



SDHS

Alumni Association

a 501(c) 3 Organization

FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where do I start?

On February 9th, the dedication ceremony for the new boys' baseball and girls' softball fields was held, and attended by students, Caver Bob, coaches, boys' and girls' team members, parents, SDHS alumni, San Diego Unified Board of Trustee Richard Barrera, and a representative from the SD Padre, Johnny Ritchey's Family, and the SDHS Foundation attended the ceremony. We will be posting more photos on our website soon.



Modernization has started at SDHS.

Modernization may have slowed down due to the most recent rains. Visit our website for photos of the modernization of SDHS and ball field photos. Visit the website, SDHS News tab, and click on SDHS Modernization. tab, then click SDHS Modernization to see updated photos. Once again, thanks to SDUSD for keeping the history and memories of SDHS alive with modernization while creating new history and memories for the future Caver generations.

Tax Deductible Donations

Remember, membership dues and donations are tax-deductible. One of SDHS Alumni, Sharon Hicks Anderson 1956, will be setting up an account in her husband's Coach Art Anderson's name. Sharon will donate \$1,000.00 yearly to Coach Anderson's FootLocker to help buy shoes for SDHS athletes starting in Fall 2024. Let me tell you about Coach Anderson; you can read his full bio by clicking on this link https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_Anderson.

Coach Anderson was a professional American Offensive tackle in the NFL. He was one of the few tackles to prevent Pro Football Hall of Fame Deacon Jones from accomplishing any sacks in the

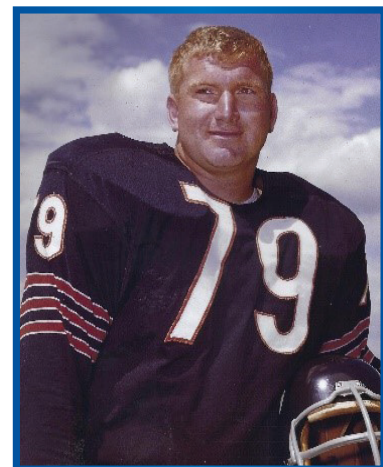
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1961 NFL season. Coach Anderson went to Catholic grade school and lettered all three sports at Wahpeton High School, where his basketball team won the State Class A Championship in 1954. Following his tour in the Marine Corps, he was featured in two SD Hall of Champions Museum exhibits for deadlifting record >500 lbs. Coach Anderson became a teacher in San Diego and coached the swim and football teams at Clairmont High School. He went on to Coach the cross-county teams at Hoover and Crawford High Schools. Coach Anderson took a long-dormant SDHS football team to a winning season. He was honored nine times as Coach of the Year in 3 different sports.

Coach Anderson died peacefully in 2021 at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, four children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The SDHS Alumni Association would like to thank Coach Anderson for his service to his country, the SD community and his contribution to SDHS, and we are honored to set up the Coach Anderson FootLocker on his behalf.



Eddie
President

MEMBERSHIP

UNOFFICIAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - CAUTION

Cavers please be aware that there is an online website that states it is the SDHS ALUMNI. It is charging a membership fee for signing up. I have received several inquiries from Cavers wanting to know "what's up?" To our knowledge, it is a private company that indicates it is the SDHS Alumni. Please note: It is NOT affiliated with the San Diego High School Alumni Association. We are the official organization recognized by the Federal Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) 3, private, non profit corporation. We were founded in 1975 and we exist to support San Diego High School alumni, students, and programs. If you wish to donate funds to support the Alumni Association (alumni, student academic programs, student athletic programs and activities), please contact us at our office: (619) 560-4610, extension 3349.

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

On July 7, 2024, the Alumni Association held its annual "Cavers at the Padres Game." Cavers, family and friends attended the game, Padres vs. Arizona Diamondbacks. We sold out! Classmates of the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and the 21st Century had a good time! Lots of laughter, love, and sharing



of memories. It was a wonderful celebration of Cavers Spirit! If you are interested in attending next year's "Cavers at the Padres Game" and wish to be placed on a waiting list, please contact the San Diego High School Alumni Association office. The office telephone number: (619) 560-4610, extension 3349. The email address: sdhsalumni@gmail.com.

STUDENT & CAMPUS SUPPORT

On the evening of June 14, 2023, over 400 Cavers Over 400 Cavers graduated Thursday evening, June 6, 2024. The Graduation ceremony was held at historic Balboa Stadium. Your Alumni Association hosted the annual "Senior Graduates Breakfast" Friday morning, June 7, 2024. The graduates returned their caps and gowns, picked up their diplomas and joined the Alumni Association...280 Cavers signed up as "New Members." Great News! Every new member was awarded a SDHS Alumni Association t-shirt. It was a wonderful and beautiful sight to see so many Cavers immediately wear their t-shirt as they left the membership registration table. It was a proud moment for all. We are the San Diego High School Cavers!!!

As we have shared in the past, your Alumni Association provides funds to support student athletic programs (e.g. Girls Basketball Team, Boys Junior Varsity Badminton Team). Our Student Athletes are doing their best to represent San Diego High School. Win or lose, we are very proud of our Cavers.

GRATITUDE TO OUR CAVERS COMMUNITY

A huge "Thank you" to all of you...Alumni, family members and friends of San Diego High School for your generous monetary support. We appreciate the new members..."Welcome to your Alumni Association!" And to the members that have renewed their membership..."Thank you for your loyalty." We cannot maintain the Alumni Association's ongoing activities without your financial commitment. Lastly, as the year comes to an end, please consider giving a tax deductible donation of \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00 or more, so we can continue to assist

our Student Cavers...the Class of 2025 and beyond.

My friends, thank you for your love and support of San Diego High School. Go Cavers!!!



Gaspar Luna Oliveira, Class of 1968
First Vice President & Chair, Membership Committee

The SDHS Foundation, Inc. has experienced another extraordinary year supporting the Student Scholarships, Program Support & Staff needs this past year!

- Supported College-bound Caver Scholarships exceeded \$200,000 in new and renewable funding.
- Financed travel costs for the college visitation trip, sport teams competitions, and student travel to San Francisco for a Journalism Convention.
- Provided new sports lockers & PE equipment.
- Supplemented supplies for the SDHS Culinary Program, drama department, choir, and science classes.
- Assisted ASB in funding World's Faire, Winter Holiday Dance & Prom tickets.
- And much more!

Families & Alumni please consider supporting the SDHS Foundation, Inc. as we continue to support San Diego High School by contacting:

- 1) sandiegohsfoundation.com/donate
- 2) E. Rae Riner: rrplus5@yahoo.com
- 3) Klaus Mendenhall: kluasm@aol.com

SAN DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Thanks, Sharon Anderson and Family, for Generous Donation

The San Diego High School Alumni Association extends its heartfelt gratitude to Sharon Anderson '56 for her generous donation of \$1,000 to the newly established Coach Art Anderson Footlocker Account. This significant contribution marks the fund's inception, dedicated to honoring her late husband's legacy, Coach Art Anderson.

Art Anderson, a beloved San Diego High School community figure, was known for his unwavering support of youth sports and his commitment to fostering athletic opportunities for all students. The Art Anderson Footlocker fund will continue its legacy by providing financial assistance to help buy shoes for SDHS athletes in need starting in Fall 2024. Sharon's donation is a powerful testament to her dedication to her husband's memory and his passion for supporting young athletes.

The SDHS Alumni Association encourages other community members and Alumni to follow Sharon Anderson's inspiring example and contribute to Coach Art Anderson's Footlocker fund. Every donation, large or small, will help sustain and expand this account.

For more information about the Coach Art Anderson Footlocker Account or to donate, please visit the San Diego High School Alumni Association's website <https://sandiegohighschoolalumni.org/> or contact our office directly.

Once again, the San Diego High School Alumni Association thanks Sharon Anderson and her family for her generous and heartfelt donation. Her support ensures that her late husband Coach Anderson's legacy will continue inspiring and benefit future San Diego High School student-athletes. To donate to this account, send donations to the SDHS Alumni Association and note "Coach Art Anderson Footlocker Account" in the memo section.

For further inquiries or to open an account in the name of a family member to help San Diego High School students, please contact the San Diego High School Alumni Association. Remember, your yearly membership and donations are tax-deductible.

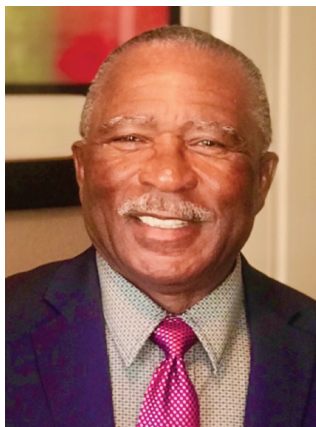
Congratulations to this year's SDHS Wall of Honor winners, Alyce Pipken-Allen '54, Charlie Brown '64, Chief Robert Osby '55, and Makeda "Dread" Cheatom '61. To read the bio for this year's winners, go to our website and click on the WOH tab.

Eddie Head '73
President



WALL OF HONOR

Charles Brown



Retired San Diego Unified School District Employer Outreach Specialist, School-To-Career Coordinator 2009

FAMILY:

*Wife: Jean Brown- Retired Administrator, San Diego Unified School District
*Children:
Shawn Brown-LabCorp Clinical Trials

Monitor

Charles Muhammad-Teacher San Diego County Department of Education (Juvenile Court and Community Schools-JCCS)
Kevin Brown-Personal Trainer, Founder/Owner KB Fast Camp Athletics
Charl Brown-Professional Actor/Entertainer
Grandchildren-15
Great-Grandchildren-8

EDUCATION:

*Glorietta Elementary School (no longer exists) 1st grade thru 1st- semester of 4th grade
*Stockton Elementary School- 2nd semester of 4th grade
Now King-Chavez Primary Academy Elementary School
*Logan Elementary School-5th- grade thru 1st semester of 6th grade
Now Logan Memorial Educational Campus
*Russel Elementary School-2nd semester of 6th grade (Los Angeles, CA)
*Memorial Junior High School-7th- 8th -9th grades
Now Logan Memorial Educational Campus
*San Diego High School-10th-11th-12th grades class of 1964
*San Diego Mesa Junior College-September 1964-January 1966
*Wichita State University (Sociology Major)-January 1966-May 1969
*National University: Bachelor of Science Degree: Behavior Science
*Chapman University:
California State Teacher Credential Program (secondary education)

EMPLOYMENT:

*California Department of Social Services:
Group Home Counselor/case manager for at risk youth
*National Biscuit Company (Nabisco)
Sales Representative
*Sears, Roebuck and Company:
Commercial Contract Sales Representative
Home Improvement Consultant
Outlet Store Assistant Manager
Senior Sales Representative

**San Diego Unified School District:
Youth Services Case Manager for At Risk
High School Students
Employer Outreach Specialist
School-To-Career Coordinator
School-To-Career Summer Internship
Program-Case Manager
Varsity Football Coach
Lincoln High School (assistant coach)
Crawford High School (assistant coach)
Morse High School (assistant head coach)*

HONORS, AWARDS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**San Diego High School:
Football-three (3) year letterman
Basketball-three (3) year letterman,
Team Captain (Senior Year)
Baseball three (3) year letterman*

**San Diego Mesa Junior College:
Lead Team and Conference in Scoring
(6th in nation) (Sophomore)
All Conference Football Team Selection
(Sophomore)
L. A. Times Junior College All American
Selection (Sophomore)*

**Wichita State University:
Athletic Scholarship
NCAA Football Defensive Player of the
Week
Selected Track and Field Co-Captain by
Team
Missouri Valley Conference Track and Field
Team Champions*

**Sears and Roebuck:
Regional Sales Representative of The
Quarter, (three (3) times)
Regional Sales Representative of the Year,
(Once)*

**San Diego Unified School District:
Created/Developed Partnership, with
Sharp HealthCare and San Diego
Workforce Partnership
Created Paid Internship, for School-To-
Career Program Students, "Mediversity,"
with U. S. Department of Education
Received "Key to The City"
Commendation, from Mayor Susan
Golding, for success of the School-To-
Career Program, "Mediversity"*

[Read full bio on Website](#)



Makeda "Dread" Cheatom

Makeda "Dread" Cheatom is San Diego's Cultural Ambassador, Founder and

Executive Director of WorldBeat Cultural Center in Balboa Park. She is also Director of Casa del Tunel Tijuana, a sister center for Arts and Culture for the Tijuana, Mexico community.

As a Cultural Anthropology Major and an Ethno-Musicologist she has produced music from Africa, Jamaica, Mexico, Chile, Puerto Rico, Cuba and more. In 1971, she opened the first vegetarian restaurant in San Diego, the world-famous, Prophet Vegetarian Restaurant. She later met Bob Marley and began her music career as a promoter and soon after she established the first live reggae venue, the Adams Ave Theatre in 1984 and in 1985 she opened up a world music venue on Hancock Ave, WorldBeat Center.

In 1989, she established a cultural center in Balboa Park, WorldBeat Cultural Center which celebrates all cultures and spreads the message of peace in the San Diego community through music, art, dance and culture.

Makeda uses WorldBeat Center as a means to empower the community with messages of health, sustainability, spirituality, self-healing and culture through technology including live broadcasting using social media and her television show, "WorldBeat Live". Makeda knows the significance of celebrating and preserving the history of her ancestors and has created a number of annual events including Martin Luther King Day Celebration (35 years), Multi-Cultural Earth Day (32 years), Tribute to the Reggae Legends (43 years) and Kwanzaa Celebration (43 years). For over 30 years Makeda has hosted her own radio show, Reggae Makossa where she's spread the message of unity and self-liberation through reggae music and history. Reggae Makossa has aired on Magic 92.5, 91x, and IMER Fusion. Her numerous awards include: Channel 10 Leadership Award, San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame as a Cultural Competent Bridge Builder, was named "San Diego Trailblazer" by the African American

Heritage Foundation. and recently Barrio Station has selected her as the honoree of the “Cesar E Chavez Humanitarian Award”.

Makeda believes music, art, dance and culture will heal the world.



Alyce Pipkin-Allen

Alyce Pipkin-Allen was born in Mississippi and moved to San Diego with her military family after living on several military bases throughout California and Washington State.

Once here, she attended Memorial Jr. High School, San Diego High School, Kelsey-Jenney Business College, and San Diego State College.

Alyce, now retired, served as a human resource professional with the County of San Diego's Human Resources department for over 20 years. Before joining the County, she worked in Southeast San Diego communities for several on-the-job training contracts with the Neighborhood House Association, the Black Federation, the Community Health Services Inc. (a Model City project), and the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF). She also volunteered at the Welfare Rights Organization for several years.

With few exceptions, she has dedicated her entire adult life to public and community service. She is committed to promoting the power of the Vote and Black Women as leaders, elected officials, and political staffers. This advocacy is activated through organizing, educating, and mobilizing the Black community on important issues throughout the city, County, state, and national levels.

She is in awe of the Millennials and Gen Zs and has founded an intergenerational organization to tap into their power – The Black and African Women Rise Democratic Club (BAWR).

She is active in the County of San Diego's Democratic party as the Founder and Co-President of BAWR, the Democratic Woman's Club, and the Dems for Equality. In addition, during her term as the Vice Chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Democratic Club, she helped to reinvigorate and rebuild the Club into a

preeminent San Diego Club whose endorsement was sought by local and statewide candidates. As a result, the Club has grown and is still a force today.

Alyce is a member of several statewide organizations with missions that align with hers - the Power of the Vote (Democracy), Economic Security (good jobs), Education Equity (better schools), Black Lives Matter (police accountability), Health Equity (eliminating barriers to wellness for Black women and girls), and the power of Black Women (when we do well, everyone thrives).

[Read full bio on Website](#)



Robert Osby

EDUCATION:

San Diego HS 1955
Education – 1970 AA Fire Science San Diego Junior College
1985 – Redlands University, BA in Management
John F. Kennedy School

of Government at Harvard University

EMPLOYMENT:

- 1955-1958, San Diego Parks and Recreation Department Board
- 1958-1959, United States Postal Service
- San Diego Fire Department 1959 –1979
- Inglewood Fire Chief 1979 – 1985
- San Jose Fire Chief 1985 – 2002
- San Diego Fire Chief 1992 – 2002
- Oceanside Fire Chief 2002 – 2005
- Director Deer Springs Fire Protection District 2005 – 2013(Elected Position)
- Honorable Served, National Guard 1961 – 1972 (2nd Lieutenant)
- Formed Brothers United 1972
- Active and Board Positions in Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, International Association of Black Professional Firefighters
- Numerous Speaking, Teaching Engagements
Lifetime Teaching Credential – California Community College System

HOBBIES:

Fishing, Landscaping

Gone but not forgotten

View a full list at: <https://bit.ly/2QbHwjY>

NAME	LAST	CLASS YEAR	DATE DECEASED	MEMBER?
David L	Biggs	1957		
Richard E	Brown		5/21/2024	
Joseph	Castagnola	1946	7/19/2024	
Lorraine Helen "Lori"	Cook Berard	1956	5/17/2024	
Felisa "Tinky"	Delao Anderson	1968	9/2/2021	
Barbara "Babs" A	DePhilippis	1957		
Joseph M	Doogan	1957		
Rita Ann	Drozdz	1957		
Jerri Ann	Ely	1957		
James	Eucce	1964	1/1/2020	
Harold E	Graves	1957		
Sylvia J	Hauser	1957		
Humberto "Bert"	Hernandez	1957		
Judy G.	Hotchkiss	1957		
Clifford A	Lindroth	1954		
Anne Penny	Madruga Graham	1957	1/24/2017	
James Samuel "Jim"	Marinos	1947	3/7/2024	
Maurice M	Martinez	1957		
Oliver	McKinney	1960	4/27/2024	
Robert E	Noble	1942	10/19/2021	
Joe A	Perez	1957		
Athalie E	Robbins	1957		
Ruben V	Sandoval	1967	4/8/2024	
Johnny L	Serrano	1957		
Judith A	Shablak	1957		
Beverly J	Sheean	1957		
Jeanette M	Sinegal	1957		
Philip "Phil"	Singleton	1968	1/9/2024	
Kian L	Sly	1990		
Carlyn G	Smith	1957		
Robert G	Staton	1957		
Kari E	Steen	1957		
Glen D	Szollosi (Sollosy)	1957		
Annette	Tynes	1957		
John P	Upham	1957		
Pamela	Valenzuela	1992	4/9/2024	
John James	Velasco	1968	8/20/2022	
Leona R	Wade	1957		

