

THE SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME

In early 1982, the San Francisco Association of Athletic Coaches and Physical Education Teachers approached the "Venerables," a group of retired coaches, athletes, and sports enthusiasts, with an idea for a **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME**. The prime purpose was to publicly recognize those athletes who had demonstrated outstanding performances and leadership, while competing for their respective high schools. The idea was received with a most favorable response and a committee of fifteen volunteers set about the task of organizing the **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME**.

It was agreed that nominees for the **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME** would include four categories, athlete, coach, official, and media, with a fifth category of special recognition for distinguished service. The nominees once inducted are not categorized, but rather all are recognized as a member of the **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME**.

Athletes: The nominee must have attended a San Francisco High School after 1914 and must have graduated at least five (5) years before becoming eligible for consideration. Each candidate must exemplify the highest standards in athletic skill, sportsmanship, ethical behavior, moral character, and leadership. All candidates will be judged on their influence and/or contribution to the San Francisco interscholastic athletic program and not post high school achievement.

Coaches: The nominee must have worked at a secondary level in San Francisco and must have coached a minimum of fifteen (15) years. Each candidate must merit consideration on the basis of uppermost moral and ethical standards in the performance and responsibilities regarding the development of athletes (citizenship, sportsmanship, and skills), coaching records, championships, awards and honors, along with professional affiliations, achievements and contributions to the prep sports program.

Officials: The nominee must have officiated in the San Francisco high school athletic program for a minimum of fifteen (15) years. Each candidate must have an outstanding career as an official and also must be complimented by an exemplary career in the individual's profession and community involvements, a record which reflects credit to a person as a citizen with strong leadership qualities and character.

Media: The nominee must have been involved with the writing, broadcasting, or televising the promotion of San Francisco high school athletics for a minimum of fifteen (15) years. Each candidate will be judged on the merits of the individual's contributions to the San Francisco prep sports program.

Special Recognition: This category is for the nomination of people in an activity that was not offered in interscholastic competition during their years of attendance in the San Francisco High Schools, or to an individual who has contributed to the well being of the total program in San Francisco High School athletics. The nominee must fulfill the high standards of sportsmanship, ethical behavior, moral character, and leadership that exemplifies their contributions to the San Francisco prep sports program.

A special committee of twelve individuals was originally charged with the responsibility of seeking and compiling nominations. Approximately four hundred individuals' endeavors were originally submitted to the committee for their assessment. The members of the special committee became the original officers and directors of **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME**.

The First Annual Awards Dinner of the **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME** was held on Tuesday, May 24, 1983, at the University of San Francisco Student Union. The annual dinner was held at the University of San Francisco for the first ten years, through 1992. It has been held at Patio Espanol since 1993.

Now in its twenty-second year, the **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME** boasts 235 individuals who have left a lasting impact on the San Francisco prep sports scene, from 1914 to the present. In order for a candidate to be selected, proper documentation of the accomplishments and achievements of the individual must be submitted, along with the proper nomination form available from the **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME**. Completed forms along with the documentation must be submitted by December 1st of each year to be considered for the following year. All nominations remain active indefinitely.

The candidates name is first introduced for consideration at the **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME'S** Board of Directors' annual January nomination meeting. The candidates' accomplishments then go before a nomination committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, in February, and then the selected nominations are returned to the **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME** Board of Directors, where the candidate must receive seventy five percent of the votes of the voting members of the Board of Directors.

The **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME**, since 1993, annually presents the Elwood "China" Lang Memorial Scholarship to a graduating male and female scholar-athlete from the Public and/or Parochial High Schools of San Francisco. Each school may nominate one male and female candidate, meeting the criteria set forth by the committee.

The **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME** wishes to acknowledge the many institutions, schools, alumni associations, Venerables, and individuals who have contributed to the success of the **SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME** over its first twenty-one years of existence. The committee plans to continue this worthy project annually since it has been so enthusiastically received by the citizens of San Francisco. In order to do so, we earnestly solicit the financial aid of our non-profit association from individuals, the schools, and the business community to enable us to carry on our "labor of love." Checks may be written to "**SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME**," and sent to Jon Nakamura, 177 Knight Drive, San Rafael 94901.

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