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**Welcome**

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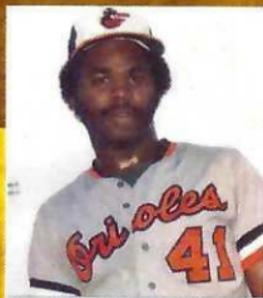
**Invocation**

**DR. DAVE PERRY**, President of Christian Brothers High School

**Dinner**

**Inductee Introductions**

**JOE MCNAMARA**, Event Chairman



**DRUNGO HAZEWOOD**

OUTFIELD



**STEVE BROWN**

PITCHER



**PAT ESPOSITO**

CATCHER/COACH



**MIKE FISCHLIN**

INFIELD



**JOHN HUGHES**

PITCHER/COACH/SCOUT



**JEFF LEVERING**

3B/ANNOUNCER



**JAMES MOUTON**

OUTFIELD



**DON PORTER**

PITCHER



**RICK SCHU**

INFIELD



**F.P. SANTANGELO**

CF/ANNOUNCER

## Joseph Franklin “Frank” Demaree

Joseph Franklin “Frank” Demaree grew up in Winters, California, where his deaf parents farmed apricots. He was a star athlete at Winters High School and hit .448 with a home run in his senior year. After playing semi-pro and in the Sacramento Valley League, he went pro with the Sacramento Senators. Demaree joined the Chicago Cubs in 1932, playing in the World Series and hitting a memorable three-run home run. In 1934, he had a historic season with the Los Angeles Angels, leading the league in many categories and becoming the only Pacific Coast League player with 40+ home runs and stolen bases. He returned to the Cubs, made two All-Star teams, and set a record for consecutive starts. He finished his 12-year MLB career with a .299 batting average and was inducted into the Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame in 2009. Demaree passed away in 1958 and is buried in Winters.

## Drungo Hazewood

Star athlete at Sacramento High School, Drungo Hazewood was recruited to play football at USC but was drafted in the first round by the Baltimore Orioles in 1977 with a \$50,000 signing bonus. He played seven seasons mostly with the Charlotte minor league team, hitting 591 hits and 97 home runs. Known for his incredible strength and strong throwing arm, teammates compared him to Bo Jackson. In 1979, he hit an estimated 600-foot home run. He was a key player on the 1980 Charlotte Orioles championship team alongside Cal Ripken and made a brief major league appearance with Baltimore in 1980. Drungo left baseball to care for his ill mother and is remembered as a devoted family man with exceptional athletic talent.

## Don “The Rook” Porter

Born in 1941 and raised in College Station, Arkansas, Don “The Rook” Porter followed his uncles into Negro League baseball. He developed a strong curveball and knuckleball as a youth and joined the New York Black Yankees at 16. Promoted to the Indianapolis Clowns at 17, he earned the nickname “The Rook” for being one of the youngest players. During the final years of the Negro Leagues, he faced tough travel and segregation challenges. He served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1962, winning championships in Germany and Texas. Afterward, he settled in Sacramento, working at McClellan Air Force Base and Sacramento Regional Transit. He played local leagues with future MLB stars and was invited to try out for the Houston Colt .45s in 1962. In 2017, he was inducted into the Yesterday’s Negro Leaguers Wall of Fame and honored by the Milwaukee Brewers. He remains active supporting the Sacramento Honorary Negro League Game.

## Pat Esposito

Born in Queens, New York, Pat Esposito learned baseball from his grandfather and uncle, especially catching and having fun. He played college baseball at Cal Poly in the early 1980s. Pat started coaching at Santa Clara High School in 1987, then coached at Oakmont and Woodcreek before joining Granite Bay High School in 1996, where he remains the only baseball coach in school history. He led Granite Bay to a championship within five years and helped build Grizzly Park. His 2001 team went 21–0 in league and 30–1 overall, earning him Sacramento Bee Coach of the Year. Pat focuses on player development and college placement rather than just wins. Respected by fellow coaches, he led Granite Bay to three straight San Joaquin Section Championships, with a career record of 483 wins and 316 losses.

## John Hughes

Elected to the Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame as a scout, John Hughes was a left-handed pitcher at Davis High School and played American Legion baseball for Yolo Post 77. He pitched for four years at UC Berkeley and served as their pitching coach from 1978 to 1990, helping the team reach the College World Series twice. Starting his professional scouting career with the Montreal Expos in 1993, he signed Geoff Blum and convinced them to draft Tom Brady in 1995. John also scouted for the Miami Marlins and Oakland Athletics and is president of the Northern California Scouts Association. Known for his integrity and leadership, since 2020 he has been the pitching cross checker for the Oakland A’s, working alongside his son Dustin, the team’s bullpen catcher.

## Steve Brown

Born in San Francisco and raised in Davis, California, Steve Brown started baseball as a catcher in high school but switched to pitching at UC Davis under Coach Phil Swimley. He developed a strong “slurve” pitch and was named Far Western Conference Pitcher of the Year in 1978 with 11 wins, a 2.93 ERA, and 83 strikeouts. After college, he played in Sacramento’s Night League and was drafted by the California Angels in 1978. Steve quickly moved up the minors and made his MLB debut in 1983. He finished his major league career with a 2–3 record and a 4.58 ERA, including a shutout against Texas. He won 80 games in the minors over seven seasons and was a star for the Sacramento Smokeys. In 1999, he was inducted into the UC Davis Hall of Fame as the first Aggie to pitch in the majors.

## James Raleigh Mouton

Born in Denver and raised in south Sacramento, James Mouton was a three-sport star at Luther Burbank High School. He excelled in baseball, hitting .529 with 30 stolen bases as a junior and earned All-City honors. A student of the game, he followed stats closely and modeled his play after Ricky Jordan. James attended St. Mary's College starting in 1987, where he set school records with 30 home runs, 115 stolen bases, 139 RBIs, and a .368 batting average. Drafted by the Houston Astros in the 7th round in 1991, he was the Pacific Coast League MVP in 1993 with Tucson, collecting 172 hits and 40 stolen bases. He was the first Sacramento-area player to win the PCL MVP since 1934. James made his MLB debut on April 4, 1994, going 3-for-5 with two doubles and a stolen base. He played four seasons with Houston, peaking in 1996 with a .263 average alongside stars Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell. James continued his MLB career with San Diego, Montreal, and Milwaukee, playing 13 professional seasons with a .274 average, 989 hits, and 286 stolen bases. He is now an area scout for the San Francisco Giants.

## Mike Fischlin

Mike grew up in Elk Grove, inspired by local baseball stars. He was team captain and All-Conference shortstop in high school. He played at Cosumnes River College, hitting .304 and earning honors. Drafted by the New York Yankees in 1975, he chose pro baseball over college. He moved up through the minor leagues and was traded to the Houston Astros in 1977. Mike made his MLB debut on September 3, 1977, and got his first hit off Charlie Hough. He played 10 seasons in the majors, with his best year hitting .268 for Cleveland. He returned to the Yankees in 1986 and finished his career with a .220 average, 207 hits, and 29 doubles. He was known for his strong defense and ability to play all infield positions. He used childhood friend Scott Boras as his agent, helping start Boras Corporation. After retiring, he worked as an executive at Boras Corporation. He managed the Class A Myrtle Beach Blue Jays and was known for his versatility, professionalism, and good humor.

## Rick Schu

Born in Philadelphia and raised in Sacramento. Star athlete at Del Campo High School, twice named All-City. Hit .411 with 10 doubles and 5 triples in his senior year and was a strong pitcher. Starred in the Optimist Game and was praised as an exceptional athlete by coach Mike Alberghini. Played high school, senior league, and American Legion baseball all at once. Signed as a free agent by the Philadelphia Phillies before the 1981 draft. Quickly moved up through the Phillies' minor leagues. Led the league in triples and ranked high in doubles with a .301 average in 1983. Named a Pacific Coast League All-Star in 1983. Made his MLB debut with the Phillies on September 1, 1984. Hit an important RBI triple and two-run homer in his second MLB game. Played nine MLB seasons with the Phillies, California, Baltimore, and Montreal. Career totals include 386 hits, 41 home runs, and 134 RBIs. Served as hitting coach for the Diamondbacks, Nationals, and Giants. Rick retired after 38 years in professional baseball.

## Jeff Levering

Star player and leader on Jesuit High School's 2001 baseball team. Led Jesuit with a .484 batting average, 10 doubles, and 33 RBIs. Helped Jesuit win the CIF Sac-Joaquin Division 1 Championship. Made the All-City team in 2001. Played college baseball at Chapman University and won the Division 3 championship in 2003. Studied sports broadcasting at Chapman and started at Sacramento's KFBK radio. Impressed Emmy-winning broadcaster Steve Physioc, who helped start his career. First broadcasting job was with the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes minor league team. Worked in broadcasting at Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Pawtucket. Hired by the Milwaukee Brewers, working with Bob Uecker for nearly ten years. Praised for his genuine personality and excellent broadcasting skills. Known as one of the best and nicest broadcasters in the business.

## F.P. Santangelo

Star shortstop at Oak Ridge High School, hitting .456 in 1985. Played at Sacramento City College and helped win the 1988 State Community College Championship. Gave a motivating speech that inspired the team to win a key doubleheader. In 1988, hit .395 with 32 RBIs and 43 stolen bases; named co-Player of the Year. Continued at University of Miami, hitting .345 with 32 stolen bases. Drafted by the Montreal Expos in the 20th round. Hit a triple in his second MLB at-bat in 1995. Best MLB season was 1996 with 109 hits, 20 doubles, 5 triples; finished 4th in NL Rookie of the Year voting. Played 14 professional seasons, including 7 in the majors with Montreal, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Oakland. Career MLB batting average of .245 with 415 hits. Became a broadcaster, working nearly 10 years as a color commentator for the Washington Nationals. Now hosts a popular podcast and fills in as a broadcaster for the San Francisco Giants. Called a July 4th MLB game in Sacramento, marking a special full-circle moment in his career.



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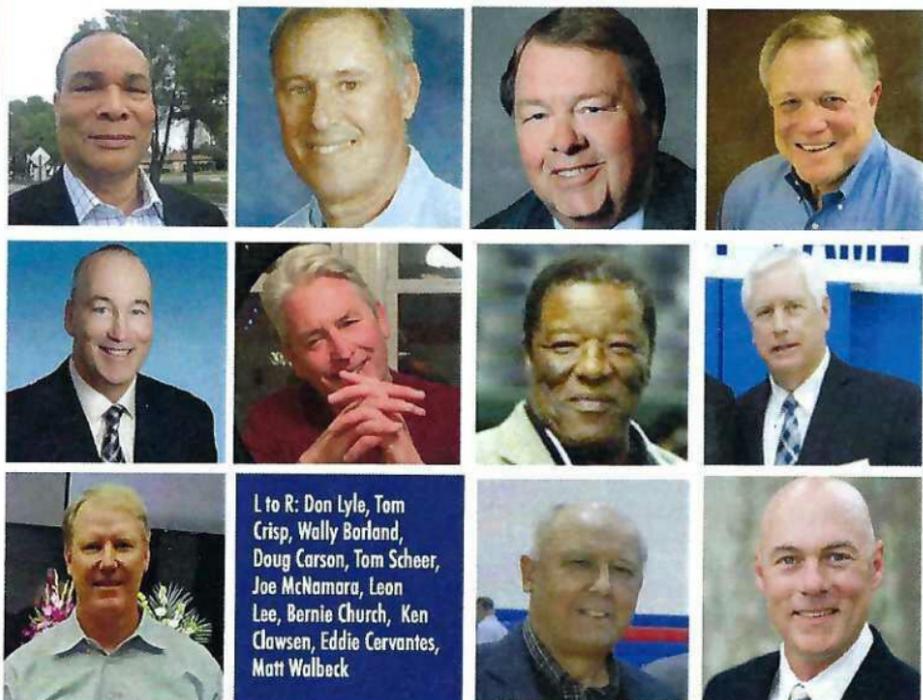
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