
Burbank High Athletic Hall of Fame 2016

1. **Dave Thomson** Distinguished Achievement Award Winner, Dave has long been considered one of the best teachers at BHS. Earning many teacher of the year awards from various organizations. He was the driving force behind the Centennial Celebration and the Editor of the Centennial Book. He was the head coach of the boys' soccer team when it reached the quarterfinals in 1990. He was long time Key Club advisor and currently advisor for FCA.
2. **Cesar Zepeda** ('86) In Cesar's senior year he was the CIF offensive MVP, Leading the soccer team to its only CIF final appearance. He was first team all CIF twice, all league three times, League MVP. He scored 33 goals his senior year.
3. **Steve Shafer** ('59) Football and Track, 2x all league football. Went on to be an All American at Utah St. Coached in the NFL for 35 years. 2008 was the defensive coordinator of the World champion Ravens. Leading a defense that only gave up 65 points that year. Utah State
4. **Barbara Browning** ('60) Since girls didn't play in CIF, Barbara played in the USTA where she was Ranked #4 singles player in the United States and ranked 2nd in the state of California behind her doubles team partner Billie Jean King. Barbara represented the United States as a member of the Wrightman Cup. University of Los Angeles.
5. **Brian Gaddy** ('62) Basketball and Golf, 3 year varsity player in both sports. Broke many of his own scoring records in basketball. Three time undefeated Foothill league champion golfer. After graduation from college continued his golfing career as a successful amateur which included winning the Southern California Golf Association title. This tournament is the longest continuous running amateur golf tournament. University of Southern California.
6. **Lon Simmons** ('40) Played baseball and football while at Burbank High School. He was also involved with the yearbook and school newspaper. He was an all-league pitcher. Went onto Glendale College to play baseball. After serving in the coast guard he pitched in the Phillies minor league teams. He was the long time announcer for the San Francisco Giants and 49'ers. Lon won the Ford C. Frick Award for baseball broadcasting which is part of the baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown.
7. **Spencer Hess** ('86) Up to date is our last individual CIF swim champion, where he was the AAA 100 butterfly champion with the time of 50.46. Held the Foothill 100 butterfly record for 24 years. Multiple league champion. Also played water polo for BHS. University of Iowa.
8. **Jeff White** ('61) Football and Track, Jeff up to date is still the school's 400 meter track record holder. Where he place third in CIF. He went on to play football at Texas Tech from where he was drafted by the Green Bay Packers. While at Texas Tech he played in the 1964 Sun Bowl and the 1965 Gator Bowl. Texas Tech.
9. **Nena Manriquez** ('82) One of the best runners in BHS history, current record holder in the 800 and 3200 races. Despite being our best runner Nena also had time to letter in Basketball and Tennis. Went onto Cal State Northridge where she was 4x all American and still is in many top ten categories. Cal State Northridge.
10. **Fred Cook** Teacher, Coach and athletic director, During his 15 year tenure as athletic director he was the driving force behind many activities including: the beginning the athletic hall of fame, the Centennial Celebration, keeping track of the school's athletic history, began the all-league party, and build positive relationships with the alumni.

1970 CIF Champion Cross Country Team which included: Mark Kushner, Craig Whatcott, Rex Bowlby, Rich Bax, Ed Birrer, Bob Gardina, Scott Schweitzer.

1971 "B" CIF champion swim team which included: Rex Parson, Jeff Ross, Marc Kelly, and Chris Gibson.