

2024 Hall of Fame Inductees

Our first recipient will be Steven Hooker, a 1974 graduate, celebrating his 50-year class reunion this weekend. In 1973 and 1974, Steven lettered in Varsity football. He was the Sports Editor for the Lompoc High School Smoke Signal Newsletter. In 1974 he also became Sportswriter, Covering LHS Spring Sports for the Lompoc Record Newspaper. Steven obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education from CSU Fresno and his master's from CSU Sacramento. He continued his education with a Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise Science from Arizona State University, and a postdoctoral fellowship from Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dayton Ohio. Steven has held faculty positions at the University of Southern California, University of Northern Colorado, University of South Carolina, and Arizona State University. He was chief of the Physical Activity and Health Initiative, California Dept of Health Services 1996-2003. Steven has held administrative positions at the University of South Carolina as Director of the Prevention Research Center in the School of Public Health. Arizona State University as the Associate Dean of Research for the College of Health Solution and Director of The School

of Nutrition and Health Promotion, and San Diego State University as Dean for the College of Health and Human Services. He has received awards for outstanding Alumni from CSU Sacramento, Fellow American College of Sports and Medicine, and Fellow National Academy of Kinesiology. Steven is recognized as a national and international expert in the areas of physical activity and public health, epidemiology, aging, intervention, and measurement. He has had 120 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals. He has done 159 presentations at national and international scientific meetings. He has been invited to serve on multiple committees related to physical activity and health. Steven has coached youth sports and high school sports and officiated youth and adult recreation. He has actively served the Church of Jesus Christ for 3 decades, volunteering as a Sunday school teacher, men's group leader, cub and boy scout leader, and local missionary. Congratulations on your many achievements. Steven Hooker, please step forward to receive your 2024 Hall of fame award from a proud Lompoc High School Alumni Association.

We are proud to announce our next Hall of Fame inductee, 1986 graduate, Paul Bommersbach. The Bommersbach name has been associated with Lompoc Schools for decades. Paul, along with his father, mother, and wife, are a family of educators dedicated to our students. During his high school years, and to this day, Paul has shown his love of sports. Playing Basketball and baseball through his high school and college years, he developed a strong belief that extracurricular activities, such as athletics, music, and drama, help develop the discipline and well roundedness needed for success. Paul earned his degree at Mayville State University in North Dakota, majoring in Elementary Education. It was the first school he attended where one of his parents wasn't teaching, though it was his fathers alma mater. Paul began his Lompoc Unified School District career as a tutor at Lompoc Valley Middle School in 1991. In 1992 he became a teacher of kindergarten through 5th grade at Clarence Ruth elementary school. While teaching elementary, he coached Lompoc High Varsity Baseball with Dan Bodary, and Varsity Basketball with Bryan Ayer. He discovered he liked teaching the older students and decided to get his administrative credentials. A short term as Dean in 2001 turned into 10 years assistant principal at

Lompoc High School. A short term of Interim Principal, turned into 8 years as Principal of Lompoc High School. His strong involvement and accessibility have made him well respected and popular by his students, faculty, and the community. Paul spent 2 years as coordinator of Pupil Support Services and is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. Paul has been on a number of boards including the Lompoc High School Alumni Association and Local Youth Sports Boards. Paul joined the Association of California School Administrators in 2001. He has been region president as well as the recipient of the Administrator of the Year award in 2014 and the Valuing Diversity Award in 2019. He was in charge of ACSA membership and active in legislative action days each April. He considers himself a "cheerleader and supporter of all LHS staff," and we couldn't agree more. We consider him a true asset to Lompoc High School and our community. With Brave Pride, please step forward, Paul Bommersbach, to receive your 2024 Hall of Fame Award.

Our third inductee tonight is Glen Newcomb, from the class of 1961. His love of music led him to be a Lompoc High School band member, and then drum major in his senior year. 1961 brought the LHS band, including Glen and his future wife Mary, to the presidential Inaugural Parade for John F Kennedy. Glen completed his education at the University of Washington and Cal Poly, majoring in Music Education. He was hired by the Lompoc Unified School District as a music teacher, band director, music Dept Head for Vandenberg Middle School and Cabrillo High School, for a combined total of 38 years. While he was Cabrillo band director, the band performed at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. Glen is always trying to balance his loyalties between his alma mater, Lompoc High School, and his career at Cabrillo. Sunflower festivals found Glen marching with the Lompoc High Alumni band, and then rushing back down the parade route to lead the Cabrillo Band. He has never missed a Lompoc Cabrillo game and splits the game cheering from each team's bleachers. Glen was inducted into the Lompoc Unified School Districts Wall of Fame in 2011, which is given for significant

contributions, improving the quality of education in our district. In 1985, Glen became the Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year and was a finalist for State Teacher of the Year. He has been a recipient of the Cabrillo Order of the Golden Lion, a member of Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity, a professional musician, concert master of Hancock College Concert band, founding member and assistant conductor of the Lompoc Pops Orchestra, and founding member and lead conductor of the Merry Wreath Consort Renaissance Musicians Guild. Glen and Mary Newcomb were involved in Bridget's Renaissance Performance Guild as well. Glen has been very involved with Saint Mary's Episcopal Church for over 50 years, holding multiple leadership positions, including Choir Director. He has volunteered at the new Lompoc Hospital every year and has helped support COVID Vaccine Clinics. We are sorry to say Glen has prior commitments, making him unable to be at this presentation, but he has expressed his great appreciation for this honor. We very proudly announce Glen Newcomb as a 2024 recipient of the Lompoc High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame.