

**SAN MANUEL HIGH SCHOOL**

**HALL OF FAME**



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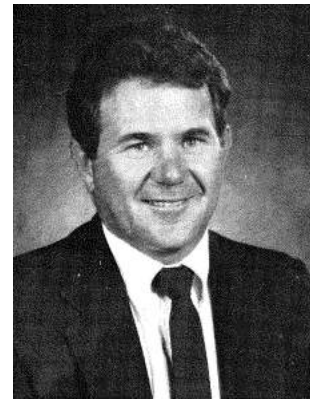
# 2017 Hall of Fame Inductees



Trent Brown, Sr  
Athlete



Pete Kron  
Athlete



Donnie Payne  
Coach



## 2014 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Fred Littau—Coach  
Cathy Garcia Gonzales—Athlete

Manny Ruiz—Coach  
Cindy Trejo Navarro—Athlete

Rex Mirich—Athlete  
PJ Ponce—Athlete

## 2013 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Sheila Baize—Coach  
Warner Smith—Athlete

John Dicus—Athletic Patron

Greg Parker—Athlete

## **San Manuel High School Hall of Fame Procedures**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the San Manuel Hall of Fame shall be to recognize student-athletes, coaches, administrators or community members who have contributed to San Manuel High School Athletics through successful contribution to their sport promoting excellence and citizenship. These student-athletes and individuals should have made a positive impact on the local community and should be considered positive role models for today's athletes. As a result, we expect to see an increased awareness of and pride in San Manuel Athletics, both past and present.

**Where:** The San Manuel Sports Hall of Fame shall be located in the front lobby of the San Manuel High School Gymnasium.

**Who:** An athlete, coach, team administrator or community member can be nominated to the Hall of Fame. Nominees should have made an outstanding contribution to their sport and rank among the school's all time best statistically. They also should be worthy representatives of the school and considered role models in the community; a nominee can be removed from the Hall of Fame if subsequent behavior puts that status in question. Candidates should meet the following criteria in order to be nominated:

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| Athlete:                        | Be a graduate of San Manuel High School<br>Be a multi-sport athlete<br>5 year waiting period after graduation to be considered<br>Have post season honors (All Region, All State, Medaling at State) |
| Coach:                          | 5 year waiting period after coaching a Varsity sport<br>5 years of continuous coaching of that sport<br>Dedicated to San Manuel High School and it's students  |
| Community Member/Administrator: | Contributed to San Manuel High School and Athletics financially or volunteering<br>Dedicated to San Manuel High School and it's students   |

## **San Manuel High School**

### **Recorded History**

In the fall of 1955, San Manuel High School was just a skeleton of frames and slabs of cement. Students from the unincorporated town of San Manuel attended classes temporarily at a barracks building. The building was on the outskirts of town, across from the old trailer park. San Manuel High School was completed on January 27, 1956; however, the district auditorium wasn't built until 17 years later. The doors of this new school were opened to the students of Mammoth, San Manuel and Oracle on January 30, 1956. The entire student body numbered 214 and the faculty/staff numbered 11. In the spring of 1956, 23 seniors received diplomas stating that they had graduated from San Manuel High School, thus being the first graduates.

The first superintendent was Mr. Roy V. Forsnas and the principal was Mr. Robert J. Burian. At that time, there were three school board members: Mr. Vincent I. Coson, Mr. James A. Gardner and Mr. Paul A. Talbot. The first edition of THE COPPERLEAF was published in 1956 and the first issue of the "Pick 'N Shovel" previously known as the "Li'l Miner" was issued in 1963.

The first boys' athletic competition was a football game against Florence. The Miners lost the game 37-20 and ended the season with a record of 4-3, which was satisfactory considering that the team held practices in the community park.

The high school office used to be where the 20's wing is, but was destroyed by a fire. The present office was built in 1974.

In 2001, Gardner Middle School closed due to a decline in enrollment and San Manuel High School became San Manuel Junior/Senior High School, housing students grades 7-12.

**San Manuel High School Hall of Fame**

**Trent Brown, Sr**

Athlete



Student Athlete 1990-1994

Football, Basketball, Baseball

Inducted January 2017

1st Team All Conference Pitcher 1992, 1993, 1994

1st Team All State Pitcher 1992, 1993, 1994

1st Team All Arizona Pitcher 1991 & 1992

High School All American Pitcher 1992

Connie Mack State Championship Pitcher 1993

Team USA Pitcher 1994

US Junior Olympic Team Pitcher 1994

Az Baseball Coaches Association Starting/Winning Pitcher

Arizona State University Pitcher 1995

Tampa Devil Rays Pitcher 1997

**San Manuel High School Hall of Fame**

**Pete Kron**

Athlete



Student Athlete 1960-1965

Football, Track

Inducted January 2017

All State 1964 & 1965

State Champion Shot & Discus 1965

School Record Holder Shot & Discus

Oklahoma University, Track Scholarship 1965-1970

Big 8 Conference Scorer 1967, 1968 & 1969

US Navy Veteran 1970-1974

Assistant Track Coach, Oklahoma University 1974-2000

Coach, Oklahoma Baptist University 2007-present

**San Manuel High School Hall of Fame**

**Don Payne**

Coach



Football, Baseball  
Inducted January 2017

San Manuel HS Graduate 1965

Region Coach of the Year

Az HS Baseball Coach of the Year 1985, 1989, 1992 & 1993

District 7 Baseball Coach of the Year 1993

Region Football Championship 1981

State Football Championship 1981

Region Baseball Championship 1971, 1974, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1992, 1993

Baseball State Runnerups 1983, 1984, 1993, 2009

State Baseball Championships 1985 & 1992

Az Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Inductee 2003

**San Manuel High School Athletic Council**

Freddy Burnham—Baseball  
Alex Gort—Swimming  
Dave Jungbluth—Girl’s Basketball  
Dale Russell—Cross Country  
William Smith—Boy’s Basketball & Track  
Patty St. Jeor—Volleyball & Softball  
Daniel Williams—Football  
Manuel Yubeta—Wrestling  
Elizabeth Zazueta—Spiritline  
Melissa S. Joliat—Athletic Director

**Mammoth-San Manuel Unified School District**

**Board Members**

Terry Newman  
Malinda LeGrand  
David Aronson  
Michael Carnes

John J. Ryan—Superintendent  
Julie Dale-Scott—Associate Superintendent & HS Principal  
Melissa S. Joliat—HS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director

