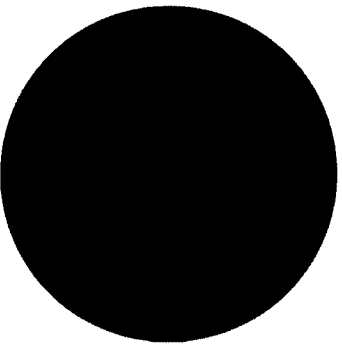


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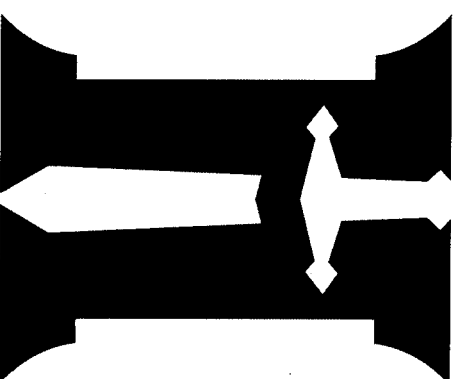
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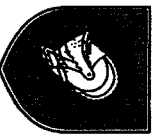
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## THE HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

The Hillsdale High School Hall of Fame exists to annually recognize outstanding members of the Hillsdale High School community who have through their performance, conduct and achievement, brought credit and honor to themselves and Hillsdale High School. Their public example will hopefully inspire current and future students to perform and serve in the same spirit.

In 2015, the inaugural year of this event, the inductees were John Holdren '61, Michael McGinnis '62, Don Leydig '63, and Coach Dick Vermeil '60-'63. In addition to the four inductees, Toni Pahulu '93 and Coach Vermeil's '61 team were honored.

In 2016, the inductees were Valerie Fleming '94, John Hazelhurst '78, Karen Kraft '87, Nick Vanos '81, and Coach Bill Wilkin '64-'03.

Please visit <http://hillsdalehsalumni.org> for more information regarding the Hall of Fame bylaws, nomination process, and inductees' bios, pictures and video from the 2015 and 2016 Hall of Fame events.



### Order of Events

**Campus Tours** 4:00 – 5:00 PM

**Reception** 5:00 – 6:00 PM  
Auditorium  
Foyer

#### Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

6:00 – 7:30 PM Auditorium

**Welcome** Jeff Gilbert  
Hillsdale Lead Principal

Brett Stevenson  
Dean of Students/Athletic Director

**Joey Galon** Class of '81

**Keith Gordon** Faculty '58 – '90

**Ed Kertel** Class of '71

**Connie Smith** Faculty '59 – '62

**1961 Cross Country Team**

**Homer Zugelder** Faculty '58 – '92

**HOF Banquet – The Van's Restaurant** 7:45 – 10:00 PM

## Joey Galon



HHS '81

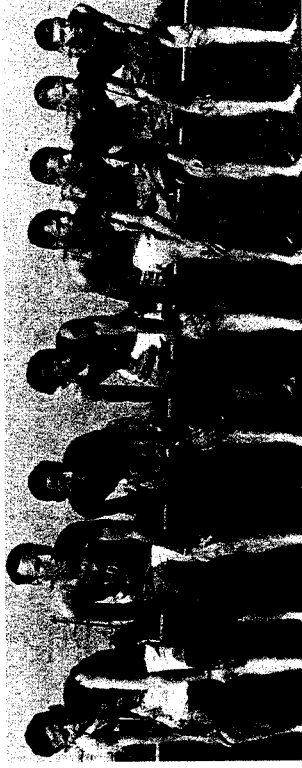
Joey received his BA in Fashion and Textile Design from San Francisco State, and then continued his studies in Business Management at San Diego State, and later entered the Ministerial Program at Agape International Spiritual Center. He then began to pursue his passions in fashion design, model and pageant coaching, and event planning. As a fashion designer, his Joey Galon Atelier clothing line features evening gowns and swimwear. His creations were shown at LA Fashion Week and have been seen at the Academy Awards, Miss USA, and the Mrs. Universe Pageant. Joey currently serves as a TV fashion correspondent and reporter for Fox TV. As a reality TV



personality, he was a finalist on the nationally syndicated "24 Hour Catwalk", a fashion stylist on "Vegas Brides", and a model coach on "Model Latina". Throughout his career, Joey has also served as Executive Director of Catering and Events for hotels and casinos in California, Nevada, and Hawaii.

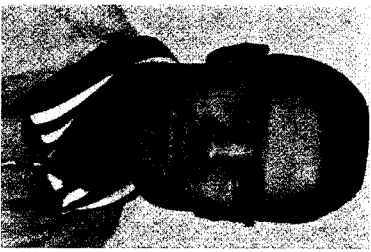
## HHS Varsity Cross Country Team

1961



Mike Garrigan, Steve Black, Marcel Hetu, Jerry Kellum  
Jack Leydig, Larry Winward, Stephen Merrill, Ralph  
Likens

- Ranked #1 in US by Track and Field News
- Northern California Section Champion
- Peninsula Athletic League Champion
- Winners of 26 consecutive Cross Country meets
- National HS Record for 5 man X 2 mile postal meet (49:04.2)  
Dec 4, 1961 @ Foothill College  
(Winward 9:36.2, Hetu 9:51.2, Leydig 9:51.6,  
Likens 9:51.8, Black 9:52.9)
- National HS Record for 4 man X 1 mile relay (17:49.9)  
June 9, 1962 @ Stanford University  
(Winward 4:25.8, Hetu 4:31.0, Leydig 4:27.5, Likens 4:25.6)

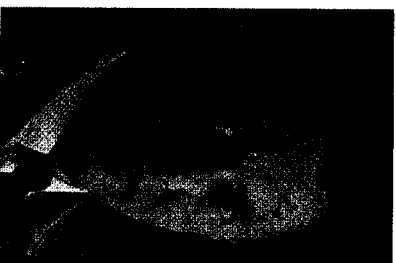


## Homer Zugelder

HHS '58-'92

Homer enjoyed his youth in San Francisco, graduated from Commerce High School, and then earned a BA and Masters in Education from San Francisco State

University. He served in the army during the Korean War and married Judy in 1953. During his 35 years at Hillsdale, Homer was a teacher, counselor, and legendary coach, always claiming he had "the best job in the world." He coached Knights' basketball for 13 years, winning MPL Championships in 1966, 1968, and 1970. Following retirement, Homer served as the PAL Commissioner and the Chief of Peninsula Basketball Referees. He was co-founder of The Olde Knights' Luncheon, now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year. There, when alumni "Asked Homer", he was sure to know the answer if it was about his school. "Homer's legacy isn't defined by records or championships. His legacy is built by the lives he touched, one human being at a time." Homer truly was and will always be "Mr. Hillsdale".



## Keith Gordon

HHS '58-'90

Keith began his career at Hillsdale in 1958 after serving in the US Air Force during the Korean War and earning a BA and MA in Education

from San Francisco State. He and Cecile were married in 1959. Keith devoted his entire career to Hillsdale and its students, retiring in 1990. He taught Industrial Arts, served as department chair, coached tennis, and most importantly was a friend, mentor, and colleague to many. He enjoyed creating metal art sculptures to be shown at the Carmel Gallery and traveling throughout Europe, especially England, with his wife and family. After retiring, Keith remained connected to Hillsdale, staying in contact with numerous former students, organizing monthly breakfasts at Nini's for retired Hillsdale teachers, administering and presenting OKL scholarships, enjoying school events, and perhaps most notably, being a founder and the soul of the annual Olde Knights' Luncheon, now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year.





## Ed Kertel

HHS '71

Ed is often credited with being Hillsdale's all-time, all-around athlete. He earned 12 Letters (7 varsity) and in his senior year received 1<sup>st</sup> Team MPL honors in football, basketball, and baseball, and was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team all SM County in football. All three senior teams won MPL league championships. Ed next played football at CSM where he was honorable mention JC All-American and Golden Gate Conference defensive MVP in 1972. That team was conference champion and the #1 team in California. Transferring to San Diego State, he became starting safety for the conference champions in '74, and team captain and all league (PCAA) in '75. Ed played in the pre-season for the San Diego Chargers in '76 before earning his teaching credential and serving as an assistant football coach at CSM for four years. He then became a City of San Mateo firefighter for 29 years, retiring in 2010. Ed was inducted into the San Mateo County Sports HOF in 1996.



## Conan "Connie" Smith

HHS '59-'62

Following US Army Air Corps service as a B17 Belly Gunner in WW II, Connie earned his BA in Education at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1948 and began his coaching career in Illinois. He again served in the Korean War and then earned an MA in Athletic Training at Indiana University in 1954. Connie arrived at Hillsdale in 1959 where he coached the Knights' track and cross country teams. The cross country teams earned PAL, NCS, and National titles while winning 83 consecutive dual meets, and Connie was honored as PAL Coach of the Year in 1961. After leaving Hillsdale, Connie coached at Eastern Kentucky University from 1964-1968 where his teams won four Ohio Valley Conference titles and he was twice named Coach of the Year. He ended his formal coaching career at the University of Tennessee and became the Illinois State Director for Driver Education while volunteering with the Special Olympics.

