In Memory of David Bliss

The recently completed football season marked the 50th anniversary of the death of Dave Bliss, starting linebacker on the CSM football team. Dave succumbed to a catastrophic injury that occurred on September 23, 1967 during a football game against Santa Monica College that was played at Burlingame High School. Dave is warmly remembered by his many friends.
College of San Mateo Athletics  
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
Friday, February 9, 2018

4:00 pm . . . . Unveiling Ceremony . . . . . . . . . Hall of Fame Plaza
4:45 pm . . . . No Host Cocktails . . . . . . . . . Bayview Dining Room, College Center
6:00 pm . . . . Dinner/Induction Ceremony . . . . . . . . Bayview Dining Room, College Center

**Inductees:**

- Mario Ballestrasse
- Leigh Gullette
- Cindy Pacheco
- Steve Bissett
- Kevin Marks
- Andrea Pappas Ausmus
- Burt Blackwell
- Jon Miller
- Tony Plummer
- Julian Edelman
- James Moblad
- Jennifer Ruff
- Al Gaspard
- Mike Mooney
- Owney Williams
- Sal Genilla
- Al Namanny
- Don Gray
- Dennis O’Brien

**Gary Dilley - Master of Ceremonies**

Gary Dilley attended College of San Mateo from 1966-1968 after graduating from Menlo-Atherton High School. He was a member of the CSM basketball team, coached by Hall of Famer Jack Avina and a member of the CSM track and field team. He earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of California at Santa Barbara where he also participated in track and field.

Gary began his career in teaching in 1971 at Half Moon Bay High School where he taught American government and history. He also coached a total of 27 seasons in the sports of basketball, football and track and field during his 17 years on the Coastside; he served as the high school’s athletic director for 13 years.

He joined the CSM administration in 1988 after earning a graduate degree in public administration and served as the dean of physical education/athletics and dance until his retirement in 2006.

Gary was a founding member and past-president of the Northern California Football Association and a member of the Management Council of the State Community College Athletic Association.

Gary was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award upon retirement. He returned to formal duty in the fall semester, 2013, to serve as the interim vice-president of instruction. Gary's son, Adrian, also a graduate of CSM and UCSB, was a California community college track and field finalist in two events.

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Thanks to the 2018 Hall of Fame Selection Committee:  
Gary Dilley, Fred Baer, Rich Statler, Rob Dean, Hugh Loveless, Larry Owens
A message from Mike Claire  
*President, College of San Mateo*

On behalf of College of San Mateo, I welcome you to CSM’s Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The Bulldog Hall of Fame permanently honors the outstanding accomplishments of our student athletes, coaches and members of our Bulldog family that have made significant contributions to the athletic program. As you will hear at tonight’s event, the achievements of this class of inductees are truly remarkable.

The Hall of Fame ceremony is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our storied athletic and academic values and culture. Tonight’s inductees helped build the wonderful legacy that is College of San Mateo and I congratulate each of them. We are privileged to celebrate their success.

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A message from Andreas R. Wolf  
*Athletic Director, College of San Mateo*

It is with great privilege and honor that we present for induction the 2018 class of College of San Mateo’s Athletics Hall of Fame. This distinguished class of inductees have graced the storied history of our athletic program, with many of them achieving athletic accolades from professional to Olympic participation.

Some simply achieved their athletic success while here at College of San Mateo, and others were nominated for their outstanding contributions to the athletic program. Regardless of their paths, they all have made their mark on the institution and we are honored to call them “family.”

Ultimately, the beauty of the community college system is that it provides a platform for those who strive to meet the challenges they encounter in life. Cycling through 90-plus years of history to select this distinguished class has been no easy feat, and we owe a great deal of gratitude to the selection committee members; Gary Dilley, Fred Baer, Rich Statler, Rob Dean, Hugh Loveless, and Larry Owens who spent countless hours selecting the inductees and planning the event.

Additionally, planning a ceremony of this magnitude requires the assistance of a team who has worked graciously to ensure the presentation of a first-class event; Rich Rojo, Dave McLain and the Marketing Department, Michele Rudovsky and the Facilities Department, Rob Dean and the Public Safety Office, and special thanks to our division assistant Jacqueline Pigozzi who took on the lion’s share of coordinating this event.

Thanks also to our current distinguished coaching staff who has worked behind the scenes to support this event. Our executive administration, Mike Claire, Sandra Stephani Comerford, Jan Roecks, Kim Perez, and Chancellor of San Mateo County Community College District Ron Galatolo are acknowledged for their continued support of CSM’s athletic program.

Finally, on behalf of all of the coaches and student-athletes I want to publicly acknowledge the faculty at College of San Mateo for preparing our young men and women for the academic challenges they have faced—without your dedication, support, and encouragement, their success could not be possible. Special thanks go to Teeka James and Anne Stafford for their contributions to the Writing in the End Zone Learning Community.

On behalf of the Athletic Department, we proudly present the class of 2018, and humbly recognize, “We stand on the shoulders of those that came before us.”
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Al Gaspard

Football, 1975–76

Al Gaspard was born in San Francisco but grew up in Daly City at a time when high school athletics was in a golden age. The North Peninsula Athletic League was highly competitive in every sport and Al Gaspard was a busy guy at Jefferson High School. Between 1971 and 1974 he played football and was named All-NPL, track and field and wrestling.

By the time Al arrived at College Heights he narrowed his focus to football and a good decision it was. In 1975 Al was named to the second team, All-Golden Gate Conference which was one of the toughest conferences in the state. In his second year Al was named to the first team, All-Golden Gate Conference team and to the All-State team. Al was CSM’s most valuable lineman.

Brigham Young University offered an athletic scholarship to Al and so he traded Daly City fog for the beauty for Provo, Utah. Al became just the third African-American to play football at BYU. Another Bulldog football player was recruited at the same time by “The Y,” Bill Ring. In the 1977 and 1978 seasons Al saw a lot of action for the Cougars. In addition to blocking at his left tackle position for fullback Ring, Al was protecting BYU’s outstanding quarterbacks Marc Wilson, Gifford Nielson, and Jim McMahon. The BYU Cougars enjoyed two straight 9-win seasons and Al Gaspard was honored by being named All-Western Athletic Conference first team and Honorable Mention All-American by the Associated Press.

Al Gaspard passed away far too early. His Hall of Fame Bulldog award is presented to his sister, Dayna Gaspard who attended all of the games Al played in for the Bulldogs.
Dennis O’Brien

Men’s Basketball, 1964–65

Following an outstanding high school career at Sacred Heart in San Francisco, Dennis O’Brien made an immediate impact on College of San Mateo basketball in the 1964-65 season. Leading the Bulldogs through a 17-11 campaign, he set the CSM single season scoring record of 609 points in 28 games, with an average of 21.8 points per game, the first time a San Mateo player had averaged over 20 points for a full season and that was before the 3-point line had been implemented. The former record had stood for 15 years. It was in 1949-50 that CSM Hall of Famer Bob “Big Pete” Peterson had scored 531 points in 31 games, a 17.1 average. (Peterson was San Mateo County’s first NBA player.)

Dennis O’Brien was also the leading scorer in the Golden Gate Conference, named to the all GGC first team as well as being honored as the conference’s most valuable player and first team all-state.

CSM Hall of Fame coach, Jack Avina, called O’Brien the best player he had yet coached. O’Brien’s daughter, Camille Sipe, wrote, “He was never a bragger and rarely talked about his college days but I do remember him sharing with me that he had so much love and respect for his coach, Jack Avina.”

Dennis accepted an athletic scholarship to Utah State University, where he continued his basketball career for the Aggies. Dennis later worked in law enforcement and security in Idaho. He succumbed to a staph infection in 2009. His passions were racquetball, where he was a 2-time senior national champion, and also motorcycles—along with his five grandchildren.

His younger brother Terry followed Dennis to CSM and also excelled on the hardcourt, leading to an athletic scholarship to Santa Clara University. Terry was a member of three nationally top-ranked teams at Santa Clara.
Kevin Marks

Track and Field, 1988–89

Kevin Marks was a big kid who had large ambitions—to throw the shot and discus far enough to win a state championship. Kevin attended Nevada Union High where he was a section champ and finished in the top 10 in the State meet.

As a freshman at CSM, he came close to winning a state championship when he finished with a third in the shot at 52-4 and a sixth in the discus at 148-10. He was named the Bulldogs’ outstanding field event competitor for the 1988 season.

Kevin greatly improved in his second season under throws coach Mike Lewis and became Coach Mike’s first double-state champion. Kevin placed first in both the shot and the discus to claim two gold medals. His throw in the shot was 57-5 1/4, more than five feet better than the previous year. His discus throw of 169-4 was more than 20 feet better! Kevin was named Team Captain and the Outstanding Field Athlete on the men’s team.

Kevin’s efforts were only part of a successful state meet for the Bulldogs. Head coach Bob Rush basked in the glow of the six first place finishes claimed by the combined women’s and men’s team in the 1989 State Championship meet.

Regarding the most significant person in Kevin’s development, he stated “Mike Lewis was the number one person. He invested so much time to our small group of throwers. We were a family. This was something I truly missed moving on.” Kevin transferred to the University of Washington on a full scholarship. He continues to live in Washington State.
Jennifer Ruff

Track and Field, 1988–89

Jennifer Ruff accomplished what eludes most community college athletes, she won an individual State Championship, not once but twice.

In 1987 Jennifer graduated from Sequoia High School and like some other very talented track and field female athletes, she enrolled at CSM and began work that led her to the state crown in the discus in 1988. During the course of that year, Jennifer set the CSM record seven times. Her winning State meet toss of 145 feet proved to be a new personal best and another CSM college record. She finished 6th in the shot put. The Lady Bulldogs placed 8th in the team scoring.

Returning for a second season in 1989, Jennifer continued to improve. In the State Championships contested at Fresno City College, Jennifer won her specialty, the discus with another CSM record of 149’6”. She also placed fifth in the shot put. Along with other Bulldog state champions and CSM Hall of Fame members Chris Diehl and Nicole Carroll, the Lady Bulldogs finished second in the team scoring. That is the highest ever state finish for a CSM track and field team.

Jennifer’s throwing success led to an athletic scholarship to Boise State University where she earned All-Academic and All-Conference honors for her performance both on the field and in the classroom. With a degree in psychology, Jennifer faces both her biggest challenge and proudest accomplishment—raising her daughter and son.

Jennifer’s throwing career at CSM gave her some of her favorite memories: traveling to the state meet with her teammates and Coach Lewis; training every day; being treated to great lunches by team manager Larry Chin; being supported by parents Mickey and Ken, who drove the motorhome to every meet. Jennifer’s fondest memory is of her time being coached by Mike Lewis.
Allan Namanny

Football, 1966-67

Allan Namanny may have been known primarily as an outstanding linebacker at Jefferson High School, where he lettered eleven times in three sports, but at CSM he became an All-American fullback. Al's first season in College Heights Stadium was fantastic. He rushed for 817 yards, second most among Golden Gate Conference backs, was named First Team All-Golden Gate Conference and Most Valuable Player on the Bulldog squad.

Al's second season, 1967, was even better. Not only did he repeat as team MVP, he was the only unanimous selection to the All-Conference team and won the Murius McFadden Memorial award as the most valuable player in the Golden Gate Conference. In the conference game against San Jose City College, he scored 20 points in one quarter. He ran over opponents in route to his record setting season. In two GGC seasons of seven conference games, Al rushed for 1,443 yards. In his 18 game CSM career, he carried the ball for 1,713 yards, scored 140 points on 23 touchdowns and one point after.

CSM coach Stu Carter said Namanny was "one of the best blockers I've ever had in 20 years of coaching; head coach Cliff Giffin said Al was his best back in his 10 years at CSM. Al's dominance as a ball-carrier and physical toughness earned him an athletic scholarship at the University of the Pacific where he joined CSM teammates Mickey Ackley and Tony Plummer in the backfield under Tiger coach Doug Scovil who was head coach at CSM before leaving for Pacific. Scovil and Plummer are also CSM Hall of Fame inductees.

Al's performance for the UOP Tigers was equally impressive as his efforts as a Bulldog. In two seasons, he carried the ball 252 times for 1,050 yards and caught 27 passes for another 292 yards. He was named to the Pacific Coast Athletic Association First-Team and Honorable Mention All-American. Al was signed by the 49er's and then the Edmonton Eskimos where he saw action for one season.
Tony Plummer

Football, 1965-1966

Tony Plummer was an outstanding defensive back on the CSM Bulldog football team. From the moment he stepped on to the football field the coaches knew that they had a team leader. His infectious smile and positive energy set him apart from the crowd—and those qualities coupled with his tremendous athletic ability and persistence made Tony a star at College of San Mateo.

Tony was a “big man on campus” at Sequoia High School in Redwood City. He was the most valuable player on Sequoia’s football team and an All-League selection, a starter for the Cherokees in basketball and a league champion in track and field. Having lettered in all three sports in high school, Tony demonstrated his all-around athletic ability. But it was his “motor” on the football field that propelled him in a grid career that led to the National Football League.

Tony’s career took off in 1966, his second season at College Heights, when he was named to the Golden Gate Conference First-Team as a defensive back and Most Inspirational Player for his team. He gained national recognition that year being named an Honorable Mention All-American. Along with several other Bulldogs, Tony was awarded a scholarship to the University of the Pacific.

His career for the UOP Tigers was spectacular. He was a Northern California college player of the week for his ten solo tackles in one game while defending the nation’s leading receiver and preventing him from scoring. Tony played on both sides of the ball at Pacific as a running back and defensive back. His spirited play resulted in Tony being named Pacific’s Most Inspirational, Most Loyal and Outstanding Player.

Tony was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals, which started his five-season professional career playing for the Cardinals, Atlanta Falcons and LA Rams. In 1974 Tony played in the NFC Championship game.

Tony credits CSM defensive coordinator Stu Carter for preparing him for success. “He taught me what I needed to know and gave me a chance to play.” Attending College of San Mateo “gave me the opportunity to further my education and get my college degree.” Tony acknowledges the life-long friendship he developed with teammate Walt Harris.

Today Tony lives in Bradenton, Florida where he is an Aqua Vita owner. He also coaches high school football. Tony is also a member of the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame.
Steve Bissett

Baseball, 1970–71

Steve Bissett attended College of San Mateo from 1969 to 1971 and was an outstanding member of the Bulldog baseball team. He was already known as being a good player. As a student at San Mateo High School he was selected to the All Mid-Peninsula League team in his junior and senior years and to the All San Mateo County team as well.

But it was at CSM that Steve’s baseball career accelerated. In 1970 Steve was selected as the Player of the Year and in both of his seasons on the Hill Top, Steve was an All-Golden Gate Conference First Team selection. Steve’s first season at CSM was so good that he was drafted by the Yankees in the first round of the winter draft and drafted again in the June draft by the Phillies.

Assigned to Pulaski of the Appalachian League, Steve played the infield and batted a league leading .343. He was named to the All-Rookie team. Steve played a full season in 1972 with Spartanburg in the Western Carolina League. Spartanburg ran away with the pennant finishing 16 games ahead of the field and Steve had his team’s third highest batting average, .284, while leading the league in at-bats with 468. Steve’s third season in professional baseball was with Rocky Mountain in the Carolina League. The Rockies finished in 3rd only 4 games behind the leaders. Steve had the most plate appearances in the league with 492 but only 52 strike outs and scored a team leading 79 runs.

When asked what attending College of San Mateo meant to him, Steve responded that it was the first time that he enjoyed going to school. His favorite memory as a Bulldog is winning the championship both seasons and, of course, being drafted by the Yankees after his freshman year. Steve credits his coach, John Noce, for teaching him more fundamentals than he learned in the pros. Steve summed up his appreciation for Noce by stating he was the “best coach I ever had.” Steve, we agree and that is why you and Coach Noce are both members of the College of San Mateo Athletics Hall of Fame. (They are in the picture together on the right.)
Leigh Gullette was a sensational baseball outfielder. In his two seasons at College of San Mateo he helped the Bulldogs win two Golden Gate Conference championships. In 1978 Leigh batted .410 and his Bulldog team went all the way to the State Championship tournament and finished second. Leigh's outstanding play earned him a place on the All-GGC First Team. He was named the GGC Player of the Year, the California community college Player of the Year and J.C. All-American. Leigh caught the eye of the University of Miami, where he was awarded an athletic scholarship.

After trading his Bulldog uniform for one issued by the Hurricanes, Leigh continued his winning ways. In 1979 and 1980, Miami won its regional tournaments to qualify for the College World Series. The Hurricanes were ranked number one in the nation throughout the 1980 season but were eliminated from the Series when University of California's Bob Melvin hit a two-run walk-off home run. Leigh had 286 at-bats, scored 62 runs, 76 hits and 42 runs batted in for Miami. Leigh was selected to play in the Pan-American Games, where he made the game ending catch as the U.S. won the championship.

Leigh recalls his experience at CSM as a “magical time” where his dreams of playing baseball were extended. The comradeship and state tournament experience were “special” and he is proud of his degree from CSM. Leigh also credits the late great Carlmont coach Jim Leggett for teaching him the basics of baseball. As a high school student athlete at Carlmont, Leigh was an All-SPAL baseball and football player. He did not arrive at the College Heights campus until he served four years in the Navy. Leigh credits Bulldog Hall of Fame baseball coach John Noce and assistant coach Doug Robb for fine-tuning and teaching him the “Bulldog Way.”

Leigh Gullette is an important part of the great College of San Mateo baseball heritage.
Donald G. Gray

Swimming, 1964-66

Don Gray was a great Bulldog swimmer. But when he arrived on the CSM campus, he had little competitive experience in the water—he was a Carlmont High School basketball player until his senior year, when he traded the hardcourt for the pool. Don and his twin brother, Dave, were well-acquainted with CSM and the coaches. Their father, Gordon Gray was the CSM Physical Education department chair.

Don credits CSM Hall of Fame coach Rich Donner with turning him into an All-American. Don stated, “. . . Rich Donner . . . developed me into an exceptional swimmer and a good water polo player. Rich Donner’s endless pursuit to improve my techniques paid off. In my sophomore year, I earned a full ride scholarship to swim at the University of Utah. That changed my life . . . .”

Don earned All-American honors in 1965 in the 400 Freestyle Relay and his strong performances led to future stardom. Following the 1966 swim season, Don was named the CSM Athlete of the Year. He won the State JC Championship in the 50 Freestyle, tying the national record. He was named All-American in the 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 400 and 800 Freestyle Relays. Don became the CSM record holder in three individual and four relay events. As a water polo player, Don’s team placed second in the State JC Championships and he earned second-team, All-American honors in the 1965 season. Despite his many victories, Don stated that his career highlight at CSM was “winning the State Championship and tying the National record in the 50 free with his Dad in the stands.

Don’s competitive career at the University of Utah took him to new heights. Don earned NCAA All-American honors in both the 400 and 800 Freestyle relays. He was the Western Athletic Conference champion in the 50 and 100 Freestyle as well as a member of conference championship relay teams. While Don was churning the water at Utah, brother Dave was enjoying similar success at UC Santa Barbara. Both Don and Dave are members of their universities’ athletic halls of fame.

Don graduated from Utah with a B.S in Civil Engineering and then earned a M.S. in Civil Engineering at the University of California. He is a retired Civil and Geotechnical Engineer and is currently “spoiling” his five grandchildren.
Owney Williams played basketball with panache—he was explosive, colorful and a joy to watch. During his time on The Hill he became the single season and career leading scorer, besting fellow Hall of Fame inductees Dennis O’Brien and Bob Peterson. Over 28 games in 1966–67, Owney sets records of 666 points and a 23.8 average. For two seasons (1965–67) his records were 1,064 points (in 49 games) and a 21.7 average. He tied the CSM single game record of 37 points against Fresno CC on December 16, 1966—a mark that had been set in 1948 by Bud Goodler.

Owney's enrollment at College of San Mateo was determined by a California community college state-wide regulation that no longer exists: a student was required to attend their local community college. The Williams family moved from San Francisco to Daly City during the summer following Owney's graduation from Woodrow Wilson High School. Since Owney then lived in Daly City, although just blocks away from CCSF, his “local” community college was miles away in San Mateo. After playing summer league with the CCSF basketball team, he was surprised to find out that he was required to attend CSM. Few courses were still open when Owney reported for registration at San Mateo. But as luck would have it, he was wearing his letterman jacket from Wilson High when he crossed paths with CSM Hall of Fame basketball coach Jack Avina, who recognized him, took him back into the administration building and got him registered as a full-time student. Owney credits Coach Avina for making a significant contribution to his basketball career and honors Coach for the time he gave to each player.

Owney was a gifted athlete. While he earned All-City honors in basketball, football and track at Wilson High School and was named the school's top athlete, he narrowed down his play to basketball at CSM. In his first season on the hilltop, Owney was selected Second Team All-Golden Gate Conference, after leading the Bulldogs to a 20-6 overall season and final No. 7 state ranking. In 1966-67, he was named All-Modesto JC Tournament (the state's top preseason tourney), First Team All-Golden Gate Conference, and All-State—as the Bulldogs finished 19-9 with a No. 13 ranking. CSM was 39-15 in his two seasons.

Despite receiving over 200 scholarship offers, Owney began a career in his chosen field of data processing. After all, he was good with numbers: He set the CSM career scoring record. Owney continued playing basketball in charity games for KSOL radio. His talents caught the attention of several NBA teams, including the Warriors. But for Owney, basketball was not fun packaged in the orchestrated symphony of professional sport.

Owney worked for fifteen years in the Financial District of San Francisco and then ten years in Southern California, until a stroke sidelined him. Owney's volunteer work includes efforts on behalf of Planned Parenthood, the Stroke Association of Southern California, LA Public Libraries, LA Unified SD, Special Education Centers and coaching youth basketball.
Cindy Pacheco

Softball, 1984–85

Cindy Pacheco came to College Heights to play on CSM’s high profile softball team following her outstanding career at one of the county’s smallest high schools, Half Moon Bay. It didn’t take Cindy long to realize that her decision to come play for Coach Tom Martinez was well-chosen.

Cindy became a dominant force on the softball diamond and her strong personality and never-quit attitude made her a fierce competitor and a Hall of Fame player. Not only did Cindy lead the Lady Bulldogs to the Golden Gate Conference championship in 1984 and 1985, she was named to the first team All-GGC team and was the Pitcher of the Year not only for the GGC but for the entire state. In the 1984 season, Cindy’s E.R.A. was 0.81. In the 1985 season it dropped to 0.26. At the 1984 Fresno Softball Tournament, Cindy led the Bulldogs to the championship by throwing three shut-outs and then came back the next year to lead her team to another tournament title. Cindy walked only 7 batters during the 1985 season and gave up only 16 earned runs.

Cindy’s guiding light throughout her athletic and professional career has been CSM Hall of Fame coach Tom Martinez. Cindy wrote, “I played for an amazing man, Tom Martinez, my mentor, one of my favorite people in the world. He guided me but never held my hand. He made me work hard but I wanted to work hard for him and for the team. I remember the practices and games so well, we worked hard as a team and it paid off.” Cindy also wrote “my memories at CSM were some of the best of my life. If I could do it all over again I would in a heartbeat!”

Cindy graduated from the regular academic program at CSM and then entered the CSM Nursing program and became a RN. She later earned her BS in Nursing degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills. She is currently employed by Sutter/Palo Alto Medical Foundation and works in cardiac care.

But work is not Cindy’s only “job.” She is a founder and board member of several youth sport organizations as well as a coach for girls’ softball. She is the president of the Half Moon Bay High School Hall of Fame committee and a member of that school’s booster club. Cindy’s husband, Jeff, has played and coached soccer on the Coastside for years and son Danny resides in England and plays semi-professional soccer; daughter Carrie played soccer and softball in college. Cindy acknowledged the wonderful support she received from her mother and father as well as the wonderful effort and play of her teammates.
Burt Blackwell

Football, 1971-72

Burt Blackwell was a First-Team, All-Golden Gate Conference and All-State middle linebacker in his freshman year at College of San Mateo. Burt earned individual honors on one of the all-time best Bulldog football teams. The 1971 Bulldogs were GGC champions. Going into the eighth game of the season, CSM and Chabot both had seven win and no loss records. The Bulldog victory propelled the Dogs to the conference title and a place in the State Playoffs.

Burt unfortunately suffered a season-ending injury during his second season on the Hill but his ability had already been established as a top four-year college prospect. Coaches Don Coryell and Claude Gilbert from San Diego State University recruited Burt to the southland to play for the Aztecs. Burt moved from inside-linebacker to outside-linebacker during the 1973 and 1974 seasons and in his senior year he was named to the First Team All-Pacific Coast Athletic Association Football Team.

When asked for his most significant memories of playing at CSM, Burt said “the highlight for me playing at CSM was being part of a championship football team. The excitement of being 8-0 and possibly going undefeated was a once in a lifetime opportunity. The camaraderie of the team combined with the brilliance of the coaching staff, made my two years at CSM the most rewarding football experience of my life.” And “brilliant” his coaches were: Ted Tollner and Steve Shafer, both members of the CSM Athletics Hall of Fame, went on to coach at many four-year universities including San Diego State and various teams in the NFL. Coach Tollner “kept an eye on me at SDSU and helped me land my first teaching/coaching job in 1977.”

Burt attended Menlo-Atherton High School where he was a high-profile member of the M-A Bears football team. Burt’s handsome and youthful face and his hard-hitting style of play at middle-linebacker earned him the nickname “the baby-face assassin.” He was named to the first-team All-South Peninsula Athletic League team. Coach Tollner recruited Burt to College Heights and now shares with him a place in the Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame. Burt became a high school teacher and coach at Torrey Pines High School in San Diego. Burt and wife Janice have four adult children and live in Cardiff California.
Andrea Pappas Ausmus

Track and Field, 1997-98

Andrea Pappas Ausmus was a scholarship student athlete at Florida State. She had recently won the USA Junior National title in the shot put and was a two-time Georgia high school state meet champion in both the shot and the discus. Her parents moved from Georgia to San Jose and while Andrea visited them, a local coach recommended that she look in to training through the summer with Coach Mike Lewis at CSM. Andrea met Mike and Nicole Carroll Lewis and was hooked! She transferred to CSM, became a state champion and earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Tennessee.

Andrea attended Brookwood High School in Snellville, Georgia. She set school records in the shot and discus. Her strength and speed set her apart from other student athletes but her determination to excel is the defining characteristic that sets her apart.

Andrea may have established the most spectacular post-conference record in CSM track and field history. After winning the shot, discus, hammer and javelin at the conference meet, she won the shot, discus and javelin at the NorCal Championships but missed a sweep in the throws when she was defeated in the hammer by the national record holder. Andrea also ran on the 4x100 relay team to score needed team points to help CSM place third in the meet.

At the 1998 State meet championships Andrea was first in the shot, second in the discus and javelin and eleventh in the hammer. The Bulldog women placed 8th in team scoring.

Andrea’s success continued at the University of Tennessee. She set school records in the hammer and weight throw; she is on the top-ten list for each of the throws and she was a two-time runner up in the SEC shot put. She placed twice in the NCAA finals in the shot put thus earning All-American honors. Andrea also earned SEC Academic Honors.

Andrea credits Coach Lewis and Nicole Carroll Lewis for instilling in her the determination that fuels her career today. She currently trains and coaches elite athletes in Southern California. She was a strength and conditioning coach for multiple sports at the University of Southern California. She is a fitness expert with articles in industry publications, infomercials and blogs. Andrea reports that her biggest accomplishment is that of being a parent, “I have two rambunctious boys, Max, 11 and Bo, 9. My goal for them is to be respectful, kind and relentless in their pursuits. I can only hope that they will be as lucky as I was to be in an environment that Coach Lewis and Nicole provided for me that fosters such growth athletically and personally.” Andrea also acknowledges the encouragement she received from other CSM coaches, specifically Larry Owens and Bret Pollack.
Mike Mooney

Baseball, 2002–03

Mike Mooney prepped just down the hill from College Heights at Serra High School, where he was a three-year varsity and WCAL All-Conference student athlete. As a member of the CSM Bulldog baseball team he lit up the diamond with hits, enough to win the California community college batting title. Mike was also named to the junior college All-American team and California Player of the Year. He was terrific at the plate and fantastic in the outfield.

To say that in 2003 Mike had a good year is an understatement. He rewrote the CSM record book. Mike set the two-season CSM record for RBI’s at 130, total bases at 273, and tied the home run record at 29. He broke the single season record for RBI’s at 78 and total bases at 173.

Coach Doug Williams, now in his 24th year as the head coach of the Bulldogs, considers Mike Mooney “the best all-around position player” ever to play for him. Many major league scouts noticed Mooney’s hard work and dedication. He was selected by the Giants in the June 2003 draft and sent to Arizona to begin his professional career and led his team in average, hits, runs, doubles, RBI’s and stolen bases. His best year at the plate was 2005 when playing for the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes leading the team with a .342 batting average. Pablo Sandoval was a teammate and hit .330; Sergio Romo was one of the pitchers. In nine seasons of professional baseball Mike crisscrossed the country from Arizona to Victoria, British Columbia and San Jose to Connecticut. Seven of those seasons was within the Giants organization.

In 2011, Mike’s playing career came to an end, but he continues in the sport serving as a personal trainer for professional athletes like CSM Hall of Fame pitcher and MLB player Scott Feldman. Mike is also Scott’s sherpa and long-time friend. Mike coaches on the GamePrep staff, an organization that works with youth in baseball.

Mike Mooney’s Stats for the 2003 Season at CSM

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Mario Ballestrasse

Football, 1984–85

Mario Ballestrasse was one of the greatest receivers in the history of community college football. After a three-sport, all-league career at Terra Nova High School, Mario concentrated on football at College of San Mateo as he went to work shredding defenses while setting receiving records that are still remarkable by today’s standards.

Mario caught passes resulting in gains of 1,008 yards in his freshman year, 1984, thrown by the outstanding Bulldog quarterback, Dave Giannini. In 1985, he caught passes for 1,383 yards thrown by fellow Hall of Famer Sal Genilla. In 1985 Mario also totaled 1,825 all-purpose yards. The 17 touchdown passes he caught in 1985 still ranks near the top of the Bulldog record sheet. Twice Mario caught 4 touchdown passes in one game. In 1985, he scored 102 points. Mario was named All-Golden Gate Conference, All-State and All-American. He added the honor of Offensive Player of the Year as he led the nation in all-purpose yards, receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns. Mario’s outstanding play at CSM led to a scholarship at Tulane University.

When asked about what attending College of San Mateo meant to him, Mario stated “attending CSM gave me a belief in myself. Looking back and thinking about Coach Tom Martinez and his staff I think about how lucky I was. I had two of the best years with my teammates. Guys willing to lay it on the line and have a blast doing it.” Coach Martinez is credited with making a significant contribution to Mario’s athletic career.

Mario Ballestrasse statistical highlights:

All-purpose yards 1984-85 . . . . 3,387
Career scoring . . . . . . . . . 22 touchdowns
Career points . . . . . . . . . . . . 132
Career receiving yards . . . . . . . . 2,391
Career receptions . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 119
Season reception yards . . . . 1,383
Season receptions . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 70

The Mario and Sal Aerial Circus

How College of San Mateo’s Mario Ballestrasse and Sal Genilla ranked among all-time national junior college passers and pass catchers, respectively.

Mario Ballestrasse’s receiving

No. 1 Total yards receiving, game (16 catches) . . . . 361
No. 1 Total yards receiving, career . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,391
No. 2 Total yards receiving, season . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,985
No. 2 All-purpose yards, career . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3,273

(Source: JC Athletic Bureau)
Sal Genilla

Football 1984–85

Sal Genilla came to the “Birthplace of the West Coast Offense” and made a national imprint on the stage where Bill Walsh first played college football.

Genilla arrived at CSM in 1983 following a 3-sport career at Aragon High School where he was the 3-year starting varsity quarterback, a 2nd team all-conference varsity basketball player, and an all-county baseball player (4-time all-PAL). But he was not recruited by other colleges.

Genilla began with a greyshirt season in 1983 learning the offense of Coach Tom Martinez. In 1984 he started three games, passing for 841 yards (including 281 yards in his first opportunity, a 32-21 victory over Laney), and 314 yards in defeating De Anza, 38-31.

In 1984 he led CSM to a co-championship in the Golden Gate Conference with one of the greatest offensive outputs in JC football history. The Bulldogs led the nation in total offense with 546.1 yards per game.

Genilla set national JC records of 616 yards in a game and 10-game season marks of 3,555 passing yards and 3,607 total offense yards. He ranked No. 2 on the all-time national lists (and No. 1 in California) for passing yards in a game (593), season TD passes (38), touchdowns responsible for (42), and passes completed (224).

He had an elite collegiate passer efficiency rating of 162.31 for the season, with a 58.6 completion percentage.

Genilla was the Golden Gate Conference player of the year and a J.C. Grid-Wire All-America selection, as well as CSM's team MVP.

He also played baseball for the Bulldogs in 1985 and batted .350 as a designated hitter.

Genilla received a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh where he played quarterback in 1986 and 1987. He lists his career highlight there as beating then No. 4-ranked Notre Dame, 30-22, in 1987. He graduated with a B.A. in media communications.

Genilla became a free agent quarterback with the New Orleans Saints in 1988 and later played for the Cincinnati Rockers in the Arena Football League and was a semi-pro quarterback for the Pittsburgh Colts.

He has continued to reside in Pittsburg and currently has two college-age sons: Matthew, a senior at Penn State, and Nolan, a freshman/redshirt student athlete (football TE) at Saginaw Valley State.

Sal Genilla’s Passing, all-time rank and category

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Jim Moblad was an outstanding water polo player. He followed his high school coach, CSM Hall of Fame member Rich Donner, from San Carlos High School where Rich was a teacher, to College Heights in 1963 where Rich was newly hired as the aquatics coach. In this the first season of water polo at CSM, the team recorded a very respectful 13 win, 3 loss season. In his second season, Jim was named team captain, Most Valuable Player and was the leading scorer with 90 goals. Jim was a First Team, All-Northern California Water Polo selection and the team finished the season with 22 wins against 8 losses and second place in the State Junior College Championship Tournament.

His early play at San Carlos High School, on that school’s first ever water polo team, earned him All-SPAL honors in addition to being named his team’s Most Valuable Player. Jim transferred from CSM to San Jose State and continued playing as a member of the Spartan Water Polo team.

When asked what attending CSM meant to him, Jim replied that it is a "great school with wonderful teachers." Jim has lifetime friendships that were started at CSM. Beyond his friendships, Jim reports that Coach Rich Donner “is without a doubt the most influential person for me at CSM. Rich’s dedication to his sport and players was as strong in the water as it was out of the water. He taught us the true concept of a team and the strength it brings. I’m sure I speak for hundreds of players that thank him for all he did in benefiting our lives.”

Today, Jim is most proud of his three children and seven grandchildren.
Jon Miller was the 2010 Ford C. Frick Baseball Hall of Fame award winner for broadcasting excellence.

After graduating from Hayward High School in 1969, he commuted across the old San Mateo (draw) Bridge to take broadcasting classes at College of San Mateo. He began his broadcasting career as a student at CSM from 1969 to 1971, doing football, basketball and baseball games on KCSM, the college’s radio and TV stations.

Miller got his first baseball play-by-play job in 1974, at age 22, calling radio and TV for that year’s World Series Champion Oakland Athletics. He was chosen as the first play-by-play announcer on ESPN-TV Sunday Night Baseball game of the week in 1990, teaming with Joe Morgan for 21 seasons. During his tenure at ESPN, he was nominated twice for a national Emmy Award.

He was also nominated six times for an “ACE” award, emblematic of cable television excellence, and won the award in 1991 - the first ESPN play-by-play announcer to win the award, and 1996. Miller was named National Sportscaster of the Year by the American Sportscasters Association (ASA) in 1998. That same year, Miller was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association of America (NSSAA).

Miller is entering his 22nd season as the Voice of the Giants locally on KNBR Radio and NBC Bay Area. He has broadcast 16 World Series. He was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2014.

In 2016, Miller received a Northern California Emmy Award, the third local Emmy for his Giants television work. Prior to his work on ESPN, Miller broadcast an occasional game on NBC-TV with either Tony Kubek or Joe Garagaiola.

Miller spent 14 years with the Baltimore Orioles before coming to the Giants. Prior to joining Baltimore in 1983, the talented broadcaster spent two seasons with the Texas Rangers (1978-79) and three seasons with the Boston Red Sox. The Bay Area native, who grew-up in the East Bay, has also broadcast NHL hockey, NBA basketball and championship soccer games on national television in his distinguished career.

Jon and his wife, Janine, currently reside in Moss Beach. They are parents to three daughters, Misha, Holly (married to Paul Gallagher) and Emilie; also a son, Alexander (married to Bre Enright).
Julian Edelman

*Football, 2005*

Julian accepted an invitation from Coach Larry Owens to attend CSM. Julian had just finished his senior year at Woodside High School where he was named Athlete of the Year sophomore, junior and senior years. He led the Wildcats to the CCS title and was perhaps the best football player on the Peninsula but he did not attract any scholarship offers.

One year in College Heights Stadium would change that. Julian took the helm as the starting quarterback early in the season and had a record-setting year. He threw for 1,312 yards and 14 touchdowns and ran for 1,253 yards and 17 touchdowns. Every game became a highlight film for Julian as he shredded opposing teams. An early season loss to College of the Sequoias was avenged in the Bulldog Bowl at season’s end with Julian demonstrating why he was rated the top community college quarterback prospect in the state. He was named to the All-American team and was recruited to Kent State where he played for the Golden Flashes for the next three seasons. At Kent, Julian passed for 4,997 career yards with 1,859 coming in 2006 alone. He set the Kent State single season offensive record in 2008 gaining 3,190 yards and was named to the Second Team All-Mid American Conference.

Despite possibly being better suited for the Canadian Football League as a quarterback, Julian’s goal was to play in the NFL so a change of position was needed. Honing the skills of a punt and kick return specialist and a receiver, he impressed in pre-draft workouts and caught the eye of the New England Patriots. He was well-hidden in the 7th round, being the 232rd player selected in the 2009 NFL draft. Julian’s willingness to play any position just to get on the field was apparent. He has played slot and wing, running back, kick return, kick-off, punt return and defensive back. Eventually Julian became a starting clutch receiver for quarterback Tom Brady and now is among the leaders on the Patriot team and the entire NFL in a number of statistics. Only two other receivers in NFL history, Jerry Rice and Reggie Wayne have caught more passes in playoff games and both of them are retired-Julian is number one among active players!

Julian was an integral part of the Patriot offense in winning Super Bowls in 2014 and 2016. In fact, his touchdown reception in the last minutes of the Patriot/Seahawk game, 2016, sealed the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history. But Julian actually has three Super Bowl rings! As a Pop Warner Pee-Wee running back on the Redwood City 49ers, with his dad Frank as the coach, the team won the junior version of the Super Bowl. Julian credits College of San Mateo for providing him a foundation that gave him the opportunity to attend a Division One school—it was the stepping stone to help get him to where he is today. He recalls the sense of “family” on the Bulldog team. Coach Larry Owens, a fellow Redwood City guy, was instrumental in Julian’s decision to attend CSM. Coach Bret Pollack believed in his ability and helped increase his “football I-Q.” And Coach Tim Tulloch helped build his confidence.

Julian Edelman is currently in his ninth season with the Patriots. He has become a celebrity in Boston both as an athlete, television personality, author of two children’s books and a book on his road to the NFL, Relentless.

Some of Julian’s career highlights follow:

- Caught the game-winning, three-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady with 2:06 left to play in the fourth quarter of the Patriots’ 28-24 Super Bowl XLIX win vs. Seattle (2/1).
- In 2010, set a franchise record for the highest punt return average in a single-season with a 15.3-yard average, which led the AFC and finished second in the NFL behind Chicago’s Devin Hester (17.1-yard return average). Also had a 15.5-yard return average in 2012 but was limited due to injury to 17 punt returns in nine games.
• Holds the franchise record for postseason receptions with 89, third-most in NFL history behind Jerry Rice (151) and Reggie Wayne (93).
• Tied with Deion Branch for most 100-yard receiving games in the playoffs with four.
• Stands as one of 14 players in NFL history with 1,000 yards receiving in the playoffs (13th overall).
• Set a franchise record with a 94-yard punt return for a touchdown vs. Miami (1/2/11).
• Has totaled 157 punt returns for 1,832 yards during his career, an 11.7 average, which is second best in Patriots history and tied for ninth in NFL history.
• Currently holds the team record with four punt return touchdowns.
• Set career highs with 105 receptions for 1,056 yards and six touchdowns in 2013. Joined Wes Welker and Troy Brown as the only Patriots receivers with 100 receptions in a season and became the 10th receiver in team history with 1,000 yards receiving in a single season.
• Earned his first career Pro Bowl invitation in 2014 after finishing eighth in the NFL with 92 receptions.
• Completed a 51-yard touchdown pass to Danny Amendola in the AFC Divisional Playoff win vs. Baltimore (1/10/15), setting an NFL playoff record for the longest pass completion and touchdown pass for a non-QB. It was his first career pass attempt and the first touchdown pass by a Patriots player other than a quarterback since 2004.
• Has compiled 39 rushing attempts in his career, most ever by a Patriots wide receiver.
• Posted the longest rush by a wide receiver in franchise history - a 47-yard run in a win vs. Indianapolis (11/18/12).
• Was forced into action as a defensive back due to injuries for eight games in 2011 and made 14 tackles.
2011 College of San Mateo Athletics
Hall of Fame Induction Class

Jack Avina ................. Basketball Coach
Ray Balsley ............... Basketball/Golf Coach
Neal Dahlen .............. Football Player/Coach
Bill Dickey ............... Football Coach/Administrator
Jenny Freeman .......... Softball Student Athlete
Herb Hudson ............. Football/Baseball/Wrestling Coach/Administrator
Nicole Carroll-Lewis ..... Track Student Athlete
Tom Martinez ............. Football/Basketball/Softball Coach
Murius McFadden ......... Football/Basketball/Track Coach/Administrator
John Noce ............... Baseball Coach
Bill Ring ................. Football Student Athlete
Bob Rush ................. Track/Cross Country Coach
Ted Tollner .............. Football Coach
Bill Walsh ............... Football Student Athlete
Archie Williams ......... Track Student Athlete
2012 College of San Mateo Athletics
Hall of Fame Induction Class

Norm Angelini .......... Baseball athlete
Stacy Bergstedt ......... Softball athlete
Greg Buckingham ....... Swimming athlete
Oliver Byrd .............. Track & Field coach
Chris Diehl ............. Track & Field athlete
Rich Donner ............ Water Polo/Swimming coach
Jeff Fishback ........... Track & Field athlete
Cindy Galarza .......... Basketball athlete
Steve Hamann .......... Water Polo athlete
Ed Kertel ............... Football athlete
Mike Lewis ............. Track & Field coach
Frank Pignataro ....... Baseball athlete
Tom Scott ............... Football athlete
Steve Shafer .......... Football coach
Jack Thur ............... Football coach
Berny Wagner .......... Track & Field/Cross Country coach
2015 College of San Mateo Athletics
Hall of Fame Induction Class

Scott Feldman ............... Baseball student-athlete
Daniel Nava ............... Baseball student-athlete
Mike Solari ............... Football student-athlete
Milt Axt ...................... Football and baseball student-athlete
Al Terremere ............... Football student-athlete
Randy Gomez ............... Football and baseball student-athlete
Stella Edwinson ........... Track student-athlete
Perry Parmelee ............. Football student-athlete
Dr. Marcel Hetu ............. Track student-athlete
Bob Peterson ............... Basketball student-athlete
Bob McClure ............... Baseball student-athlete
Doug Scovil .................. Football coach
Jerry Scattini ............... Football student-athlete
Bea Godoy .................... Softball and basketball student-athlete
Julio Bortolazzo ............. Former president, College of San Mateo
Caroline Silva ............... Academic advisor to student-athletes
Ron Galatolo ............... Chancellor, SMCCCD