2011 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CEREMONY
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2011 INDUCTEES

RICHARD BIAMA - FOOTBALL, 1969-1971

Richard Biama, M.D., played football and baseball at Solano. He arrived at Solano a decorated 1969 graduate of Vallejo High School where he was Athlete of the Year and Senior Class President. At Solano Richard was all-conference in football and baseball as well as team captain. In football he played defensive back for his father, Dick Biama, who was the head coach at the time. After graduating from Solano, Richard attended Chico State University and continued to play football. He played defensive back and a highlight of his Chico State career was playing in the Camellia Bowl vs. Boise State University. He has previously been inducted into the Chico State Hall of Fame for Football. Richard is currently an Orthopedic Surgeon in Redlands.

PHIL KUKURUZA - FOOTBALL, 1963-64

Phil came to Solano from St. Patrick/St. Vincent’s High School in Vallejo. He played defensive end and tight end for Head Coach Dick Biama. In 1964 Phil was named to the All-Coast Conference Team as a defensive end. After his years at Solano he got a scholarship to the University of Nevada, Reno, where he played one season before injuries unfortunately cut his career short. He later graduated from Sacramento State earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business. Phil also coached boxing at CSU Maritime under Athletic Director Harry Diavatis (Solano alum) for five years and competed himself as a boxer in the 1968 Olympic Trials. Phil lives in Napa and is the Owner and President of Bob’s Tow Service in Vallejo. Bob’s Tow Service was founded by his father in 1945, the same year Solano College was founded.

BOB MYERS - ADMINISTRATOR, 1992-2011

Bob served as Dean and Athletic Director at Solano from 1992-2011. Under his direction the athletics department saw a resurgence similar to its earlier historical prominence. The Athletic Booster Club was restarted under his tenure and the Athletic Hall of Fame was built from scratch. The Measure G Bond passage led to new and remodeled athletic facilities from 2003-2008 during his leadership. Bob served as President of the National Alliance of Two-Year Athletic Administrators, President of the California Community College Athletic Directors Association and President of the California Community College Physical Education Association during his time at Solano. He was named the 2003-94 Western Region Athletic Director of the Year and was named the L. William Miller Award Recipient in 2011. The L. William Miller Award is the highest honor available for the Community College Athletic Directors. Bob retired in August 2011.
JOYCE ROBINSON - BASKETBALL 1993-95

Arriving from Vanden High School Joyce played her two seasons for Hall of Fame coach Kim Gervasoni. As a sophomore Joyce was one of the team leaders in Gervasoni’s first conference championship season. Joyce’s 1994-95 squad catapulted Solano women’s basketball into one of the state’s elite programs where it remains today. Joyce was named all-conference in 1995, was team captain, and a BVC Academic All-Conference Award winner. She played in 68 games at Solano and scored 670 points. She had 259 career rebounds and 211 assists. Joyce earned a basketball scholarship to the University of South Florida where she graduated in psychology. She is currently a Senior Deputy Probation Officer for Solano County. Joyce is married to Matthew Martinez and has five beautiful children with a sixth on the way!

QUISHA SIMON – SOCCER, 2002-03

Quisha came to Solano from Will C. Wood High School in Vacaville and immediately became the top player on the inaugural Solano College Women’s Soccer Team. She lead the team to its first Bay Valley Conference championship and was named all-conference and all-northern California in the process. Quisha earned a scholarship package to San Francisco State University where she played two more years. After San Francisco State she interned with KTVU Channel 2 in Oakland and with the San Francisco 49ers and Oakland Raiders as a sports information assistant. Quisha is now working in the restaurant business.

KURT VINEYARD – CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK/FIELD, 1976-77

A big cross country and track star for Armijo High School in Fairfield, Kurt arrived on the Solano campus in Fall of 1976. Kurt ran cross country and track at Solano for Hall of Fame coach George Wooden. Teaming with Hall of Famer Mike Wright, Kurt dominated community college cross country leading Solano to two conference titles. Kurt was named all-conference and all-northern California both years in cross country as well as all-conference in track in 1977. His track career at Solano was highlighted by his school record time of 3:55 in the 1500 meters which took place at the Nor-Cal trials. He went to run cross country and track and field at CSU, Chico where he ran 3:51 for 1500 meters and qualified for the NCAA Championships as well as being named all-conference. Kurt graduated with credentials in physical education from Chico State and is currently a commercial sales manager in Chico and lives in Paradise.