

32nd ANNUAL CAREER DAY - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Gabriella (Ruiz) Garcia is a 2005 graduate of Woodlake High School where she was an active member of leadership as ASB vice-president and captain of the varsity tennis team, earning most valuable player for the 2004-2005 season. Dr. Garcia was also active in the WHS Ballet Folklorico Group, and Every 15 Minutes. Dr. Garcia believes that WHS is truly a place where everyone has the opportunity to succeed. "I am so appreciative of the lessons I learned at WHS, its traditions, and the opportunity to really learn what the meaning of community is. The support is unwavering, and teachers really care about you as a person. At WHS, I made lifelong relationships that have been so valuable to me," says Dr. Garcia who holds a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Behavior and a Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) degree in Organizational Development from the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University.

After high school, Dr. Garcia decided to attend College of the Sequoias while taking on the primary caregiver role to her grandfather after his diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease. She also played two years of varsity tennis at COS prior to transferring to Fresno Pacific University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies in 2009.

Passionate about giving back to the community, Dr. Garcia began working for the Woodlake Unified School District at the Family Resource Center where she spent nearly three years connecting Woodlake families to resources and helping children meet developmental milestones.

In 2012, her grandfather lost his battle with Alzheimer's Disease and shortly after, Dr. Garcia began what would be a six-year long journey working for the Alzheimer's Association, the Nation's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Dr. Garcia was most recently based in Boston, MA where she worked closely with physicians and



Dr. Gabriella (Ruiz) Garcia is a 2005 graduate of WHS

health systems to change the way that dementia care is managed. "The knowledge I gained from having the opportunity to work with and learn from some of the best Alzheimer's and dementia researchers in the world has been life changing," she stated. During her three years in Boston, Dr. Garcia had the opportunity to help pioneer the Dementia Care Coordination program, partnering with nationally recognized hospitals such as Massachusetts General Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. In 2017, Dr. Garcia was selected to present her team's program and research at the Alzheimer's Association

International Conference in London, England, the world's largest conference dedicated to Alzheimer's and dementia research.

In 2017, Dr. Garcia also completed her dissertation titled Principles of Cultural Competency in Alzheimer's Disease Care for Hispanics and Latinos and graduated that June.

In July 2018, Dr. Garcia and her husband, Fernando (*also a WHS alumni*), returned to California where she began a new position as a Regional Manager of Operations with Docent Health, a Boston based company that partners with health systems to improve patient engagement and satisfaction in hospitals. In this role, she manages teams that are dedicated to ensuring that patients are known, valued, and heard.

Dr. Garcia attributes her work ethic and drive to the life experiences she learned while being an advocate and caregiver for her grandfather, the importance her family placed on education, and the passion she has for helping others. The advice she has for WHS students is to work hard, know that you can do anything you set your mind to, and if you have a goal- no matter how long it will take - go for it because the time will pass anyway, and you truly only regret the chances you didn't take.

Dr. Garcia resides on the Central Coast with her husband, and their dog, Benny.

Welcome Note - from the WHS Foundation Board President

Welcome to the Woodlake High School Foundation newsletter! We are so happy and grateful to be able to reach out to you! Our goal is to support the remarkable students of Woodlake High School through direct financial scholarships and in supporting various school activities. The Board and members of the Foundation are committed to working with all the members of our local communities and especially YOU, to raise funds for both yearly individual scholarships as well as in building a long-term \$1 million endowment that will serve students into the next century.

Do you want to be a part of the great work being done by so many in our communities to support our hardworking students? Do you want to be part of something as great as a perpetual endowment that will serve students forever? Do you have time to be part

of our good works? Do you want to have a great time with an enthusiastic team that has a vision and focus? Then you might be a Woodlake Tiger High School Foundation member! We are building a long-term calendar of fun events such as our spring dinner, Christmas Parade sales, and other exciting new and fun events here locally. Talk to a Board Member soon so we can share our vision and how you can be part of the great group of people working for the future of many fine students.



George Kulick
WHS Foundation Board President

“Woodlake High School – A Place of Innovative Learning”



Rick Rodriguez
WHS Principal

One of the strengths of Woodlake High School (WHS) is the perpetual drive of all its stakeholders to maintain it as an innovative place of learning. WHS is a member of an elite group of schools that provides all its students with Chromebooks and access to the Internet from home. The use of technology and educational apps has not only enhanced instruction and student learning but is revolutionizing trademarks of WHS, such as the student portfolio and exit interview. Since 1996, WHS has measured graduate outcomes through a student portfolio. Rather than submitting all the work in a binder, the Class of 2020 will be the first class to complete an electronic or E-Portfolio using Google sites which will then be presented as part of the Senior Exit Interview process.

Meaningful elective and enrichment classes provide students with innovative ways to learn new skills, adding value to their high school diploma. A Musical Theatre class is offered for the first time.

Students will develop collaboration skills, express themselves creatively, think critically and communicate effectively in front of an audience. In the After School Program, students' lives will be enriched by learning practical skills in Cooking, Quilting, and Service Dog classes.

There are also new curricular changes to the English and Math departments. The English department is working with a Tulare County Office of Education curriculum specialist to implement college-level modules of study, the California State University's Expository Reading Writing Course (ERWC) for all 9th – 12th grade students. The Math department entered into a 6-year partnership with Arches Access, a professional service provider funded by the US Department of Education, to support effective teaching of state standards and enhance learning math skills by all students. College and Career readiness is the premier goal for all WHS students!

If you would like more information about WHS's educational programs or would like to visit the school, please do not hesitate to contact me at school (564-3307) or by email at rrodriguez@w-usd.org.

A Note from the WUSD Superintendent

As the new Superintendent of the Woodlake Unified School District, I hope to listen and take into account all viewpoints of our community and make the best decisions possible for our students. I believe the most important job is to make sure that our students are learning and achieving at high levels, mastering grade-level mathematics and ELA standards. One of my goals is that each student will graduate from Woodlake Unified School District college and career ready!

The Board of Trustees and Staff continue to provide district-wide high speed internet access and 1:1 Chromebooks throughout our schools and our classrooms are equipped with Promethean Interactive Boards. Our middle and high schools are participating in the CA GEAR UP program to help all students prepare for higher education. It also provides secondary school educators with the tools, information, and guidance to support families in preparation for college.

I look forward to working with all of our stakeholders to better meet the needs of our students.



Alfonso Gamino
WUSD Superintendent

WHS Grads Speak to United Nations

Erica Diaz-Rodriguez (*WHS 2016*) and Jessica Reynoso (*WHS 2016*) spoke at the United Nations' 62nd Annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) from March 12th - 17th in New York City. Erica Diaz-Rodriguez, a Junior at San Jose State University majoring in Political Science and Chicano Studies and Jessica Reynoso, a Junior at Stanford University, majoring in Public Policy, represented the Central Valley regarding empowering rural woman, girls, and their communities. The Central Valley is home to the largest rural community population in California. Many residents face access barriers to basic needs like clean water and health care. Woodlake is no exception. The narrative of poor and working-class women and girls in our small town is centered around struggle and resilience. These were the stories they wanted to amplify to the international community at this meeting.



Jessica Reynoso and Erica Diaz-Rodriguez (WHS 2016)

“Throughout our time at CSW, we were reminded of the importance of remembering one’s roots. It is important we recognize our shared struggles to work together to uplift our communities.”

WHS Grad Accepts Internship with Facebook



Brooke Renteria Rivas (WHS 2017)

Brooke Renteria Rivas (*WHS 2017*) has landed an internship at Facebook. “Blessed, happy, & excited describe me in my next adventure...”

Over the last couple of months, I’ve been spending almost every weekend interviewing in the Bay. Out of 300, I was selected in a group of 40 to be a part of a yearlong internship at Facebook Headquarters. For the first 5 months, a non-profit organization called Year Up will facilitate my training in software, program management, and business philosophy. In January, I will start my assignment at Facebook.

I cannot wait to see where this learning takes me.” Brooke is the daughter of Raquel Renteria (*WHS 1988*) and Tony Rivas (*WHS 1988*).



This will take one minute of your time, cost you nothing and help WHS Foundation tremendously! Welcome to Amazon Smile! We all shop on Amazon, especially with Christmas coming up. Follow these simple directions, do your regular Amazon shopping and Amazon will contribute 0.5% of your purchase price to the Woodlake Union High School District Foundation. This percent is paid by Amazon, not you! You designate us as your preferred charity and from that point on, every time you shop, Amazon will contribute their portion to us automatically.

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3. Select a new charitable organization to support. Please type in: Woodlake Union High School District Foundation and save it.
4. For more information go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>

Tulare County Fair Wrap Up



Woodlake FFA made their presence known at the Tulare County Fair this year. Not only did we do well with our large market animals, but our small animal exhibitors took home some of the top honors. Jamie Tattersfield exhibited the Reserve Champion Rabbit Meat Pen with her Californians and placed 7th in Experi-



Kevin Mehrten showing his Boer goat

enced Showmanship. Izaiah Benavides was the 1st High Individual in Experienced Rabbit Showmanship and 1st High Individual in Small Animal Round Robin winning two belt buckles. Also in the rabbit classes, Jason Alcorn was the 5th High individual in Expe-



Daniela Frausto and Daisy Vargas show off their market poultry projects



Kyle Davis - 4th in Class with his Commercial bred Heifer

rienced Rabbit Showmanship. With our feathered friends, Daniela Frausto placed 1st High Individual in Poultry Experienced Showmanship and 2nd High Individual in Small Animal Round Robin. As a newcomer to poultry showmanship, Daisy Vargas placed 3rd the Novice division. Tulare County Fair does not offer the opportunity for all small animals to sell at the auction, but all of our small



FFA President Edith Guijon Showing her market hog.

animals sold either through the sale or to private buyers. In the large animal barn, Kyle Davis placed 4th in Class with his commercial bred heifer. In the tasty area of Market Hogs, Gary Spivey, Megan Spivey, Edith Guijon, Wyatt Jordon and Makenzi Albright all sold their projects in the fair auction bringing in a minimum of \$4.00 per lb. The Market Lamb Exhibitors, Rogelio Chavez, Nancy Frausto, Celeste Medina, Alonzo Medina, Brenda Hernandez, Jorge Medina, Clarissa Elias, Kenya Pinon all sold their lambs through the auction with the minimum being \$7.00/lb, an amount well above market value if sold through any other livestock auction, while Anthony Guzman and Edith Guijon sold their lambs privately.

Finally, our lone Market Goat Exhibitor, Kevin Mehrten sold his animal through the auction and was fortunate to be the last person selling for \$41.00 per lb. Lunch on Kevin! In total, Woodlake FFA Members netted over \$23,000 from sale of projects at the fair.

Thank you to all the buyers and individual add-ons for our exhibitors.

After 16 Years - WHS Tigers Defeat Exeter Monarchs 28-15

Article by:

Jacqueline Rodriguez (WHS 2020)



Woodlake's mighty Tigers have started their 2018 football season with tremendous spirit and dedication. With a record of 6-1, the Tigers are looking to win league and continue to play-offs. With their offensive options and structured defense, they will be tough to stop. Coach Johnson, his staff, and players have demonstrated that they are devoted to giving it their all. They have made huge statements on the football field and have made our Woodlake community proud. Every player regardless of their position has contributed to their success.

On August 24, 2018, the cheers of Woodlake football players, family, friends, and fans echoed from the Exeter Monarch football field after breaking the sixteen year losing streak with our rivals, where our Tigers earned "The Team of the week," recognition by our local sports news. We as fans feel like our Woodlake football team has worked extremely hard to be in a position to play beyond playoffs. Our football team has tremendous talent on the offensive side of the ball, defensive side of the ball, as well as on special teams. The Woodlake community stands together to celebrate our Tigers' wins, and are eager to see how far our football team will make it this season. The team was even rewarded two times now by being given a police escort home after beating Exeter with the score of 28-15 and Strathmore with the score of 38-20. The boys started off their football season with a "beast mode" mentality due to the love of the game and support of their fans. A huge gratitude to our Woodlake cheerleaders for their performance on the sidelines and for

inspiring our Woodlake Tigers to strive for that hard earned victory.

Woodlake football has been an ongoing sports tradition where the community unites as one and enjoys a good Friday night game on Leo Robinson Field at Rob-

inson/Painter Stadium. Lately, a larger group of Woodlake fans have been commuting to away games in support of their Woodlake Tigers. Driving to away games is not going to hinder Woodlake fans from highlighting the orange and black presence.

A huge "thank you" goes out to all the Woodlake football sponsors. Your contribution to our program is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Through your generosity, our team has been able to continue the Woodlake football traditions such as "Cupcake Thursday's" and providing food to the team on game days. If interested in contributing to the Woodlake High School Football Booster program, please contact the Woodlake high school, any of the Coaches or a Booster Member. Follow on FaceBook and Instagram for the latest stories.

To our Woodlake football program; in light of your terrific start this season, the Woodlake fans wish you the best of luck. May you stay focused and healthy during practice and on game days. Keep up the camaraderie and stay humble throughout your football quest.

Football is a grueling sport. You've demonstrated that on the field through blood, sweat, and tears. Coaches, keep guiding our players to victory. Players, keep striving for perfection and never forget to hit the books as hard as you hit your opponents. Cheerleaders, keep the spirit alive, and Woodlake, keep supporting our Tigers!

The New Face of WUSD Athletics

Shannon Taylor is the new WUSD Athletic Director. She has been involved in Education and school sports for 20+ years. Her first coaching position was her 8 year-old daughter's recreation league softball team. She has taught Special Education, English Language Art, International Baccalaureate and Middle Years Program. Serving as an interim Assistant Principal, Shannon found a new direction and also served as Student Services Assistant Principal. A vacancy in the Athletic Director position led her back to being involved with sports and coaching.

As the WUSD Athletic Director, Shannon has found exceptional athletes who play with lots of heart, fantastic coaches and support for Tiger athletes both on and off the field. She hopes to keep the successful programs already in progress while continuing to make WHS the place scholar-athletes are drawn to. She has found Tiger and Bengal

pride to be a breath of fresh air and community support is overwhelming. She would like to create an Athletic Council to focus on basic skills that will bring a higher level of play to both the middle and high schools, as well as the city recreational opportunities. With a foundation for greatness, we are well on our way to becoming a



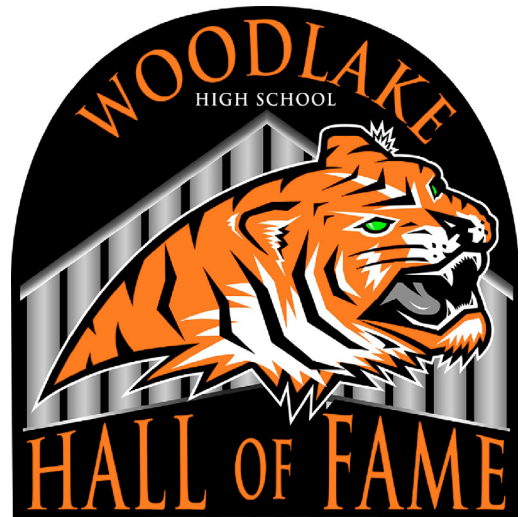
Shannon Taylor
WUSD Athletic Director

school of champions fostered by our supportive community.

Need scores/win-loss: Tiger Football; Tiger Volleyball; Tiger Cross Country

Woodlake High School - Hall of Fame

In April of 2018, the second group of Woodlake High School Hall of Fame inductees were enshrined at the Foundation dinner. Now it is time to add to the list with our third class of Hall of Fame inductees. The most recent class consisted of Sally Pace (long time counselor), Ernie Garcia (Who will ever forget the present school board granting Ernie his high school diploma?!) and Jim Barton (former board member from Three Rivers). The newest class will be decided when you nominate a candidate based on simple criteria. The individuals could have served in many capacities such as student, teaching staff, clerical staff, board member, administrator, or district administrator. The goal is to induct people who have taken "Tiger Spirit" outside the walls of the school and have brought Woodlake High School notoriety either from their exploits during their time in school or after in their careers. Fill out the form that is attached to this newsletter and send it to the address listed. We will close the nomination in mid-January in order for the committee to have time to meet and select the next deserving class! We look forward to seeing the nominations come in.



WHS Hall of Fame Nomination Form

The Woodlake High School Foundation has established a Hall of Fame for its distinguished staff and alumni. The Foundation dinner will host the third induction class. Candidates are eligible based on their contributions in areas such as academics, the community, athletics, professional occupations, and the arts.

Any person may nominate a candidate to the Woodlake High School Hall of Fame.

Once a name has been placed in nomination, it will be kept on file to be considered in later years.

Former students with at least two years at Woodlake High School, former Woodlake High School staff members including teachers, administrators, counselors, high school support staff, past superintendents, and former board members, are all eligible for nomination. A student candidate is eligible once their graduating class is five years out of high school. Former staff members, board members, and administrators are eligible if they worked for Woodlake a minimum of 10 years and have been retired from Woodlake for at least four years.

Nomination form: Deadline is January 15, 2019

Your Name: _____ Relationship to nominee: _____

I am nominating: _____ for induction into the Woodlake High School Hall of Fame.

Category (check one):

Alumni Certificated Classified Administrator Board member

I understand that only those nominations with supporting evidence will be considered. Examples of supporting evidence include any documentation from the above criteria including significant contributions to school and/or community. Applications without this evidence will not be considered.

Send your nomination to:

Tony Casares at 450 W. Sequoia Ave., Woodlake, CA 93286
or to Woodlake High School Foundation, c/o Tony Casares: 300 W. Whitney, Woodlake, CA 93286.
Email to: tcasares@w-usd.org

The following statement includes my reasons for nominating this outstanding candidate for induction into the Hall of Fame.

(Please Use This Form, or make a Copy - Please Attach additional pages if needed.)

WHS Hall of Fame - 2018 Honorees

Sally Pace *WHS 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee*



When Sally Pace came out to Woodlake to interview for the Home Economics position in 1971, she met Bud Loverin, there was no formal interview, he and Brian Vaccaro walked her down to the Home Economics building and introduced her to the Home Economics teacher who was leaving for a job as a Librarian, told her she was crazy to even want the job because they were on modular scheduling with 16 different periods a day and she was expected to teach as many as 10 different classes. This sounded exciting to Sally but she left feeling like she didn't get the job! About 2 weeks later, Eleanor Bacconi, the Office Manager called and said "Get out here and sign your contract if you want the Home Ec. job."

Her classes celebrated every occasion. At one Thanksgiving dinner, a student brought in a live turkey, killed and cleaned it and cooked it for students and their parents. In her second year at Woodlake she also started working with TCOVE (Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education) which needed someone to teach a TCOVE Child Care Class.

After Sally and Mike had two children, Ryan and Natalie, she took a break, working part time for two years. Sally resumed teaching full time in 1976. The next year, Margaret Wolfe, joined the Home Ec. Department part time and they expanded the Woodlake FHA-HERO (Future Homemakers of America - Home Economics Related Occupations), to cater community activities for Rotary, the Chamber, and weddings. Students learned cooking, serving, and basic social skills while serving local leaders. She continues to do that through the Woodlake Kiwanis Club to this day.

Between 1977 and 1986 the Woodlake FHA-HERO Chapter was one of the largest and most successful Chapters in California. They sent as many as

30 students each year to the State Competition and many on to National Competition.

In 1984-85 Sally and Dennis took over the State Mandated Sophomore Counseling Program at Woodlake High School. The counseling team included: Pearl Clarke as the school psychologist, Donna Ramirez, the Counseling Secretary as well as Jacinto Gardea and Mercy Herrera, the Migrant counselors.

Sally helped start and developed many of the programs that support students today including: Career Day, Senior Exit Interviews/Portfolio Review, the Community Service Graduation Requirement, On-Site College Study Trips, the School to Career Program, Sophomore Counseling, Peer Counseling Program, School Site Based Management Program, High Risk Student Study Team Process, On-Site 8th Grade Registration and Parent Night, and Financial Aid and College Application Workshops for parents and students.

In addition, she and her team increased percentage of students eligible to attend four year colleges from 7% in 1986 - 50% 2005.

In 1990 Sally received her Master's of Arts Degree from Fresno Pacific University in Counseling. She served as an adjunct professor at the University from 2010 to 2017.

All this hard work earned Sally many school, state, county, and community honors, among which were the 1994 Woodlake Woman of the Year and the 2005 Woodlake Woman of the Decade. She continues to strive to make Woodlake a wonderful place of opportunity for students and parents alike.



Ernie Garcia *WHS 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee*



Ernie Garcia was born on June 12, 1927 in Arizona. His family migrated to Los Angeles then moved up to the Central Valley, settling first in Farmersville, before moving permanently to Woodlake. Once in Woodlake they bounced around mostly north of town. When his father died in 1941 his mother moved them to Seville where Ernie graduated from eighth grade.

When Ernie attended Woodlake High School his family lived and worked in Redbanks. He picked fruit, worked in the packing house, and drove truck. He said that the kids from Redbanks filled an entire school bus headed for Woodlake.

He remembers rations during the World War II when his brother Auggie entered the war before he was old enough to go. After his brother left, Ernie became the head of his household, supporting his mother and siblings.

Ernie married Ernestina in 1945. He had attended high school for three years while he worked and would have continued and graduated in 1946. However, when he married in 1945, the army drafted him into the service where he served from 1945-1947. Today he is still active with the AMVETS Post 22 in Visalia. In 2014 he took the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. and Channel 30 featured him on commercials for several years.

Together Ernie and Ernestina Garcia had four children Robert, Joe, Ernie, and Erlinda. They lived in the Veteran's Apartments when he first came back from the service. In 1959 he purchased property on Magnolia and built the house where he lives now. The house only had one bedroom when he built it, but he enlarged it as his family grew.

Ernie held a variety of jobs during his working career. Besides working at

Redbanks after he returned from the service, had several part time jobs including working at the liquor store at the Theatre. He worked at the Copa Grande for several years. In the 1963-79 he joined the staff as the janitor of the Memorial Building. From 1979 through 1991, he worked at F. J. White. Then he wondered what he would do after he retired. Not surprisingly he was asked to come back and work at Memorial Building part time and he stayed from 1991-2004.

Since he retired, Ernie spends many hours volunteering around the community. He serves as a docent at the Woodlake Valley Cultural Museum. He remembers when Mr. F. J. White donated the land across from the Museum to the Lions Club. They built a skating rink and his son, Robert, fell into the cement while it was setting. His wife kept his son's stiff clothing, but the Garcia-shaped imprint was removed.

He's been involved in sports since the 1960s when his children started high school. At that time the boosters raised money with the pancake breakfast on Rodeo Weekend. They sponsored dances to raise money to fund the football and baseball programs and host award dinners to honor the players. He also helped the chain gang mark the yards at the football games. Now Ernie greets fans at the Woodlake home games, and assists with crowd control. Volleyball, basketball, football, he loves sports.

Ernie was blessed with good health, and remembers being sick only one time. Always an energetic volunteer, Ernie served as a volunteer fireman until fighting the 1980 High School Fire along with Bill Diamond who was the chief at that time.

Ernie has earned several awards for his hard work and community service. In 1999 Bill Ferry, Sr. nominated him to be the Grand Marshall of the Rodeo Parade. He was the 2003 Woodlake Man of the year. Ernie Garcia is synonymous with service and love for Woodlake schools.

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Jim Barton *WHS 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee*



Jim was born April 30th, 1924. In 10 days from tonight, he will celebrate his 94th birthday. Jim was raised in Three Rivers from birth. His dad was a cattle rancher and citrus farmer. The family escaped the hot summers by moving themselves and the cattle to Mineral King, where they supplied the cabin community with milk and beef.

Jim attended Three Rivers Union School through eighth grade, then spent the next four years at Woodlake High School. In his senior year, he served as student body president, an office he and his best friend, Jim Tobin, competed against each other for, with Jim winning by three votes.

After graduating Woodlake High in 1942, Jim attended Visalia Junior College. An Army recruiter came to campus and Jim enlisted. Before the school year ended, Jim was called to active duty in World War II. From 1943 to 1946, he served with the Signal Corps in the U.S. Army's 89th Infantry Division.

When he returned to Three Rivers, he graduated from Visalia JC, then attended Fresno State and UC Berkeley on the GI Bill before returning to Fresno State where he graduated with a major in Math and minor in Physics.

On June 10, 1950, he married Jeanette Tario in Three Rivers. And that was also the summer he began working as a seasonal Park Service ranger in Sequoia. The couple spent the next 12 summers living and working in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. In 1952, Jim was hired as a math teacher for the Santa Monica School District, so Jim and Jeanette moved to Santa Monica, where they resided during the school year.

In 1962, the couple, now with two young children, Sarah and Mark,

moved to Seattle, where Jim attended University of Washington and obtained his Master's degree. Jim was still a ranger in the summer months, but transferred to Yellowstone National Park, where the family lived for the next four seasons.

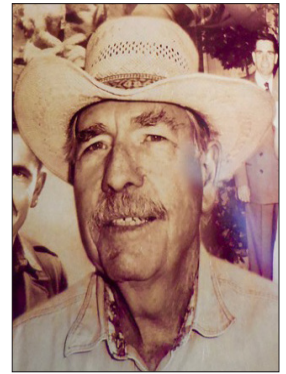
In 1969, Jim was hired as a math professor by his alma mater, Visalia JC, which had a name change to College of the Sequoias. The Bartons moved to Three Rivers. In 1977, Jim was elected to the Woodlake Union High School board of trustees. Living in Three Rivers and being involved with Woodlake High School meant Jim's life had come full circle.

He served nearly 15 years on the Woodlake board, from 1977 to 1991, including several years as president. He retired from the National Park Service after 20 years as a summertime ranger and, in 1993, retired from COS after being an educator for 41 years.

Six generations of Bartons have lived in Three Rivers. Four of those generations have graduated from Woodlake High School, including Jim's father, his daughter, and his two grandchildren. Jim lost his wife of 66 years last year.

These days, he enjoys his Three Rivers home (that's on property that's been in his family since 1878) and his mountain cabin in Mineral King (that's almost 100 years old like him!) while honoring requests to speak at events about the way things used to be around these parts.

He is grateful and humbled to be added to the WHS Hall of Fame beside such icons as Leo Robinson, Frank Ainley, and Louise Achenbach and the inductees being honored tonight.



Sierra Subs in Three Rivers voted in Yelps 100 Places to Eat in the United States in 2017-2018



Sierra Subs in Three Rivers is owned & operated by Allison (Sherwood) Milner (*WHS 1995*) & husband Dane Milner. Sierra Subs is not your ordinary sub sandwich restaurant. The Milner's love good, healthy foods and enjoy bringing back cuisine from around the world.

For example, curry sandwiches, noodle bowls, peking duck meatballs, Caribbean jerk chicken, etc. There are many vegetarian options, gluten free, vegan & giant meat sandwiches. Everything you could possibly want in a lunch or dinner outing. The website for this restaurant is <http://www.sierrasubsandsalads.com>.

Allison attended UC San Diego where she earned a degree in English and Spanish Literature. After graduation, she went to work for a cooking school where she became the director. Dane had been in the coffee and tea wholesale business. They put together their extensive backgrounds in the food & wholesale business along with their love of food to work to create Sierra Subs.



Allison (Sherwood) Milner (*WHS 1995*) & husband Dane Milner.





WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

October 1, 2018

Dear Friends of Woodlake High School,

It's time once again to seek your financial support for our graduating students at Woodlake High School. Since 1990, the Woodlake High School Foundation has been working with committed community members and leaders to fund annual scholarships for hundreds of deserving Woodlake High School graduates who are going on to colleges and vocational schools across the country. We are seeking your support to give the Class of 2019 a good solid start on their life journey.

This year, we have set a goal to raise at least \$20,000 to fund much needed scholarships for our top graduating students. In addition, we are working to continue to raise funds, to reach our endowment goal of \$1 million so we can continue to support our students for years to come. To that end, we have pledged to donate at least 10% of all funds raised, to our endowment fund and will do so for the foreseeable future.

The Woodlake High School Foundation has plans for several key fundraising events this year and we hope you can join us. We will hold our Annual Spring Classic Dinner and Auction May 3, 2019, at the Woodlake Memorial Building. We are also planning our annual Monster Pork Sandwich Sales during the Woodlake Christmas Parade in December. We are looking for other worthy venues as well, to continue our fundraising efforts this year and beyond. To that end, we cannot be successful without your help.

A donation to this year's fundraising goal will make a real difference for many deserving Woodlake High School students. As the academic achievements of our students continue to improve, so does the competitiveness and accountability increase. Our students all still must complete their 85 hours of community service before they are even considered for a Foundation scholarship. Our kids are working harder than ever and our expectations for them, continue to rise as well. Therefore, our personal commitment to them cannot waiver either.

To donate visit our website - www.woodlakefoundation.org.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Woodlake High School Foundation.

Go Tigers!!

Sincerely,

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Woodlake Awards Dinner - 2017 Honorees



Man of the Year

Louie Lopez

WHS Class of 2000

Louie is in the process of returning some of the good he received growing up in Woodlake, paying it forward to the next generation. He is a member of The Home-grown Project and serves on the Woodlake City Council. He is the son of “Big” Louie (*WHS 1979*) and Mandy Pena Lopez (*WHS 1980*) and has three siblings. He is employed by Southern CA Edison. His favorite pastime is working as a local DJ, “DJ Double LL.”



Woman of the Year

Aurora Hernandez Medina

WHS Class of 1975

Aurora Medina has been a fixture in the WHS counseling department for many years and she is nominated for her willingness to volunteer throughout the community as a translator, scholarship facilitator, and positive influence on WHS students. She is the daughter of Juan Clemente and Irene Hernandez and has seven siblings. Aurora attended Woodlake schools, COS and Fresno State. She loves all things theatre and is a great supporter of the arts. Aurora is the daughter of the daughter of the late Juan Clemente & Irene Hernandez.



Youth of the Year

Claudia Zacarias

WHS Class of 2018

Claudia is the daughter of Juan and Nicole Cerda Macias (*WHS 1996*) and has three siblings. Claudia is attending Cal Lutheran to become a dentist. She has given countless hours to many clubs on campus and the Woodlake Helping One Woman Chapter. She is also the reigning Miss Woodlake.



Youth of the Year

Carlos Lucatero

WHS Class of 2018

Carlos Lucatero is one very busy WHS student. The son of Juan (*WHS 1989*) and Blanca Lucatero, he has one brother. Carlos is attending UC Santa Cruz, majoring in Political Science. He has been involved in ASB clubs and government, and was the 2017-2018 WUSD School Board representative.



Lifetime Achievement

Terry Baker

WHS Class of 1965

Lifetime Achievement award winner, Terry Baker is one of Woodlake’s most interesting and accomplished citizens. The second of three sons born to Ned and Karyll Baker, Terrill Lawson Baker is a man of many adventures. His service to Woodlake includes Woodlake Rotary Club, Tulare County Farm Bureau, Flying Tigers of Woodlake and he is a sponsor of Young Eagles. He is married to Sally Dudley Baker (*WHS 76*) and they have a cattle ranch north of Woodlake



Spirit of Woodlake

George & Debbie Kulick

George -WHS Class of 1973

This year we honor Debbie and George Kulick of Three Rivers with the Spirit of Woodlake Award. Debbie and George are actively involved with the St. Clement of Alexandria Church and serve on the Day Care board. Both are members of the WHS Foundation; Debbie serves as Treasurer and George is the President. They have given many scholarship interviews and support WHS grads with the Make A Difference Scholarship. Both have been instrumental in supporting WHS sports behind the scenes with the skills and donations. Debbie is a CPA at Kaweah Tax Services and George is retired from the US Forest Service.

Woodlake Awards Dinner - 2017 Honorees



Educator of the Year

Nancy Crawford
WHS Class of 1971

Nancy Lee Stiltz Crawford is the daughter of Irving and Evelyn Stiltz and grew up in Three Rivers. She attended Three Rivers Elementary, Woodlake High School and COS. She has been married to Paul Crawford (*WHS 1971*) for 44 years. They have two children: Kate St. Marin and Will Crawford, and two grandchildren: Johnston and Julissa St. Martin. Nancy has been employed at Lulu Blair Kress preschool for 23 years, beginning as a teacher, then director in 2000. She was promoted to Kindergarten Readiness Coordinator in 2014.



Youth Mentor

Larry Arroyo
WHS Class of 1979

Larry Arroyo is this year's Youth Mentor of the Year. The son of Art and Irene Arroyo, Larry is a product of Woodlake schools; he studied Criminal Justice at COS. He is married to Hope Barnes Arroyo (*WHS 1984*) and they have two children: Aharon and Celeste. Larry is the 2nd VP for Woodlake Lions and is a very active member. Larry is singled out for this award for his six years as a WHS football coach and 20 years as a Pop Warner Football coach.



Commitment to Youth

Woodlake Youth Football
James Sandoval (WHS 2000)
Ryan Wallace (WHS 1994)

Woodlake Youth Football is an organization that serves youth who want to play football. This year we are honoring the Board members and staff who have put in countless hours to ensure that the students have fun and learn the sport. Ryan Wallace is the President and James Sandoval is the VP this year. They work all year long, but their dedication is especially seen in late summer and fall.



Organization of the Year

Kiwanis of Woodlake

Int'l Motto: Serving the Children of the World.
Photo shown of President Prudence Morris & Past President Linda LaFleur

Kiwanis of Woodlake is proud to serve our community and our children. This little club is the source of many public events, including: July 3rd Blast, Round-Up For Hunger, Western Week Bike Rodeo and Pancake Breakfast, Hosting the Woodlake Awards Dinner and the Miss Woodlake Pageant, as well as Toys for Joy. They are also responsible for School Garden Grants, donating to WHS Scholarships, sponsoring the FJW 2nd Grade class, Highway and Bravo Lake Clean-up and participating in the Dictionary Giveaway to students. While also providing support to the WHS Key Club and FJW Builders Club.

This small group of 21 members accomplishes a lot of projects and events in our little community of Woodlake.

The Kiwanis Club of Woodlake, which is part of Kiwanis International, meets every Tuesday morning, 6:30 am for a breakfast meeting at the Woodlake Presbyterian Church. Woodlake Kiwanis abide by the objectives of the International Club to uplift human and spiritual values rather than material ones, abide by the Golden Rule, promote high professional standards, develop citizens, friends and a better community, and increase patriotism and goodwill in the community.

We invite you to join us!



Business of the Year

Goin' Postal
Angie Cabrera

Goin' Postal is a local small business offering shipping and mailing services in Woodlake which opened in December 2016. Angie is the daughter of Able and Angela Cabrera, has five siblings and three children. She attended Stone Corral Elementary School, Woodlake High School, COS, Savannah Technical College and Armstrong Atlantic University. Angie served in the U S Army 2007 – 2012 with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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OUR FOUNDATION GOALS

The purpose of our foundation is to generate significant financial support for projects which otherwise would not be possible within the budget of our district. Individuals or businesses interested in contributing to the WHS Foundation are encouraged to contact any of the members of the board or

Call WHS at (559)-564-3307

SAVE THE DATE

Nov. 15-16, 2018	Fall Drama Scenes- WHS PAB
Dec 8, 2018	Woodlake Christmas Parade – Foundation Pulled Pork Sandwiches For Sale
Dec. 10, 2018	Band Winter Concert
Dec. 15, 2018	WHS Winter Formal-Visalia Convention Center
Dec. 17, 2018	Woodlake FFA Can Food Drive
Dec. 18, 2018	WHS/WVMS Choir Winter Concert-PAB
Jan. 15, 2019	WHS Hall of Fame Applications Due
Feb. 23, 2019	Woodlake FFA Donkey Basketball, Gym
March 16, 2019	Class of 73,74,75 Reunion WHSreunion737475@gmail.com
May 3, 2019	WHS Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner
May 8-10, 2019	Spring Musical
June 7, 2019	WHS Graduation
March 1, 2019	WHS Spring Showcase/ Open House
April 24, 2019	Senior Exit Interviews
April 27, 2019	WHS Prom
May 1, 2019	Senior Exit Interviews
May 21, 2019	WHS Band End of Year Concert

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