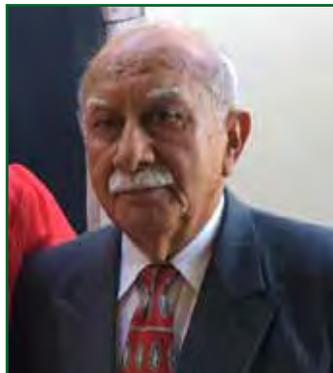


*The Garces Memorial High School  
Alumni Board  
presents the 11th annual*

# HALL OF HONOR



MR. JOHN FANUCCHI '68



MR. JOE MUNOZ '54



MR. JOHN ROBERTS '72



MR. LEROY SACCHINI

*Thursday, September 6, 2018  
Monsignor Leddy Hall  
Garces Memorial High School*

# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the 11th annual Garces Memorial High School Hall of Honor Awards Banquet. The Hall of Honor was established to recognize and pay tribute to individuals who have demonstrated a continuing commitment to, and promotion of, the values, mission, and philosophy of Garces Memorial High School.

Tonight, the 2018 Hall of Honor will recognize and pay tribute to four very deserving individuals and two very special families. The individual inductees are:

- Mr. John Fanucchi '68 who spent his entire professional career devoted to Garces Memorial and left a legacy that will forever endear him to past and future Garces Rams.
- Mr. Joe Munoz '54 who has supported Garces and the Catholic community whenever asked, sending his children and grandchildren to Garces.
- Mr. John Roberts '72 who married a fellow Garces Ram, sent his children to Garces, coached football for many years and is beloved by the players who played for him and the men who coached with him.
- Mr. Leroy Sacchini who taught and coached at Garces for several years, sent his children to Garces, and is still an avid supporter on our campus.

The Larry & Shirley Gargan and Joe & Barbara Harrison families were selected by the Alumni Board for the Garces Alumni Award as they are a families who have been involved at Garces for over 50 years and continue to be a presence and a supporter of Catholic education. They are "legacy families" and the epitome of what it means to be a member of the Garces family.

There is one common thread that binds tonight's honorees - they have proudly and courageously upheld the values of our school and have brought pride to the good name of Garces Memorial High School. Their involvement with our school, and with the Garces Memorial High School community, has been selfless, generous, and integral to the history and to the future of our school.

Thank you for joining us this evening as we honor these wonderful people for all they have done and continue to do for Garces Memorial High School.

*Jeremy Tobias*

Jeremy Tobias '84

Chairman

Garces Memorial Alumni Board

# HALL OF HONOR AGENDA

5:00 - 6:30 pm            No-host Cocktails

6:30 - 6:45 pm            Welcome - Jim Sakowski '70  
Master of Ceremonies

Opening Prayer

6:45 - 7:45 pm            Dinner

7:45 - 8:30 pm            Awards Ceremony

The Evening's Honorees:

MR. JOHN FANUCCHI '68

MR. JOE MUNOZ '54

MR. JOHN ROBERTS '72

MR. LEROY SACCHINI

8:45 - 9:00 pm            THE 2018 GARCES ALUMNI AWARD  
THE GARGAN/HARRISON FAMILY

Presented by Jeremy Tobias '84 & John Fanucchi '68

9:00 - 9:15 pm            Closing Remarks  
Jeremy Tobias '84, Chairman

Myka Peck, Principal

Closing Prayer

Garces Alma Mater

# Mr. John Fanucchi '68

*Introduction by Vince Fanucchi '67*

*Escorted by Alumni Board Member Maria Toretta '88*



John attended Garces Memorial for four years, graduating in 1968. While at Garces Memorial, John played football, baseball and basketball. He was a member of the Letterman Club, Young Christian Students and CSF. After Garces, John went onto college at St. Mary's College where he played rugby and graduated with a major in Philosophy and a minor in Math.

After graduating, John came back to Garces in 1975 and began teaching Religion and Math eventually becoming the Math Department Chair. While teaching is a passion for John, coaching is even more so. John coached several different teams at Garces as he knew the importance of team sports as it related to the character development of a Garces

student. John was one of the greatest football coaches not just at Garces, but in the CIF Central Section. He was an assistant under four head football coaches before being appointed head coach in 1984. From 1984 to 2002 his overall record was 157-58-3, putting him in the Top 10 all-time among Central Section coaches. His teams won 12 league championships, qualified to the Valley Finals 9 times and won 6 championships. He was chosen state medium schools coach-of-the-year in 1987 and helped coach the South team in the State High School all-star game at the Rose Bowl during the summer of 1988.

What set John apart was how he treated the players, parents and his fellow coaches. John treated everyone with respect and he knew how to motivate his players to get the best out of each of them. While football was his passion, when Garces was short a coach, John never said no. He also coached boys golf, boys soccer, girls basketball, and baseball for Garces.

John went from teaching to the Dean of Students eventually becoming the President of Garces. John served as the President from 2002 to 2016. While President, John helped to transform the school. Under John's leadership, some of the additions were the Campbell Field House & Weight Room, new stadium seating at Sam Tobias Field, the Cerro Science Building, the St. Dominic Chapel, upgraded electrical throughout the school, air conditioning for the class rooms, the Salvucci Aquatics Center, the Tennis Complex, iPads for every student, a WiFi network, new gym bleachers, an active Alumni Board, and the Hall of Honor are but some that stand out. He never missed a Garces Holy Smoke BBQ, Garces Gala, Monsignor Leddy Golf Tournament, or Hall of Honor. But John also worked quietly behind the scenes, finding "angel" donors for families that wanted a Garces education but could not afford it or negotiating financial aid for those who needed just a little more help. While President, John was the ambassador for Garces – he was everywhere representing the school. And when holidays rolled around, he was on the phone calling friends of Garces to wish them a blessed holiday. If someone passed away, or was sick, John was on the phone on behalf of the school offering to help. He spent many a Sunday at Garces to pop in and check on Garces Bingo and he attended sporting event after sporting event after sporting event to watch the Rams compete over the years. To say John bleeds "Garces Green" is an understatement.

When John first became President, he still taught one class so he could keep his finger on the pulse of the students. When Garces began the Fund the Future Capital Campaign, John had to put teaching aside but he still occasionally tutored students. To this day, John pops into Garces after school and tutors students – still making a difference in the lives of Garces Rams.

John is married to Rachell and now that he is retired, they travel often with Europe as their favorite destination of choice and spend quality time with family and close friends.

## *Mr. Joe Munoz '54*

*Introduction by Joe Munoz '84*

*Escorted by Alumni Board Member Gregg Gunner '66*



Joe Munoz went to work in 6th grade so that he could pay for his tuition at Garces Memorial. That is how much he valued a Catholic education. He worked all through high school, graduating in 1954. While at Garces, Joe played football on one of the “Greatest Garces Teams to Ever Play” – the 1953 Valley Championship Team. The friends Joe made at Garces, continue to be his life-long friends.

After graduating from Garces, Joe joined the United States Army and proudly served our country. He came back to Bakersfield and worked as the manager of Sinaloa Restaurant for ten years before opening his own family restaurant, Casa Munoz. As the owner of Casa Munoz, Joe has fed thousands of Garces Rams and fellow Catholics. He has donated food for years to events at Garces and local parishes. He has provided food for the Garces Holy Smoke BBQ and Gala and has fed countless Garces Rams football teams through the years. In addition to providing food, Joe has contributed countless gift certificates for various auctions to help raise money for Garces and local parishes.

Joe lives in his Catholic faith and has done more good deeds than we will ever know. One of his bigger good deeds was to set up the kinder playground, complete with playground equipment, at OLG Parish School so kindergartners had a place to play. Joe supported, and continues to support, all of the local Catholic schools – Garces, OLG, OLP and St. Francis.

Joe was a member of the Garces Alumni board from 2010-2014. During his tenure on the board, he provided dinner to the Alumni Board for their annual meeting to discuss the nominees for the Hall of Honor. He would never let the Alumni Board reimburse him, he said it was his gift back to the school that means so much to him.

Joe and his lovely wife Teresa sent their two children to Garces – Joe Munoz '84 and Julie (Munoz) Hernandez '87. All seven of Joe and Teresa's grandchildren are also Garces graduates: Justin Munoz '11, Stephanie Munoz '13, Joseph Munoz '16, Antonio Hernandez '08, Chris Hernandez '13, Alyssa Hernandez '16, and Julian Hernandez '18. While his children and grandchildren were at Garces, if they had an event, Joe was there. He even had reserved seating and parking at Sam Tobias Field so he could make sure that he never missed a minute. Joe took great pride in his children and grandchildren being part of the Garces family and the Munoz family legacy of being a Garces Ram.

## *Mr. John Roberts '72*

*Introduction by Don Crow*

*Escorted by Alumni Board Member Dan Giordano '66*



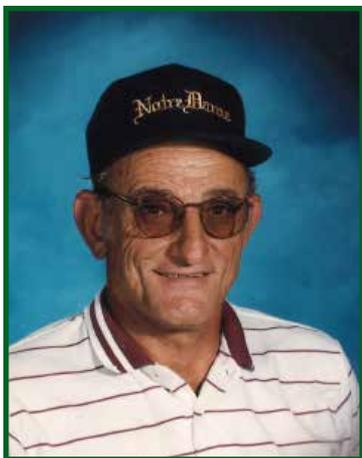
John attended Garces Memorial for four years, graduating in 1972. While at Garces Memorial, John excelled in athletics playing football, basketball and baseball. He was the quarterback on the 1971 Valley Championship Football Team. Along with athletics, John also excelled in the classroom and was a member of the Letterman Club.

After Garces, John went onto college at BC and graduated from CSUB with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. While in college, he went to work at the Kern County Probation Department. Through years of hard work and dedication to his profession, he was promoted to the position of Chief Probation Officer for Kern County, a position he held with distinction until his retirement. He was an active supporter and volunteered for the Bakersfield Police Activities League. Accolades received include: 2007 State of California Recognition for Service as a Member of the State Gang Advisory Committee; 2008 Kern County Law Enforcement Executive Officer of the Year; 2009 Legend of Law Enforcement Foundation Award; and 2009 Chief Probation Officers of California Award: Appreciation for Dedication to the Field of Community Corrections.

Shortly after graduating from Garces, John began assisting the football program. He began as a scout and Assistant Coach for Fred Lizalde. He served as an Assistant Coach from 1974 through the 2002 season, serving loyally and admirably under five head coaches - Fred Lizalde, Ray DeShane, Pat McClurg, Dan Thiessen, and John Fanucchi. During his tenure as an Assistant Coach under John Fanucchi, he was honored as an Assistant Coach of the Year. Although John Fanucchi considered him to be a Co-Head Coach. He retired from coaching only to return eight years later as the school's Head Varsity Football Coach in 2010. He held the position for two years, amassing a 21-4 record.

While coaching at Garces, John was generous to a fault. During every season, he and Jan hosted the football staff for dinner on Sunday nights as they would prepare for the next opponent. One year he purchased side-line jackets for the entire Varsity coaching staff, and on another occasion purchased side-line phones for the program. Accolades received include: 1990 Bob Carroll Award Recognizing Outstanding Service to Garces High School Athletics; John Fanucchi's and John Roberts 100th Victory as Coaches of the Garces Rams; 2002 AFLAC National Assistant Coach of the Year Award for Distinguished Service

John married fellow Garces Ram Jan (Terndrup) '72 and they have been long-time supporters of Garces Memorial. They have been married for 43 years and have three children whom they sent through Garces - Jeremy Roberts '95, Shelly (Roberts) Robinson '98, and Justin Roberts '03. They have 6 grandchildren.



## *Mr. Leroy Sacchini*

*Introduction by Jeff Sacchini*

*Escorted by Alumni Board Member Mike Georgino '75*

Leroy Sacchini graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno and began teaching at Fernley High School in Nevada. In 1968, he was hired by Brother Zachary to teach social studies at Garces Memorial High School, beginning Leroy's life-long commitment to supporting Garces Memorial High School. He initially taught American History, Government and World Cultures, eventually only teaching his favorite subject, World Cultures. And Brother Zachary didn't hire him just to teach, he wanted him to coach as well.

Leroy coached several teams and sports while at Garces. He coached JV boys basketball, girls basketball, JV football, and track. His favorite sport to coach is basketball, but his favorite sport to watch is football and he has watched a lot of Garces football through the years. Leroy's tenure at Garces ended in 1981 when he moved on to teach in the Panama Buena Vista School District. Leroy is a beloved former teacher and coach who positively impacted the lives of thousands of Garces Rams during his tenure. He retired from teaching in 2004.

Leroy is married to his beautiful wife Norma and they sent all three of their children through Garces – Jeff Sacchini '82, Liz (Sacchini) Haskell '84, and Chris Sacchini '87. Two of Leroy and Norma's grandchildren are also Rams – Andrew Sacchini '15 and Anthony Sacchini '17. While his children and grandchildren were here, he attended their events and was one of their biggest fans. His son Chris is one of the varsity football coaches and Leroy still comes out to support Chris and the Rams.

Besides sending his children to Garces, Leroy volunteered his time where needed. He was up in the press box during the football games running the clock and the scoreboard for years. To this day, he still volunteers to help out at Garces track meets. For years, he was a member of the Gardening Group and spent countless hours on campus pulling weeds and trimming bushes. He and Norma supported the Garces Gala and still attend the Fall Holy Smoke BBQ each year.

## *2018 Garces Alumni Award*

### *The Gargan/Harrison Families*

In the past, there has been a “President’s Award” given out at the Hall of Honor. The award was at the discretion of the president of the school. Once Garces adopted a new organizational structure, the Alumni Board wanted to continue to honor the families who are part of the rich history of Garces.

This year, the Garces Alumni Board selected the Larry & Shirley Gargan and Joe & Barbara Harrison Families as the recipients. The two families became entwined with the marriage of John Gargan ‘69 and Kathy (Harrison) Gargan ‘69 and it felt right to honor them together. Both families were fixtures on the Garces campus in the 60’s and 70’s with active parents and several members of both families as students on campus. You would find the Gargans and the Harrisons at Garces games and fundraisers. They were involved families who led the way for many others to follow suit.

The Gargan family alumni are Bill Gargan ‘68, John Gargan ‘69, Ginny (Gargan) Brooks ‘70, Richard Gargan ‘72, Debra (Gargan) Kobliska ‘74, and Laura (Gargan) Himenes ‘76.

The Harrison family alumni are Kathy (Harrison) Gargan ‘69, Joe Harrison ‘70, Jack Harrison ‘72, Teri (Harrison) Fraser ‘76, and Jim Harrison ‘80.

And we have one second generation Gargan/Harrison Ram, Barbie (Gargan) Gerow ‘91.

The Gargan/Harrison families have been long time supporters of Garces. They have given generously to a variety of needs of the school - including supporting the Fall BBQ, the Gala, and the Annual Fund Drive. We are grateful for them and appreciative of them and all they continue to do to support Garces Memorial.

## *Garces Memorial High School*

### *Mission Statement*

Garces Memorial High School is a coeducational, comprehensive Catholic high school. Our school strives to fulfill the mission of Christ by developing students spiritually, academically, and socially.

Our mission commits us to instill in every member of the Garces Memorial community the courage to act with faith, knowledge, compassion, & justice.

## *Garces Alumni Board's Alumni Scholarship Fund*

Often you will hear an alumnus say that they want to send their child to Garces but they can't afford it. The Alumni Board is helping change that for some deserving families and students. In March of 2015, the Garces Memorial High School Alumni Board established an Alumni Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to deserving children, or grandchildren, of Garces graduates who desire a quality Garces Catholic education but need help with the expense of tuition. To date, the Alumni Board has raised over \$75,000 for the scholarship fund.

For the 2018-2019 school year, the Alumni Board provided five scholarships: two freshmen, two sophomores and one junior. When an incoming freshman receives the scholarship, it automatically renews as long as the student continues to meet the minimum criteria: the family meets the financial needs criteria set by the school, the student has a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and the student participates in at least one extra-curricular activity.

It is our hope to continue to grow the scholarship, year by year, little by little, so that over time we are able to help provide a Garces education for deserving families for years to come. If you would like to support children of alumni to have the benefit of a Garces education, you can make a contribution using the envelope provided on your table this evening, go online at [www.garces.org](http://www.garces.org), or contact Lou Ann Durrett at 661-327-2578.

## *Garces Alumni 2018-2019 Board Members*

Jeremy Tobias '84  
Board Chairman

Al Sandrini '57

Vince Rojas '58

Dan Giordano '66

Gregg Gunner '66

Cindy (Duncan) Lynch '68

Mary (Loken) Cornett '68

James Sakowski '70

Melissa Fortune '72

Mike Georgino '75

Kathy (Cortopassi) Staugaard '76

George Clerou '76

Maria (Bernal) Toretta '88

Michael Anchordoquy '99

John Moore III '07

# Garces Memorial Hall of Honor

## Past Inductees

### 2008 Hall of Honor Inductees

*The Honorable Robert Anspach '54*  
*The Late Rev. Msgr. Ralph Belluomini '51*  
*The Late Anthony Cornejo '51*  
*Mrs. Helen Reischman Haller '57*  
*Dr. Gerald Haslam '55*  
*Mr. "Jackrabbit" Joe Hernandez '58*  
*The Late Jimmie Icardo*  
*The Late Honorable Larry Kleier '51*  
*The Late Rev. Msgr. Patrick Leddy*  
*The Late Sam Tobias*

### 2009 Hall of Honor Inductees

*The Late Bob Carroll*  
*The Late Mr. John Etcheverry '53*  
*The Late John Kovacevich*  
*Mrs. Deborah Cerri Leary '67*  
*Mr. Patrick Lencioni '83*  
*Mrs. Deanna Maraccini McCauley '55*  
*Mrs. Kay Wall*  
*The Late Honorable Art Wallace '56*

### 2010 Hall of Honor Inductees

*The Honorable Gary Friedman '61*  
*Mrs. Joan Garibaldi*  
*The Late Justin Meyer '56*  
*The Late Mary Pogon*  
*Dr. Ken Ruetters '80*  
*Mr. Paul Summers '53*  
*Rev. Msgr. Ronald Swett*  
*Dr. Richard Tucker*

### 2011 Hall of Honor Inductees

*Mr. Don Border '50*  
*Mrs. Joanne (Molinaro) Border '58*  
*Sister Sharon Casey OP*  
*Mrs. Katherine (Padilla) Cornejo '55*  
*The Late Honorable Louis Etcheverry '58*  
*Mr. Mike McCaffrey '64*  
*The Late Tom Soliz '65*  
*Mrs. Marianne (Werdel) Witmeyer '85*

### 2012 Hall of Honor Inductees

*The Late Mr. Gene Garibaldi*  
*Mr. Dan Giordano '66*  
*Mr. Joe Ziemann*

### 2013 Hall of Honor Inductees

*Ms. Marianne Laxague '58*  
*Mr. Gary Ogilvie '55*  
*Dr. John Ritter*

### 2014 Hall of Honor Inductees

*The Late Mr. Stan Antongiovanni '61*  
*The Late Dr. Romain Clerou*  
*The Late Mr. Pat Franey*  
*Mr. Tom Werdel '53*

### 2015 Hall of Honor Inductees

*Mr. Al Sandrini '57*  
*Mr. Bill Rector '78*  
*Mr. Darrell Feliz '70*  
*Mr. Gino Valpredo '88*  
*Mr. Greg Robinson '70*  
*Mr. Jim Sakowski '70*

### 2016 Hall of Honor Inductees

*The late Mr. Charles Anspach '53*  
*Rev. Msgr. Michael Braun*  
*Mrs. Mayie Maitia*

### 2017 Hall of Honor Inductees

*Mr. Tom Anchordoquy '65*  
*Mr. Arnold Cattani '64*  
*The Late Yolanda (Papasergia) Griffiths '51*  
*Mr. Frank Maitia '60*

# *Special Thank You to Tonight's Sponsors*

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## *Garces Legacy Family Honorees*

The 2008 President's Award

*The Luigi Antongiovanni Family*

The 2009 President's Award

*The Louis & Lucie Clerou Family*

The 2010 President's Award

*The Ben & Catherine Sill Family*

The 2011 President's Award

*The Robert & Audrey McDermott Family*

The 2012 President's Award

*The Alice Jett Conley and  
Vince & Marie Sakowski Family*

The 2014 President's Award

*The Jim & BeBe Burke Family*

The 2015 President's Award

*The Joe & Jana Campbell Family*

The 2016 Alumni Award

*The Tom & Judy Franconi Family*

The 2017 Alumni Award

*The Mac & Stella McMurtrey Family*

# *Garces Alma Mater*

All hail to thee, dear Garces  
For united we will stand  
We always will be loyal  
To our brave and mighty Rams!

Our prayers are always for you,  
And with guidance from above  
Though we win or lose we're with you  
For it's Garces High we love!

