

San Diego High School Alumni Association
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NAME	LAST	CLASS YEAR	DATE DECEASED
Mary	Abrams Sare	1957	11/1/2022
Joann	Dubber Crummey	1957	4/3/2023
William A.	Francisco	1957	11/14/2022
Dr. Steven H.	Gale	1958	2/12/2023
Robert L.	Green	1957	8/15/1990
Manuel 'Manny'	Guaderrama	1957	7/6/2023
George	Guevara	1967	6/3/2023
Ann Marie	Hopkins Carson	1962	4/15/2023
Wayne D.	Ihrig	1958	3/26/2023
Ada Jean	Johnson Edwards	1960	Mar-23
Robert D.	Krotzer	1966	
Patricia	Naranjo Garcia	1962	5/21/2023
Joyce M	Novotny-Simon	1944	4/29/2023
Mary Ellen	Ortega Lieres	1962	5/25/2023
Neal	Petties	1958	6/6/2023
Michael J	Rogers	1957	8/10/2022
Ricardo 'Ralph'	Ruybalid	1957	6/14/2014
Dennean 'De'	Thompson Saathoff	1957	6/29/2023
David	Thurman	1957	5/10/2022
Carl R	Timms	1957	
Fidencia T	Villar		
Jack	Zolezzi	1944	





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where do I start? I know Tradition

When I talk with SDHS alumni from the class prior to 1974, they first say, "I miss the Old Gray Castle." It is always touching when alumni say this. Now the SDHS alumni from the mid-'70s until 2023 will say they miss their version of the Gray Castle in years to come. SDHS building may change, but the memories at SDHS (first day, freshmen or sophomore year, first classes or your teachers, sports you participated in, first girlfriend and those that came afterward, school clubs you were involved in, being a Sergeant, Varsity or JV Cheerleaders, no matter what year you graduated, those memories stay with you. The SDHS traditions are essential in keeping the SDHS spirit alive for future generations attending SDHS in the next 100 years. No matter how SDHS buildings change, the memories you share with the next generations will keep the tradition and spirit of SDHS forever. Once the traditions and colors of SDHS change, it is hard to go back! Do not let the 100-plus years of traditions and school colors of SDHS change.

Say it loud and proud, "SDHS Cavers for Ever, Once a Caver, Always a Caver, SDHS Caver Nation."

Modernization has started at SDHS.

Yes, it has started. Please go to our website <https://sandiegohighschoolalumni.org> and click on the SDHS News 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.

First State CIF Football Championship Season 2018

The first CIF State Football Championship in school history was in 2018. Yes, five years ago. The SDHS Alumni Association would like to thank the players and the coaches from that team for adding to the history of SDHS. Honestly, this was the first CIF State Championship because back in 1955, there was no State CIF, but our Cavers were named the 1955 Nation Champions. To list all the players and coaches from that team would take up the rest of the space they allow for the President's message. There is a banner that lists all the players and coaches from that championship team that is supposed to hang in the gym next to the Nation Championship banner. However, as of this message, that banner and the updated championships years for other sports are not updated. We hope the school can have them all updated before SDHS Alumni Association's Annual All-Class Homecoming this year on October 21st.

SDHS Alumni Association Wall of Honor

Congratulations to this year's SDHS Alumni Association Wall of Honor winners. Hershal Clady '59, Ronald A. Nix '66, Johnny Ritchey '42, and William "Bud" Archer '53. The Alumni Association honors those who showed leadership in their public and private sector careers, military service, and community activities. To see the full bio for this year's winners, visit our website <https://sandiegohighschoolalumni.org/>.

Change in Tax Status of the SDHS Alumni Association.

Well, it is official, the SDHS Alumni Association is a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt organization. How did this happen? Over the years, the Alumni Association was always told it was only a 501 (c) 4 type of organization. The Board of

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Continued

Directors voted to look into the organization's status with the IRS and formed a committee to investigate the matter. The committee comprised 1st VP Gaspr Oliveira, Alumni Association Historian Yvette Porter Moore, CFO Andrea Sierra, and myself. After some research and digging, the committee found the original Articles of Incorporation for the Alumni Association. With the approval from the Board of Directors, we solicited help from the law firm of Higgs, Fletcher & Mack LLP. Gaspar became the contact person and took the lead with the law firm. After their initial review, they worked with Gaspar and Andrea to confirm the status of the SDHS Alumni



Association with the IRS. We receive a letter from the IRS confirming our status as a 501 (c) 3 organization. What does that mean to our members, donors, and friends of the SDHS Alumni Association? Your continuous membership and donations for 2023 and beyond can now be taken off your taxes. If you have read some of our past reports, the donations helped with the operating cost of the association, newsletter, and special events like the SDHS Alumni Association Day with the Padres. It also helps us keep the memory of SDHS alive and helps fund the activities of the students. Over the past few years, we have helped the SDHS Varsity & Jr. Varsity Cheerleaders buy new uniforms. We helped to buy the Championship rings for the Boy Varsity Basketball team. We received a request for new uniforms for the Girl Varsity Basketball team for this upcoming school year. We received another request for this upcoming school year from Varsity and Jr. Varsity Cheerleaders.

We will continue to send out membership renewals; consider sending additional donations monthly, quarterly, and yearly; it is a win-win for the students and you.

"Go Cavers"
Eddie



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FALL NEWSLETTER 2023

A WORD OF CAUTION TO ALL CAVERS

It has come to our attention that there is an online website that indicates it is the SDHS ALUMNI. It is charging Caver graduates a membership fee and it states it will inform Cavers about Reunion information. This online organization is NOT affiliated with San Diego High School, the San Diego High School Alumni Association or any other San Diego High School entity. To our knowledge, it is an online private company. We do NOT have any contact with this private business organization. If you wish to donate funds to support the San Diego High School Alumni Association, Student scholarships, Student academic and athletic programs and activities, please let us know. Our website is: sandiegohighschoolalumni.org or you can call our office: 619-560-4610, extension 3349 for more information.

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

On July 9, 2023, the Alumni Association held its annual "Cavers at the Padres Game" at Petco Park. This year we sold out our sixty (60) tickets within three-days of availability (about 60-days prior to game day). Wow! And as for the Padres, they defeated the New York Mets: Padres - 6, NY Mets - 2. It was a great game to cheer on the "Pads." As in previous years, we had a cross-section of Cavers from many class years (e.g., 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s). It was a great celebration of Caver Spirit! Thank you, Cavers, family and friends, for attending the game and supporting your Alumni Association. I have been contacted by Cavers that were not able to buy tickets because we sold out early. Please note that I will be maintaining a list of Cavers that wish to attend next year's game. My contact information is - Email: gasparlunaoliveira@gmail.com & Cell Number: 619-548-4793. Thanks for your patience and cooperation.

STUDENT & CAMPUS SUPPORT

On the evening of June 14, 2023, over 400 Cavers graduated. The Graduation Ceremony was held at historic Balboa Stadium. On June 15, 2023, the Alumni Association hosted the annual "Senior Graduates Breakfast." The graduates also returned their caps and gowns, picked up their diplomas and

joined the Alumni Association. We registered 317 Cavers as new members. Yaaay! In appreciation for joining, we awarded every new member a San Diego High School Alumni Association T-shirt. Many of the graduates chose to immediately wear the SDHS Alumni Association T-shirt as they left our registration tables. It was a proud moment for all. Go Cavers!

As we reported in a previous newsletter, the San Diego High School Alumni Association provides funds to support campus activities. Last Fall 2022, we were able to provide San Diego High School a new "John Deere Gator." The Gator is a utility/transport vehicle that has been used by many athletic programs (e.g., football team). We are proud to have partnered with the San Diego High School Foundation to purchase "the Gator." Please look for it being used by Cavers Teams when you attend future Caver Athletic events.

This Fall 2022, we anticipate supporting our athletic teams (e.g., Girls Basketball Team) with funds to help purchase uniforms and equipment for our Caver athletes. In previous years, we have supported many student activities (e.g., the Caver Cheerleaders, Band and the Football Team) with funds to provide equipment and uniforms. With your financial support, we will continue to provide student and campus support.

GRATITUDE TO OUR CAVERS COMMUNITY

A big "Thank you" to all of you...Cavers, family members and friends of San Diego High School for your monetary generosity. We appreciate the new members that have joined the Cavers family. To you we say, "Welcome!" Also, we are very grateful to all of the Cavers that have renewed their membership. We could not maintain the Alumni Association ongoing activities without your financial commitment. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so. And, if you can, please donate \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 or more, so we can continue to assist our Student Cavers...the Class of 2024 and beyond.

Thank you for your loyalty to San Diego High School, in general; the Alumni Association, in particular. You are greatly appreciated!

We welcome your love and continued financial support of San Diego High School. Go Cavers!!!

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

SAN DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC.

The San Diego High School Foundation welcomes all Cavers and Caver families back to San Diego High School! Our best wishes for a productive and successful school year!

This past school year, The SDHS Foundation was able to offer support to our students in several different ways. In addition to \$150,000 in new(65) and renewable (19) Scholarships, we offered financial support to the following clubs and organizations, athletics and teacher requests:

badminton, soccer, wrestling, track and field and 'logos' for newly refurbished weight room. Joined with the Alumni Association to purchase a 'multi use vehicle' for the campus, purchased dozens of ink printer cartridges and (25) blood trauma kits with grant monies.

Financed the purchase of a class set of U.S. History books, end of year field trips for Special Ed. Seniors and Visual Arts class, provided \$30 gift cards for all staff on Appreciation Day, provided sports physicals scholarships for student athletes and financed the stage for senior Graduation, (15) senior yearbooks, and various senior activities and school wide 'Worlds Faire.'

This is only a partial listing (\$49,400) of the ways in which the SDHS Foundation continues, with the support of a volunteer Board of Trustees, to provide much needed support. We appreciate and thank all who have sent donations and/or provided Grants to our students!

The Foundation is a tax deductible I.R.S. 501 (c) 3 non profit corporation; please consider making a tax free donation by going on line to our website:sandiegohsfoundation.com and you may also contact our Treasurer, Klaus Mendenhall (kluasm@aol.com) or President, Rae Riner rrplus5@yahoo.com.



HOW DID THE CAVER MASCOT EVOLVE AS WE KNOW IT?

IT STARTED BACK IN THE 1900's:



1919



1960



1970's



1990's



Current

WALL OF HONOR

Deborah Nix Malbrough '73

Chairperson for the Wall of Honor

Greetings fellow alumni,

It is my honor to present to you the 2022-2023 Wall of Honor inductees.



Hershel Clady

Class of 1959

Hershel Clady attended San Diego High School shortly after his family relocated to San Diego from Memphis, Tennessee. He joined the Air Force in 1961 and was stationed in Kokomo, IN. After his military service he relocated

to Los Angeles in 1969 and later applied and was hired by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Over the next seven years Hershel became the first African-American promoted to Fire Engineer and Fire Captain of Los Angeles County's history. He was later promoted to Battalion Chief in 1987 and achieved the rank of Assistant Fire Chief in 1993. Throughout his successful career, Hershel championed the fight for equal rights of African-Americans and other people of color against biased employment exams and physical tests not only in Los Angeles County, where he took such cases to the U. S. Supreme Court, but throughout the nation.

Another historical moment occurred when President George H. W. Bush, specifically called out to meet Assistant Chief Clady upon his visit to Los Angeles after the L. A. Riots.

Hershel Clady dedicated his career to improving public and fire safety standards. He also particularly addressed the underrepresentation of African-American women, and served as a mentor in their recruitment, training and career development. Hershel enjoyed attending Clady Family reunions and hosting Labor Day gatherings. Upon retirement Hershel was an Avid golfer, traveling to tournaments and winning various trophies. Hershel served as an officer and member of various boards and associations and received many awards and accolades from the community during his 31-year public service career. Some of his achievements include:

- Regional Director, International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters
- Member, International Association of Fire Chiefs
- Past President, Stentorians of Los Angeles County
- Board Member, Black County Employees Association
- National Douglass Alumni Association
- Member, Black Chief Officers Association
- Board Member, Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute
- Co-Founder of Professional Black Professional Female FireFighters of Southern California
- Board member, Gwen Bolden Foundation
- Past President, Chester Washington Golf Club
- Los Angeles Firefighter of the Year

Hershel Clady (August 1941-January 2023)



Ron Nix

Class of 1964

Ron Nix, born in 1948 in Pensacola, Florida, raised in San Diego, California. I am married with 3 children. I attended Logan Elementary, Memorial Jr High and San Diego High School 1964. I played football my Sophomore, Junior, and

Senior years 1963 thru 1965.

In 1965 I took 3rd place CIF Championship Wrestling and my senior year 1966 I took first place CIF Championship. In 1966 as a sophomore while attending San Diego City College I made the All American Teen as an Offensive Guard in Football. I also received an honorable mention All American at the University of Las Vegas. As a senior I was named the MVP in football and the first to be placed in the Hall of Fame.

I graduated from UNLV in 1968. After graduating I became a special education teacher at Western High School and also served as a Wrestling Coach assistant. For 28 years I taught Physical Education, special education football coach and coached for the Track and Field program at Chaparral High School. After retiring, I was involved in the Las Vegas Alliance Black Educators, where I helped promote better education for all students.

I taught many subjects and coached many areas during my tenure as a teacher/coach. Now I am 75 years old, I like to fish and lift light weights and enjoy my time with my wife, children and grandchildren.

William “Bud” Anton Winchester

May 11, 1923 ~ November 27, 2018 -San Diego



Bud, as he was known to all, was a fun-loving, kindhearted, gentle giant but was never considered a push-over as he stood up for the truth in all things. Even though he was born at Fort Lewis, Washington, where his father was stationed as a soldier in the U.S. Army finishing his WWI service, the

whole family returned home to San Diego when Bud was just 8 weeks old. His parents were Arleigh and Signa Winchester of San Diego where his Dad was employed by the San Diego Police Department as a Motorcycle Officer. Bud was the 2nd of 5 children.

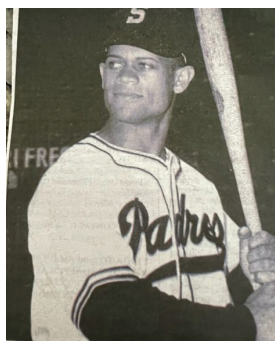
Bud attended Encanto Elementary School, Memorial Junior High and then San Diego High School. During High School he was to graduate but the call of War ate at him so the day after Pearl Harbor he tried to

enlist in the Navy but was rejected as he was color blind. He decided to go into the Army and was assigned to the U.S. Army Corps 2759th Combat Engineers, Company B. He was sent to Europe as part of the European Theater of Operations. Bud was promoted to Sergeant right away as the Army saw the potential in him as a leader and the ability to be able to communicate with all the men no matter of their race, color or creed. He was part of the 3rd Wave of Omaha Beach clearing the way for the Army and the Marines to invade. He went on to build Pontoon bridges throughout Europe and suffered daily bombing attacks. He was in the middle of the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne – surrounded by the enemy - but lived to tell about it. Keeping his men in good spirits throughout the war was his goal and they all attributed their surviving the war to his positive attitude. May I remind you that during this time Bud was just out of High School leading men in war at the young age of 18.

[Read full bio on Website](#)

John Ritchey

Class of '42



John Ritchey was born in San Diego, California, on January 5, 1923. John attended public schools in San Diego, including San Diego High School, from 1938-1942.

John Ritchey passed away in January 2003. After retiring from baseball, John volunteered to coach Boys Little League

Baseball teams in San Diego.

After completing a year at SDSU, John enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943. He served in World War II in the Engineer Corps at Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, and in the Philippines, working his way from private to staff sergeant. On April 17, 2023, the Padres with the Masons of California and Reality Changers presented Johnny Ritchey scholarship awards to ten senior high school students. The purpose of the Johnny Ritchey Scholarship Program is to allow deserving students in San Diego County to have an opportunity to attend college.

On April 14, 2023, a mural of John was unveiled at SDHS near the new SDHS baseball field. On February 21, 2017, John was inducted into the Breitbard Hall of Fame. He was given this award at the 71st Annual “Salute to the Champions.” In 2013, the Padres honored John with a bronze bust displayed at the PCL Bar & Grill at PetCo Park from 2013-2022. His bust is now displayed in the Western Metal Building at Petco Park. The bust is one of three Padre players displayed as a bust/statue at PetCo Park.

[Read full bio on Website](#)