faculty 1948-1980
- Helped start female athletics programs at WUHSD and Rio Hondo College
- Taught at Rio Hondo until 2009
- [Read her remembrances here](#)

Lietzau, Jean (Godwin) Good



(Class of 1946, HOF Class of 2005)**

- Founding mayor of La Habra Heights 1978
- Operated Goods Western Feed Store in Pico Rivera for 25 years with 1st husband Gerald Good
- [Read her Obituary Here](#)

Lopez, Jan (Slater)

(Class of 1947, HOF Class of 2001)

One of first female business owners in City of Whittier, Spouse of Hall of Famers Vic Lopez and Bill Wood, namesake of scholarships at WHS and Whittier College

Lopez, Vic



(Class of 1946, HOF Class of 2001)**

- Teacher and Coach at WHS, involved in annual house building by WHS shops
- 1964 CIF championship football coach
- First Latino Mayor of Whittier (1980-82, 1988-90)
- Involved in post-earthquake and fire bond initiative and founding of Alumni Assn.
- Namesake of WHS Auditorium [Read his Whittier Daily News obituary here](#)



Marcellin, Colette



(Class of 1977, HOF Class of 2021)

- Served as a diplomat in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, France, Singapore & Uganda
- Most recently served as Sr. Foreign Service Officer in the Office of the Inspector General

Marino, Christina



(Class of 1972, HOF Class of 2023)*

- Chef, artist, dermatologist and epidemiologist
- Survived multiple cancers
- Research fellow with National Cancer Institute
- Created Christmas ornament for President Clinton
- Author of "The Cancer Survivor Cookbook"
- [Read her obituary here](#)

Markey, Christian



(Class of 1947, HOF Class of 2006)**

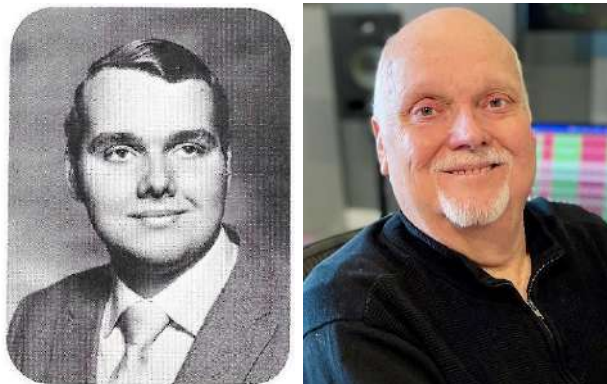
- Family law judge, LA County Superior Court
- [Read his obituary here](#)

Mattias, George

(Class of 1948, HOF Class of 2010)

Orange Coast College Professor, Physical Education and Athletics, Assistant Football Coach 1963-1993

McDonough, Michael



(Class of 1970, HOF Class of 2023)

- Sound editor on movies, video games and IMAX
- Credits include “Black Cauldron” and “Star Trek: Insurrection”
- Won Peabody Award for “Bradbury 13”
- Won Golden Reel for “Island of the Sharks”

Meister Everett, Joan



(Class of 1960, HOF Class of 2004)

Pediatrician, received her medical degree from University of Southern California School of Medicine

Mele, Jack



(Faculty 1950-80, HOF Class of 2004)**

- Minor league baseball player in Brooklyn Dodgers organization
- Teacher (English/Soc Stud/PE), principal and coach
- Mayor of Whittier 1976-78

Millikan, James

(Class of 1961, HOF Class of 2011)

- Retired superior court judge
- Founded San Pasqual Academy in San Diego, advocate for Foster Care reform

Murphy, Breene



(Class of 1942, HOF Class of 2012)**

- Dentist, president of Rose Hills Foundation
- [Read his obituary here](#)

N

Nakamura, Yoshio



(Faculty 1952-63, HOF Class of 2015)

- Member of 442nd Regimental Combat team (Legion of Honor)
- Arts Faculty, Whittier HS (1952-63)
- Founder of Fine Arts Dept at Rio Hondo College
- local artist (150 exhibitions)
- Namesake of Whittier High "Q" building

Nay, Joan (McNeilly)



(Class of 1947, HOF Class of 2003)**

- Teacher at Cal High
- Assistant Dean of Academic Records, USC
- WUHSD Trustee, 1977-89
- [Read her obituary here](#)

Newton, Richard

(Class of 1944, Faculty, HOF Class of 2006)

Inspirational teacher

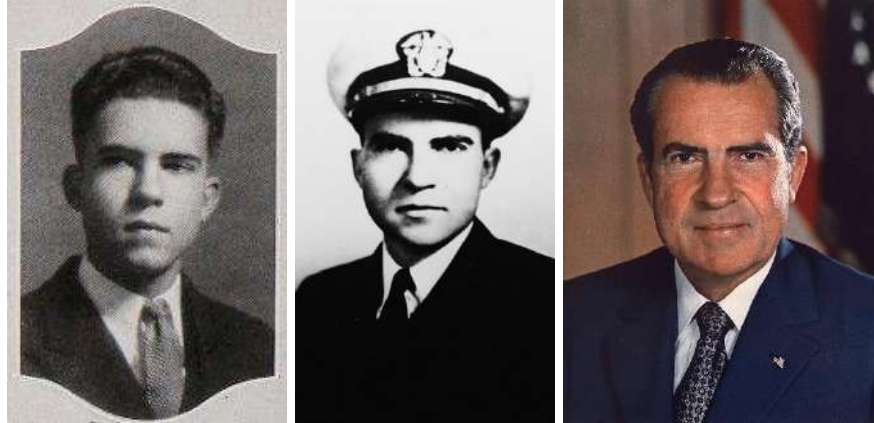
Nixon, Patricia Ryan



(Faculty, HOF Class of 2000)*

- Whittier High School faculty 1937-40
- Met Richard Nixon during production of *The Dark Tower* in Whittier, married him 1940
- First Lady of the United States 1969-74

Nixon, Richard



(Class of 1930, HOF Class of 2000)*

- Grew up in East Whittier near Whittwood, Sprouts Market
- Defeated for Class President while at Whittier High (would not lose another election until losing to John F. Kennedy in 1960)
- Practiced law in the National Bank of Whittier Bldg (now Nixon Plaza/Whittier Brewing Co.)
- U.S. Congressman (R-CA), 1947-51
- U.S. Senator (R-CA), 1951-53
- Vice-President of the United States, 1953-61
- President of the United States, 1969-74

Nolin, Seaborn

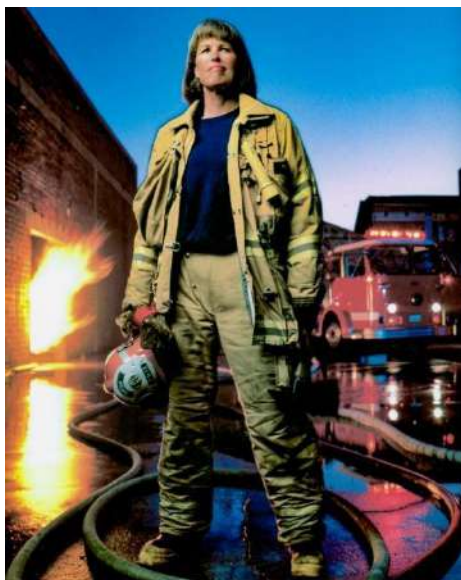


(Faculty, HOF Class of 2004)**

- World War II veteran, service in Pacific Theatre
- WHS staff 1951-84
- English, history, and government teacher
- Principal of Whittier High School, 1958-69
- Asst Superintendent, WUHSD
- [Read his obituary here](#)



Oeh, Cindy



(Class of 1973, HOF Class of 2021)

- Member of 1978 national champion softball team
- First female Los Angeles County firefighter
- Retired in 2010 as a captain

O'Hare, Thomas



(Class of 1980, HOF Class of 2021)

- Molecular pharmacologist
- Part of team that developed a drug to combat leukemia

Orozco, Mary V.



(Class of 1946, HOF Class of 2022)*

- First Latina admitted to the California Bar
- Law practice aimed at serving Latino community
- Co-founder and officer of the Mexican American Bar Association
- [Read her obituary here](#)

Orr, Daniel



(Class of 1968, HOF Class of 2022)

- Dental surgeon, lawyer, author, anesthesiologist, professor and scientist
- Served on the National Security Admin. and many other orgs.

Owens, David

(Class of 1973, HOF Class of 2012)

- Jazz and Christian musician
- Performed on Thomas Dolby's Grammy-nominated album
- Played in the orchestra for 900+ performances of the Lion King

Owens, Richard

(Class of 1949, HOF Class of 2010)

Middle school teacher and administrator



Pascale, Louise Johnson



(Class of 1960, HOF Class of 2010)

Educator, Compiler of traditional Afghan songs (Afghan Children's Songbook, Qu Qu Qu Barg-e-Chinaar)

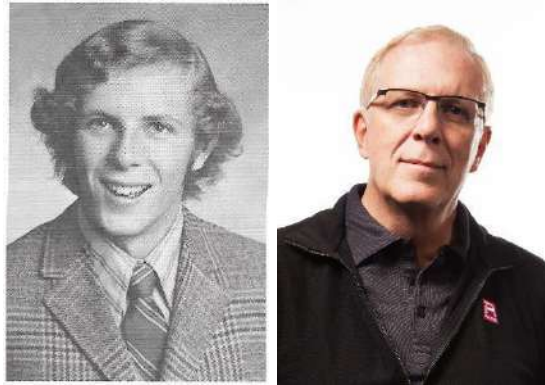
Perry, Hubert



(Class of 1931, HOF Class of 2002)**

- Local banker and financier
- Family owned National Bank of Whittier/Nixon Plaza bldg. that contained Nixon's first law office
- Buildings at Whittier High School and PIH Hospital named for him due to his philanthropy
- Donor to Nixon Library
- [Read his Whittier Daily News obituary here](#)

Pfanner, Paul



(Class of 1972, HOF Class of 2023)

- Art director, publisher and racing enthusiast
- Worked for FORMULA and SportsCar magazine
- Founder and publisher of RACER magazine
- 2022 inductee into Sports Car Club of America Hall of Fame
- [Read his thank you to Whittier High School here](#)

Phelan, Tom

(Class of 1924, Faculty, HOF Class of 2008)*

Coach

Pickup, Richard

(Class of 1951, HOF Class of 2009)

Real estate developer, owner of the Balboa Club

Pierpoint, Robert



(Class of 1943, HOF Class of 2022)*

- CBS White House Correspondent under 6 presidents in the 50s, 60s and 70s
- One of CBS' "Murrow's Boys"
- Present at assassination of John F. Kennedy
- Winner of two Emmy Awards for Broadcast Journalism

Ponce, Robert

(Class of 1946, HOF Class of 2008)

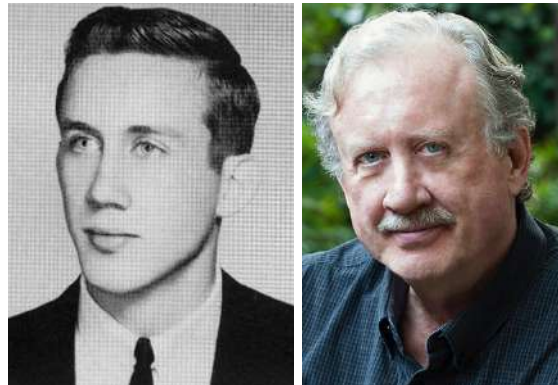
Poucher, Frank

(Class of 1943, Faculty 1952-85, HOF Class of 2015)*

- Faculty 1952-85
- Water polo coach
- 1941 and 1942 Southern California League champion as a player
- 1955 and 1959 CIF Water Polo champion as a coach
- .817 winning percentage
- Namesake of Holloway-Poucher aquatic center

R

Rempel, William C.



(Class of 1965, HOF Class of 2025)

- Award-winning investigative journalist for the Los Angeles Times
- Author of At the Devil's Table and The Gambler
- Consultant for Narcos and other TV shows

Rich, Maxine Milner

(Class of 1927, HOF Class of 2001)*

Author of Whittier High School Alma Mater

Rodriguez, Carlos

(Class of 1955, HOF Class of 2011)

- Retired judge specializing in Workers' Compensation
- Endowed a scholarship at Rio Hondo College
- Los Nietos School District trustee

Romero, Danny



(Class of 1972, HOF Class of 2011)

- ABC weatherman
- Three-time LA Emmy award winner
- [Read his ABC7 bio here](#)

Rosenberger, Homer

(Class of 1930, HOF Class of 2004)**

- 3rd-generation Whittier-area doctor
- Faculty, USC Medical School
- President PIH Hospital
- Whittier College trustee 1950-1985
- [Read his L.A. Times obituary here](#)

S

Saleen, Steve



(Class of 1967, HOF Class of 2016)

- Racecar driver
- Founder of Saleen car customization company
- [Read his Wikipedia article here](#)

Saul, John



(Class of 1959, HOF Class of 2024)

- Wrote 37 bestselling horror novels
- First bestseller was *Suffer the Children*
- Novels broke technological barriers
- 2023 Bram Stoker Lifetime Achievement Award winner
- [His website](#)

Sawyer, Lorraine (McPherson)



(Class of 1958, Faculty 1964-2002, HOF Class of 2008)**

- WHS staff (business, home ec, computers) 1964-2002
- Involved in creation of Cardinal Computer Academy
- Board member of WHS Alumni Association
- Co-namesake of WHS Alumni Office

Sawyer, Morris

(Class of 1958, HOF Class of 2008)**

- Retired school administrator
- WHS Alumni Historian, 2000-2018
- Creator of WHS Centennial video
- Co-namesake of WHS Alumni Office

Schroth, Milton



(Class of 1951, HOF Class of 2017)**

Plant pathologist, expert in pathogenic and beneficial bacteria

[link to obituary here](#)

Seelye, Gloria (Walls)**



(Class of 1944, HOF Class of 2005)**

- Author
- [Read her obituary here](#)

Seelye, Howard



(Class of 1939, HOF Class of 2005)**

- Columnist and manager for Whittier Daily News, press secretary to a GOP Congressman
- [Read his Daily Breeze obituary here](#)

Soto, Ivannia



(Class of 1994, HOF Class of 2016)**

- Education professor
- English Language Learner consultant
- Author of *The Literacy Gaps: Building Bridges for ELLs and SELs*, as well as *ELL Shadowing as a Catalyst for Change* and *From Spoken to Written Language with ELLs*
- [Read her Whittier College obituary here](#)

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Tenopir, Carol



(Class of 1970, HOF Class of 2014)

- Communication and Information Sciences professor @ Univ. of Hawaii and Univ. of Tennessee
- Author of Communication Patterns of Engineers
- One of the first to study full-text retrieval

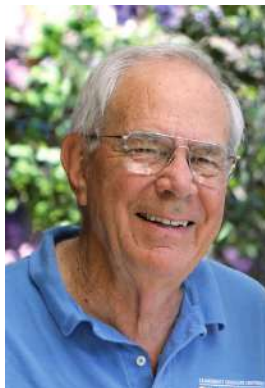
Thorstenson, Sandra (Sanchez)



(Class of 1973, HOF Class of 2009)

WUHSD superintendent 2003-2016

Tranquada, Robert



(Class of 1947, HOF Class of 2007)**

- Director of LAC/USC County General Hospital
- Dean of USC Medical School

- Chair of Pomona College Board of Trustees
- [Read his L.A. Times obituary here](#)

Trefry, Allan



(Faculty, HOF Class of 2018)*

Band Director 1955-75

[Read his obituary here](#)



Velasco, Gus



(Class of 1958, HOF Class of 2012)*

- Santa Fe Springs municipal employee, Councilman and Mayor
- Namesake of SFS community center that he helped establish

Vinatieri, Joe



(Class of 1970, HOF Class of 2013)

- Tax attorney
- Whittier City Council 2006-present
- Mayor 1992-94, 2009-10, 2013-14, 2016-present
- Involved in founding of WHS Alumni Association



Wicker, Monte



(Class of 1934, HOF Class of 2017)**

- Whittier City Councilman 1962-74
- Mayor of Whittier 1964-66
- Longtime owner of Monte's Camera
- [Read his obituary here](#)

Williams, Ray



(Class of 1951, HOF Class of 2022)*

- Biology professor
- Established Rio Hondo wildlife sanctuary and Natural History Museum
- Major force in preserving Upper Newport Bay
- [Read his Whittier Daily News obituary here](#)

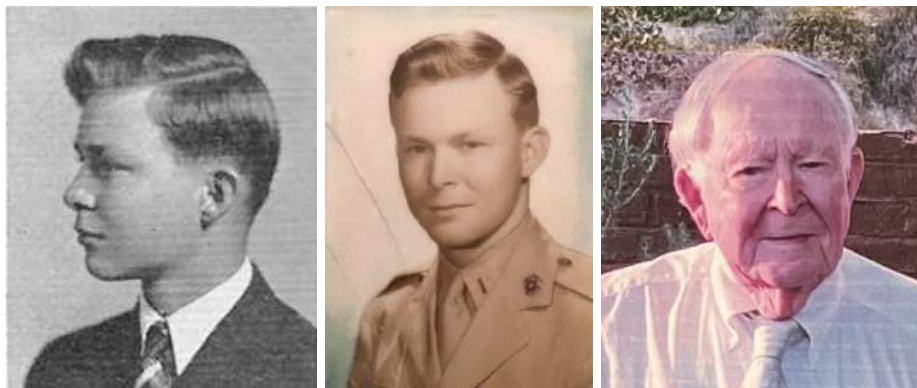
Winzenread, Linda



(Faculty, HOF Class of 2024)

- Home Economics teacher 1979-2006,
- Creator of World of Children class
- Raised over \$250,000 as producer and fundraiser of WHS Theatre Company productions

Wood, Bill



(Class of 1941, HOF Class of 2007)**

- USMC veteran, World War II
- Owner Community Pontiac (later Community Honda)
- Major benefactor to WHS Alumni Association, especially the Wurlitzer pipe organ
- [Read his Whittier College obituary here](#)
- [Read his Star-News Obituary here](#)

Wray, Merton



(Class of 1929, HOF Class of 2023)*

- Private-practice attorney
- World War II POW
- Trustee, Whittier Union High School District
- Instrumental in founding of Rio Hondo College; Namesake of Rio Hondo College Wray Theatre
- LA County Municipal Court Judge

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York Hockett, Julia



(Class of 1934, HOF Class of 2024)*

- Award-winning educator
- Founder of Hadley Preschool
- Instrumental in saving the Bailey House
- [Read her obituary here](#)



2016 Hall of Fame inductees (left to right): Steve Saleen, John Lasseter, Ivannia Soto-Hinman, and Marc Bermudez