

Merced High honors 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees

Merced High School welcomed the 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame Class during a dinner and ceremony with hundreds of supporters at Yosemite Hall inside the Merced County Fairgrounds last Saturday.

This year, the school recognized 14 former athletes, one coach, and one community member, along with 1978 CIF Sac Joaquin Section Champion Baseball Team. The Hall of Famers represented student classes from 1934 to 1995.

The Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner has become an annual event at Merced High School since 2015. The event recognizes the accomplishments of former MHS athletes who have gone on to lead inspirational lives both on and off the field.

This year's inductees featured:

- Kareem Anderon (Basketball '90)
- Rollo Adams (Baseball '75)
- Joy Boyenga (Basketball '88)
- Steve Coupland (Aquatics '82)
- Jamila Demby (Track '95)
- Marvin Eastman (Wrestling / Football '87)
- Mike Evans (Baseball '78)
- Ron Ewing (Golf '86)
- Tanisha Huddleston (Track / Basketball '91)
- Felicia Johnson (Track '94)
- Bart Nuttall (Football / Track '35)
- Roger Roberts (Wrestling '75)
- Ruben Schmidt (Football '34)
- Jesse Thompson (Football / Basketball '74)
- Coach Jon Dibblee (Aquatics Coach)
- Charles Ogletree (Community Standout)
- The 1978 Bears Baseball team that went 29-1 en route to the section championship.



The 2018 MHS Hall of Fame Inductees during a reception before the big event last Saturday at the Merced Fairgrounds.



Steve Coupland, a Class of '82 water polo star, puts on his new Hall of Fame jacket.



Mike Evans shares a special moment with a little one and Sharon Juarez. Evans was the pitcher for the 1978 champion MHS Baseball team. Evans went 24-0 as a pitcher during his junior and senior seasons combined. Juarez is the widow of Coach Dick Juarez.



Track and Basketball Hall of Famer Tanisha Huddleston with some very happy parents.



There were plenty of smiles for Felicia Banks Johnson, a MHS track star from the Class of 94.



Many of the past MHS Hall of Famers showed up to congratulate the 2018 Class.



Rollo Adams, a Merced High baseball star and long-time coach, welcomes his MHS Hall of Fame jacket with the help of Paul Hogue, Merced High athletic director.

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