

THE HIGH HOPES NEWS

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\$1,007,000 RETURNED IN GRANTS TO THE YOUTH & PARKS IN OUR COMMUNITY!



2025 YAKIMA VALLEY SPORT LEGENDS



Alan Sillence



Coach Pat Fitterer



Katie Borton Birley



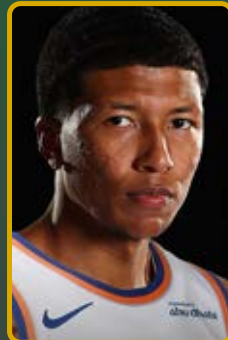
Coach Eli Juarez



Christine Silvernail



Coach Cheryl Holden



MarJon Beauchamp

SPORTS LEGENDS DINNER SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

Friday, August 22, 2025 | 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Yakima SunDome - State Fair Room | Ticket Cost: \$60



HIGH HOPES ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 23, 2025 | 1:00 pm Tee Off
Apple Tree Resort

PREMIER SPONSOR: Sherrie Parker

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Proceeds generated from these events fund the PVSF athletic programs and grants.

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PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION TOPS ONE MILLION DOLLAR MARK IN GRANTS TO YOUTH!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Page one of the 2020 High Hopes spring newsletter reads – “Parker Youth & Sports Foundation Tops Half-Million Dollar Mark in Grants.” Today, five years later, our headline reads, “Parker Youth & Sports Tops One Million Dollars in Youth and Parks Grants.” This is truly a million-dollar milestone moment. Each month we focus on work and meeting community needs. In April, we checked the totals on the scoreboard and they revealed that we had reached this incredible goal this spring. It is very satisfying to realize that contributors, careful financial planning and successful business partners have earned the respect and loyalty required to succeed in our community.



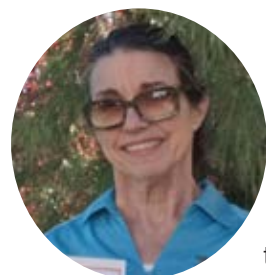
Our only ambition is to do this again and do it better. Please help us cross the \$2 million dollar mark in less time! It is the kids in sports, parks and Yakima Valley College athletics that benefit as we help build the strongest the athletic culture in Washington state. Why is this important? It improves everyone’s health in the County when fitness and exercise are the goal.

Please attend or contribute to the 2025 Legends events on August 22 and 23 to help us provide grants in 2026. You will have an opportunity to meet and hear stories from these seven outstanding 2025 Parker Youth & Sports legends: Alan Silience, Coach Pat Fitterer, Coach Eli Juarez, Coach Cheryl Holden, Katie Borton Birley, the late Christine Silvernail and NBA player – MarJon Beauchamp. We thank our 21-year benefactor **Sherrie Parker** for being the Premier Sponsor of this event. Appreciation to Gold Sponsors - **the Renecker Family Fund**, memorial for **Spud Edmondson, Keith Farnam and Swede Lindquist** and Silver Sponsors **Jon and Linda Mulvenon, Engravings Unlimited, Yakima Valley Community Foundation, Fidelity Title, Inc.** Gratitude to Bronze Sponsor **Terril Lewis & Wilke Insurance** who sponsors the program. Please support our mission and join us in August for a great time, inspiring messages and fun in the sun!

Pat Leahy
Pat Leahy
President

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

LETTER FROM SHERRIE PARKER



Dear Parker Partners,

Our success was underestimated. Our Foundation’s growth represents a community of businesses and people that recognize the benefits of enhancing social connections through sports and recreational activities that are available to all. Economic highs and lows are temporary, but our vision for the Yakima Valley began with the “HIGH HOPES” print. While I was pondering this year’s event, a message happened to arrive in my mailbox from Nancy Leahy announcing that our April grants marked the passage of a million dollars given out to youth sports! Merriam-Webster defines High Hopes as, “a strong feeling that something good will happen or be true.” Don Crook, creator of the HIGH HOPES poster, predicted our future when, in the beginning, he created our HIGH HOPES poster. There has been a passage of a million dollars in grants in and out of our Foundation - and we are still growing. This new reality left me with a chuckle, and a grateful smile while I was reflected on Don’s intuition when he created this wonderful piece of art that reflects our Foundation more aptly than anything else.

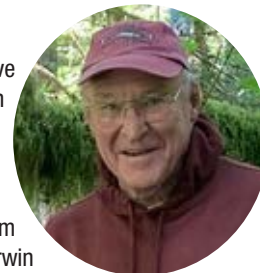
Being underestimated was a gift – and what gift it is to announce this year’s Million Dollar Milestone! Our HIGH HOPES poster is a symbol of HOPE, not only for our Mission - but for anyone dreaming of a future which seems impossible or struggling through difficult times when their hope is lost. Never underestimate what’s possible. We offer the full-size poster/art for only \$100.00 until the Limited edition is gone. It is a thank you to our donors for their contributions to the youth sports world, and to others who added to our success in a special way. Share the magic, share the fun, Legend’s Weekend is for everyone! **THANKS TO ALL.**

Sherrie B. Parker

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

DR. JOHN PLACE, MD - A DOCTOR FOR ALL SPORTS SEASONS

He was an orthopedic surgery specialist who walked the sidelines of all sports in all seasons to assist athletes in case of injury. He gave this protective service to Yakima Valley athletes for decades. The kids in football, basketball, track, wrestling, and soccer trusted this man and they loved him. He had an open pass to every athletic event in the region and enjoyed having a front-row seat. We lost Dr. Place on June 1, 2024, to a cardiac event that occurred while he was paddling his kayak in Yakima Greenway’s Gap to Gap event. It was John’s 40th Gap to Gap relay and he was ready – but his heart chose to give him eternal rest. Mary, his wife of 57 years, said, “John died doing what he loved, in a place he loved.”



Dr. Place grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska. He attended the University of Colorado in Boulder, and then medical school at Baylor College in Texas. From there, he went to the Medical College of Wisconsin’s Orthopedic Surgery Residency Program, where he met his wife, Mary. John served two years at Irwin Army Hospital at Ft. Riley, Kansas, treating injured personnel from the Vietnam War. In 1972, Major John Place received an honorable discharge with a Meritorious Service Medal. His wife, who is Yakima’s former mayor, Mary Place, said, “John felt so fortunate and proud to serve the country he loved.”

Dr. Place had over 52 years of diverse medical experience, especially in orthopedic surgery. After his military duty, he arrived in Yakima and became affiliated with many hospitals in our region. John had a ready and caring smile that relaxed patients – but this writer observed that when on duty in a medical ward, his nickname was “Dr. Hurricane”. Nurses stood alert, paid attention, and had reports ready when they heard “Dr. Hurricane” had arrived. This man got things done!

Together, John and Mary raised 3 boys: Christopher, Matthew, and Michael. John was an Eagle Scout and became a scout leader with all 3 boys, who also became Eagle Scouts. After his retirement in 2015, Dr. Place volunteered his services at the Union Gospel Medical Clinic, doing orthopedic consultations and social work. For his dedication to health and his kindness to the people of our Valley, we proudly honor Dr. John Place for his Lifetime of Achievement to youth & sports!



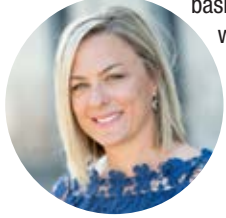
AUGUST 22 AND 23, 2025

LEGENDS DINNER & HIGH HOPES GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Meet Old Friends! Treasure the memories! Enjoy the Fun!
Make New Friends!**

Dear Parker Fans -

Join our Parker Youth & Sports team at the SunDome this August 2025 for an important fundraiser dinner dedicated to keeping our kids active in the Yakima Valley. We hope to cheer on our "Magnificent 7" Legends by hearing their personal and historical stories in the SunDome – which is the very place we hold our present athletic competitions! This is a chance to welcome new athletes and community members who are passionate about basketball, parks and service. They will enjoy the Legends program which includes delicious food, engaging conversations, and exciting silent and live auction items—all while contributing to a healthier, focused future for our youth. With your support, we will continue to provide grants for many years to come. **Let's HOOP IT UP!**



Liz Coon
Liz Coon

Legends Dinner Schedule

- 5:00 pm** **Doors Open**
Cocktail Party Reception & Silent Auction
- 6:15 pm** **Buffet Dinner**
- 6:30 pm** **Program Begins**
National Anthem & Rosebud Cheerleaders
- 7:00 pm** **Annual Awards & YVC Scholarships** (4 Speakers)
- 7:30 pm** **7th Inning Stretch – Raise The Paddle**
- 7:40 pm** **3 Legend Speakers**
- 8:10 pm** **Live Auction**
50/50 Drawing
- 8:30 pm** **Farewell Toast**



GOLF GALORE HIT LIST

Don L. Erickson, 2025 High Hopes Golf Chairman

From the High Hopes Golf Chairman



Welcome to the 20th annual High Hopes Golf Tournament being held again at one of Washington's top-ranked golf courses, the Apple Tree Resort. The tournament will be held on Saturday, August 23rd beginning at 7 AM for the youth division followed by the main tournament at 1 PM. The staff at Apple Tree does an exemplary job to meet our needs as hosts for this annual event. The continued generosity of you, the players, and our most generous sponsors (especially our diamond, gold, silver and bronze) continue to help provide funds for various youth related activities and organizations within our community.

This year we are proud to honor seven of our local legends as our honorary golf chairs. These legends are our honored guests at the annual Legends Sports Reunion Banquet on Friday, August 22nd at 5 PM.

Special thanks to all the Parker Youth volunteers that have assisted with the planning and operation of both the Legends Reunion Banquet and the High Hopes golf tournament. Thanks again to you, players and sponsors, for making the dreams and High Hopes of the youth of our communities become a reality.

Don L. Erickson

Don L. Erickson, 2025 High Hopes Golf Chairman

August 23rd Golf Tournament Schedule of events

- 7:00 am** Youth teams tee off.
- 8:30 am** Golf Tournament volunteers begin to arrive.
- 11:00 am** **Registration (Check-in) begins**
- 11:00 am** Hosted lunch begins (Sandwiches, etc.)
- 12:50 pm** Welcome by the Apple Tree golf pro (and final info to captains) by the putting green.
- 1:00 pm** Tournament begins - Tee Off!
- 5:30 pm** Snacks, awards and raffle items given out which will take approximately 45 min



LETTER FROM MIKE CARLON

ABOUT PARKER FIELD

Dear Parker Youth and Sports:

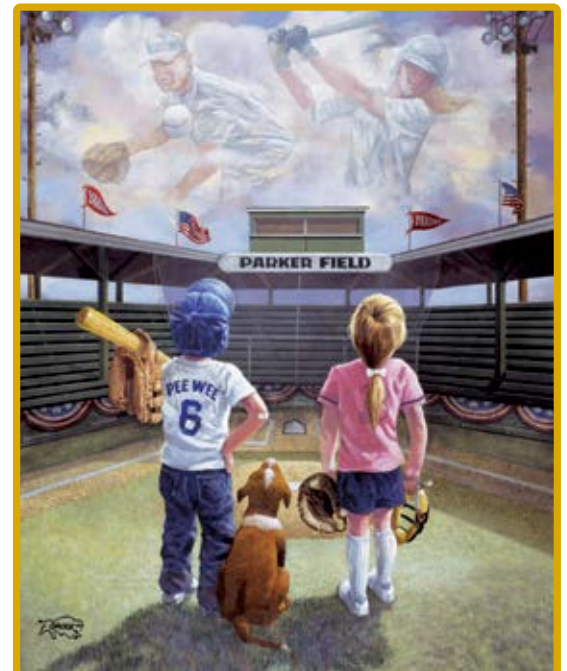
Parker Field is "My Yankee Stadium." My Dad, Bill Carlon, brought me into pitch "one inning" against Yakima's Legion Baseball Team in Parker Field. I was only 13. I am now 85. I pitched a "good inning," and to this day I have never forgotten the thrill!

Believe it or not, when I pitched in Yankee Stadium (2 innings) when I was on the US All-Star Team, I got the same thrill. My Grandpa, M.C. Carlon, and my Dad, Bill Carlon, were in Yankee Stadium to see me pitch! I was a 6' 1" – 170# kid from Selah, WA. Thank you for the beautiful and meaningful painting. It's a tremendous painting by Don Crook!

Best Regards, Michael D. Carlon "Mike"



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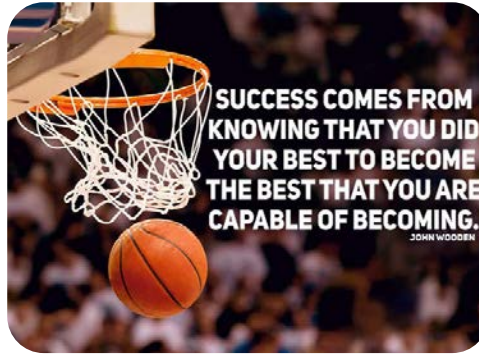
CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR

RICHARD CUYLE



This award is “Contributor of the Year” – but it could also be “Contractor of the Year” and Richard Cuyle would receive them both! Richard has been a contractor in Yakima for decades and has built many of the most beautiful and stylish homes in the valley. As a builder, he is familiar with every corner and fence at Parker-Faller Field because

for years he has been involved in repairing and modernizing the field to preserve it as one of the most storied and loved fields in the state. His work has made our organization proud and our grounds beautiful! Richard has lifelong memories of Parker Field. He was an 8-year-old Pee-Wee baseball player when his dad took him to Parker Field to see Lefty Gomez autographing baseballs. Ten years later, Richard played baseball for Bill Faller, which led to more memories and pride in the field. In 2015, when the field was renamed Parker-Faller Field, Richard’s construction company helped build the new field entry with plaques honoring Shirley Parker and Bill Faller. Richard says, “Parker Youth & Sports has a great group of people.” He is glad Parker supports all the youth sports – not just one sport and he believes coaches have a great impact on kids. He also says that, “Anyone can give a little!” And we say – “Richard Cuyle – You are a “Contributor of the Year” for youth sports - and we thank you!”



PARTNER OF THE YEAR

TRUDY BRAY

Trudy Bray has been a Parker Partner since the organization began in 2004. She has been a professional and a volunteer for youth athletics all her life as a participant, coach and official. Her enthusiasm for athletics, fitness and competitive sports is contagious.

Trudy generously gives her time and skill to set up and staff the hospitality rooms for state tournaments, recruit needed officials, and track scores. She keeps the Yakima Monday Morning Quarterback Club, and many others informed about coming events. Trudy graduated from Ellensburg High School in 1970 and chose to attend Central Washington University. She earned a degree in physical and health education, and she was active at CWU, participating on varsity teams in basketball and field hockey. Although she retired after 30



years of teaching physical education at Selah Middle School, she did not retire from helping supporting athletic events for kids. Trudy served on the board of Parker Youth & Sports for several years, helping with administration and fundraising events. It was unanimous that Trudy Bray be awarded “Parker Partner of 2025!”

GRANTS AT WORK

The contributions of all these individuals and events underscore the spirit of community and dedication that defines Parker Youth & Sports. Each story, whether about a volunteer, a partner, or a coach, reflects a commitment to uplifting youth through sports and creating an enduring legacy. These efforts have cultivated not only athletic excellence but also a sense of belonging and shared pride in the accomplishments of the young generation. Here are some of our grants at work!



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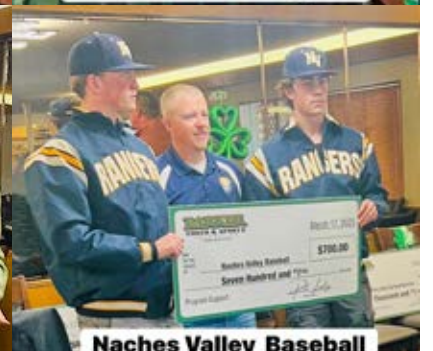
YAKIMA FLIGHT BASKETBALL



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COACH PAT FITTERER

“You Gotta Love It!”



EARLY YEARS

Coach Pat Fitterer, a legendary figure in Washington high school basketball is ranked as the #2 winningest coach in basketball with 728 wins. His record boasts 18 league titles, 12 district titles, 23 state tournament appearances, 17 state trophies, and 2 state championships over a 37-year coaching career. A 43-year educator and three-sport athlete, Pat’s legacy spans athletics, community, and mentorship, earning him induction into four Halls of Fame, the naming of an annual coaching award in his honor and having a basketball court named in his honor. Born and raised in Ellensburg, as the fifth of six athletically gifted siblings, Pat grew up immersed in sports. His passion for competition and leadership shaped his remarkable career.

HIGH SCHOOL

At Ellensburg High School, Pat graduated in 1971 as a three-sport star in football (Honorable Mention All-American), basketball (Honorable Mention All-Valley), and baseball (twice voted Most Inspirational Player on league championship teams). He also played in the state feeder baseball game.

COLLEGE

Pat played two years of football at Yakima Valley Community College before transferring to Central Washington State College, where he was the leading rusher on a league championship team under the legendary Coach Tom Parry. In track, he was a two-time District Champion sprinter, running the 100-yard dash in 9.5 seconds. He earned a B.S. in 1975 and a Master’s in 1981.

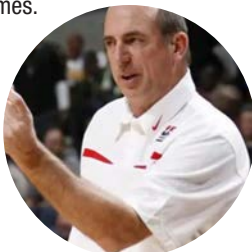
CAREER

Pat began teaching and coaching in 1976, spending 11 years at Highland High School (Coviche), two years at Kentwood (Kent), 13 years at Sehome (Bellingham), seven years at Eisenhower (Yakima), and four years at his alma mater, Ellensburg High School. He led Highland to a State 1A Championship in 1988 and Sehome to a State 4A Championship in 1996. At Eisenhower, he secured three district championships and two fourth-place state trophies at the 4A tournaments. Returning to his alma mater Ellensburg in 2010, he earned two state berths, including a 2012 quarterfinal appearance. Retiring in 2014 with 728 wins, Pat was named League Coach of the Year 16 times.

COMMUNITY

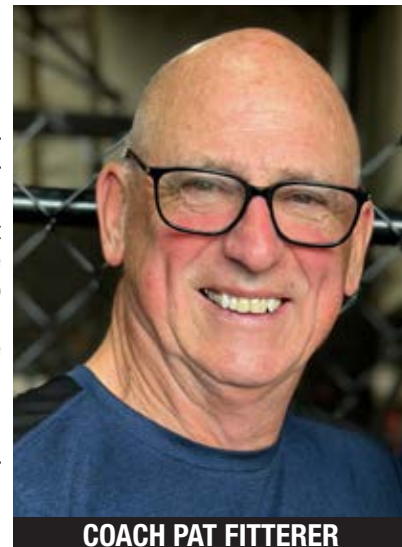
Locally and nationally, Pat’s influence extends far beyond the court:

- 1998: Inducted into the Central Washington University Athletics Hall of Fame.
- 2005: Honored as a National Federation of High School Distinguished Coach Contributor.
- 2007: Inducted into the WIBCA Hall of Fame and served as head coach of the USA National Select Basketball Team (2005–2007), going 6-0 and winning three gold medals.
- 2016: WIBCA established the Patrick Fitterer “You Gotta Love It” Positive Coach Contributor Award, recognizing coaches who transform players, schools, and communities.
- 2019: Inducted into the NHSBCA Court of Honor.
- 2022: Highland High School renamed its basketball court the “Pat Fitterer Court.”
- 2024: Inducted into the Ellensburg High School Hall of Fame with his 10-0 mythical State champion football team.



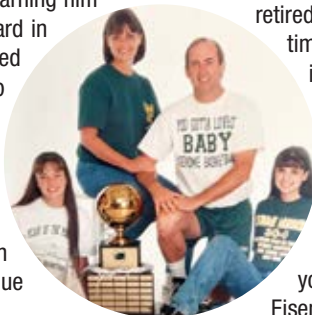
PERSONAL LIFE

In 1976, Pat married his high school sweetheart, Kathy, and they raised their daughters, Karly and Mindy, as Pat’s career success grew. In 2011, Pat’s wife, Kathy, passed away following an illness. Pat retired in 2014 to spend more time with his family. He also increased his participation in the affairs of state and national basketball associations. In 2015, he married Kirsten Danielson, and together they continue supporting youth and athletic programs. Eisenhower’s head basketball



COACH PAT FITTERER

coach and former Fitterer player, Taylor Elmo said, “I had the privilege of playing for Coach Pat Fitterer all four years of high school, and it’s something I’ll always be proud of. He’s a Hall of Fame coach, but more importantly, he’s a Hall of Fame person. He pours into people. He gives freely of his time, shares his wisdom, and treats everyone with respect, no matter where they are in life. Playing for Coach Fitterer taught me what it means to be part of something bigger than myself. As he always used to say, “You gotta love it, baby!”. We “gotta love” 2025 Yakima Valley Sports Legend, Pat Fitterer.



KEY

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| CWU = Central Washington University | WIBCA = Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association |
| HS = High School | NWAC = Northwest Athletic Conference - College |
| PLU = Pacific Lutheran University | MVP = Most Valuable Player |
| POY = Player of the Year | St. = State |
| UW = University of Washington | NATAS = National Association of Television Arts & Sciences |
| WSU = Washington State University | |
| YVC = Yakima Valley College | |

COACH CHERYL HOLDEN

A Legacy of Excellence



COACH CHERYL HOLDEN

Cheryl Holden, a Zillah native, is a celebrated figure in women's basketball, renowned for her remarkable nine (9) years coaching with Yakima's West Valley high school girls basketball, 13-year tenure as Head Women's Basketball Coach at Columbia Basin College (CBC) from 2001 to 2014. Inducted into the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) Hall of Fame in 2018, Holden's legacy is defined by her extraordinary coaching achievements at both the high school and collegiate levels and her ongoing service as CBC's Vice President for Student Services.

EARLY YEARS

Raised in Zillah, Cheryl grew up in a sports-loving family with three sisters and a brother. The Holden siblings shared a passion for basketball and volleyball, fostering Cheryl's early love for athletics in a tight-knit community that championed sports.

HIGH SCHOOL

Cheryl attended Zillah High School, where girls' basketball was gaining traction in the 1970s. Playing in the old Zillah gym with men's basketball, she led the Zillah Leopards to three state tournament appearances, earning three state trophies. Cheryl surpassed 1,000 career points and still holds a share of the Yakima Valley's third-highest single-game scoring record with 44 points. She graduated in 1978.

A memorable moment from her high school years was a 1978 radio broadcast of a Zillah girls' basketball game—the first of its kind. Organized so a teammate battling cancer could listen from home, the broadcast captured a victorious moment, reflecting the community spirit that shaped Cheryl's career.

“Cheryl recalled there was a radio broadcast of their 1978 state championship basketball game. It was to be the first basketball game broadcast on the radio – and it was a girl's game! There was a reason this special broadcast was set up – one of Zillah players was very sick with cancer and could not come to the game. They wanted her to hear the game. She got to hear them win!”



COLLEGE

Cheryl played college basketball and volleyball at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, earning a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Health. She later obtained a Master of Arts in Management from Antioch University in Yellow Springs, Ohio, equipping her with leadership skills that defined her coaching and administrative career.

CAREER

Cheryl's coaching journey began at the high school level, where she demonstrated her talent for shaping young athletes and building competitive programs. At West Valley High School in Yakima, she served as head coach, leading the Rams to an impressive 117-21 record, reflecting an .848 winning percentage. Her crowning achievement at West Valley was guiding the team to the 2001 Class 3A state championship, showcasing her ability to foster teamwork, discipline, and a winning culture. This success not only inspired a generation of young athletes in the Yakima Valley but also established her as a skilled mentor, setting the stage for her transition to collegiate coaching.



In 2001, Cheryl became Head Women's Basketball Coach at Columbia Basin College, where she transformed the Hawks into a powerhouse. Over 13 years, her teams amassed a 268-114 record, achieving a 70% overall winning percentage and a 69% winning percentage in the East Region. Under her leadership, the Hawks made nine NWAC tournament appearances in ten years, captured five East Region titles, and won four NWAC Championships, making her one of only two coaches in NWAC history to achieve four championships. Her championship teams posted an extraordinary combined record of 110-14 (.887). Holden's squads won at least 20 games in six seasons, and in five seasons, they lost five or fewer games. Her coaching excellence earned her five East Region Coach of the Year awards and four NWAC Coach of the Year honors. Her ability to lead and inspire has cemented her status as a legendary figure in Northwest athletics.

In recognition of her impact, she was inducted into the NWAC Hall of Fame in 2018 and in 2022 CBC named its new competition court "Holden Court".

COMMUNITY

As CBC's Vice President for Student Services, Cheryl continues to serve the college and its community with the same dedication she brought to coaching. Her work at both West Valley High School and CBC has inspired countless athletes and coaches in the Yakima Valley and beyond. Reflecting on her journey, she said, "I am fortunate to have been raised in the Valley and to have a great town like Zillah as my home. As I reflect, I realize more and more how fortunate I have been." Her contributions have earned her the title of Yakima Valley Sports Legend, a testament to her lasting influence on and off the court.



KATIE BORTON BIRLEY

The Borton-Birley Basketball Blast!

EARLY YEARS



Katie Borton Birley grew up immersed in basketball, a tradition running deep in her family. Her father, John, his cousin Bill, and Katie's cousin Teresa all played college basketball. The legacy continues with Katie's eldest son, Landen, who is headed to Idaho State University to play college basketball. Her brothers, Matt and Eric, also played, as do her younger son, Austin, and daughter, Alison. Born and raised in Yakima, Katie graduated from West Valley High School. From a young age, she traveled the West Coast for tournaments, coached by her mother in soccer and her father in basketball.

HIGH SCHOOL

At West Valley High School (1996–1999), Katie was a three-sport standout, earning 12 varsity letters. In soccer, she started on the varsity team for four years, with the Rams placing fourth at state during her sophomore and junior seasons. In basketball, the talented guard played varsity all four years, amassing 1,376 career points—fifth on West Valley's all-time scoring list. Her team secured fifth place at state her sophomore year (1996–97) and third place her junior (1997–98) and senior (1998–99) years. Coached by Hall of Fame coach Cheryl Holden, Katie earned all-state first-team honors her senior year and set a 1999 state tournament scoring record. Her cousin Teresa later played on West Valley's 2001 state championship team, also under Coach Holden. In track and field, Katie competed in the 100m and 300m hurdles, long jump, and triple jump, winning the state triple jump title in 1999. That same year, she was named the Yakima Herald-Republic's Female Athlete of the Year, now part of the Yakima Valley Sports Awards.

COLLEGE

Katie earned a full-ride basketball scholarship to Colorado State University (CSU). She played on the 2001 Mountain West Conference tournament-winning team and competed in the NCAA tournaments in 2001 and 2002. Named to the Mountain West All-Conference Defensive Team in 2002–03, she ranked in the top 20 in the conference for assists, blocks, steals, and three-point shots. Her stats included a 34% field goal percentage, 33% three-point percentage, and

72.4% free-throw percentage. While at CSU, Katie met her husband, Andy Birley, a member of the men's basketball team. After graduating, they married and returned to Yakima to work in the family orchard business.

PERSONAL LIFE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

Katie and Andy have three children—Landen (18), Austin (15), and Alison (8)—all of whom play basketball. This past year, Landen and Austin played together on West Valley's basketball team, which placed fifth at state. Landen, a senior, surpassed his cousin Teresa's scoring record to become West Valley's all-time leading scorer with 1,746 points. Katie coaches Alison's basketball team, saying, "It's fun to coach her!" Reflecting on her own journey, Katie cherishes her time playing alongside her cousin Teresa, her next-door neighbor and best friend, during two years of high school and competing against her in college. Katie Borton Birley's story is one of talent, dedication, and family. Her past achievements inspire her present Contributions. We proudly salute Katie as a Parker Youth & Sports Legend of the Yakima Valley



Colorado State University



KATIE BORTON BIRLEY



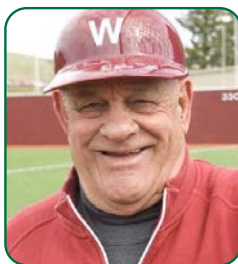
CELEBRATING A PROUD HISTORY OF 21 YEARS OF PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION 'LEGENDS' HONOREES



2006 - Pete Rademacher
1956 Olympic Gold Medal
Heavyweight Boxing



2007 - Bill Pearl
1978 Hall of Fame
1953, '61, '67, & '71 Mr. Universe



2008 - Chuck "Bobo" Brayton
College Baseball Hall of Fame
YVC-WSU Baseball Coach



2008 - Phil Mahre
1984 Olympic Skier
Gold Medal



2009 - Steve Mahre
1984 Olympic Skier
Silver Medal



2009 - Willie Turner
1967 World's Fastest Man
NCAA Track All-American



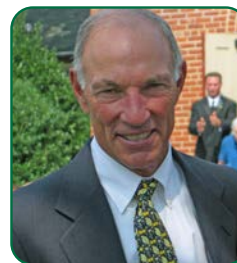
2013 - Gene Rostvold
Ted Robertson Service Award
26 yr. WIAA Tournament Dir.



2013 - Betty Baker
Fast Pitch Softball
Women's Golf



2013 - Mary Sherar Johns
Women's Tennis
Women's Leader



2014 - Bill Douglas
1964 Rose Bowl Quarterback
University of Washington



2014 - Ollie Nelson
YMCA Exec. Director
Youth Sports Director



2015 - Steve Dale
USC Football RB 1969 Rose Bowl
1965 WA State Football POY



2017 - Jake Kupp
NFL - 12 yrs.
1964 Rose Bowl (UW)



2017 - Craig Kupp
NFL - 1990
PLU Hall of Fame



2018 - Stan Renecker
Philanthropist PYSF
YVC & IKE Baseball



2018 - Mel Moore
26 yr. WIAA Tournament Dir.
Yakima Rotary Unsung Hero



2019 - Phil Hinrichs
YVC Baseball 1976, '77
WSU baseball, Team Co-Captain



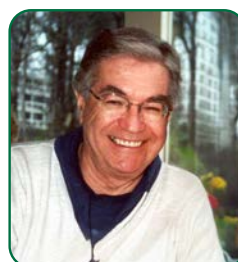
2019 - Phil English
Coach, Track-Cross Country
Nat'l. HS Coach of the Year



2022 - Dr. Dan Doornink
8 yr. NFL Seahawks-NY Giants
WSU Hall of Fame



2022 - Paige Mackenzie
UW POY PAC-10 Golf 2005
10 yr. LPGA, TV Golf Analyst



2022 - Jim Scoggins
30 yr. newspaper Sports Editor
3-term Yakima School Board



2022 - Coach Bob Garretson, Jr.
17 yr. YVC baseball coach
Two World Series Legion titles



2023 - Todd Stottlemyre
15 yr. MLB Pitcher, Blue Jays
2 World Series Rings 1992, 1993



2023 - Mel Stottlemyre, Jr.
6 yr. MLB Pitcher
20 yr. MLB pitching coach



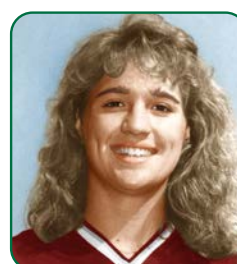
2025 - Coach Pat Fitterer
WIBCA HOF; NHBSCA Court,
CWU HOF; 2x state champion
basketball teams. 728 wins



2025 - Katie Borton Birley
Colorado St. Univ. Basketball
Mt. West Conf. Team 2002, 2003
Yakima Female Athlete of 1999



2025 - Coach Eli Juarez
St. Boys Basketball Champ 2012
WIBCA HOF 2021; 527wins
11 Conference Titles. 44 yrs. coach



2025 - Christine Silvernail
2X First Team Basketball,
Santa Clara Univ HOF,
West Coast Conf POY 1994



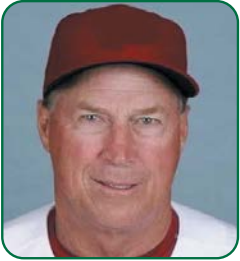
2025 - Coach Cheryl Holden
St. Girls HS Basketball Champ 2001
WISBCA HOF 2018; 4X NWAC
Champ; NWAC HOF 2022



2025 - MarJon Beauchamp
1st rd. NBA draft Milwaukee
2022, HS Champ team 2X,
MVP Seattle Metro League



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2010 - Mel Stottlemire
MLB Pitcher & Coach
MLB All-Star (5x), World Series rings (6x)



2011 - Bill Faller
26 yrs. YVC Baseball Coach
8 yrs YVC Athletic Dir.
Coaches Hall of Fame



2011 - Daryl Parker
YVC Philanthropist
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2012 - Tom Parry
PNW Football Coaches
Hall of Fame
CWU Hall of Fame



2012 - Betty Yaden
20 yrs. Parks and Rec.
Tennis Player, Coach



2013 - Keith Farnam
Eisenhower HS coach of
Basketball, Baseball, Tennis,
IKE Athletic Dir.



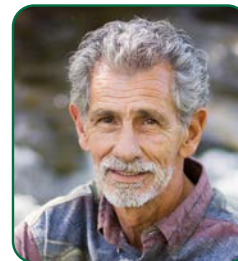
2015 - Ted Wierman
Davis State Champ Basketball
1965 Davis Football



2015 - Scott McDonald
1965-1970 Orioles' Baseball
Team Capt. Basketball
1965 St. Champ Marquette HS



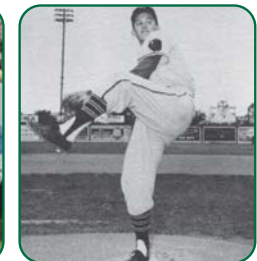
2015 - Eric Beardsley
NAIA Coach of Year, Track
CWU Hall of Fame



2016 - Lane Phillips
New York Yankee Pitcher
YCV Baseball Coach



2016 - Pete Orgil
Baseball Hall of Fame
Baseball Coach, Davis HS



2017 - Mike Carlson
Top Player MVP Award
YVC & WSU Pitcher



2020 - Kay Aberle
32 yr. Volleyball Coach
5x State Champs, Selah HS



2020 - Sarah Silvernail
2x All-American, Volleyball
1997 Pac-10 POY



2020 - Al Rogers
38 yr. Volleyball coach
NWAC Coach of the Year (3x)



2021 - Dave Edler
1975 American Legion POY
Seattle Mariners, 4 Seasons



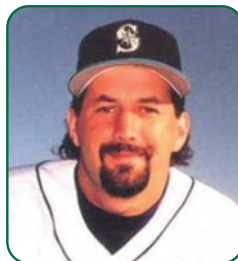
2021 - Shag Williams
Basketball Player, UW
Basketball Player, Davis HS



2021 - Coach Carol Finney
WIAA Hall of Fame
Coach, girls' sports



2023 - Scott Hatteberg
14 yr. MLB Catcher & 1st base
1991 MVP PAC 12



2023 - Bob Wells
9 yr. MLB pitcher
1996 Mariners MVP



2024 - Fred Anderson
6 yr. NFL Defensive Lineman
Two Super Bowl Wins



2024 - Cary Conklin
6 yr. NFL Quarterback
One Super Bowl Win



2024 - Kurt Schulz
10 yr. NFL Safety 1992-2002
Two Super Bowls



2025 - Alan Silience
32 yr. TV Sport Broadcaster
Netl & State Press Awards
NATAS Silver Circle Award 2021



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KEY

CWU = Central Washington University
HS = High School
PLU = Pacific Lutheran University
POY = Player of the Year
UW = University of Washington
WSU = Washington State University
YVC = Yakima Valley College

WIBCA = Washington Interscholastic Basketball
Coaches Association
NWAC = Northwest Athletic Conference - College
MVP = Most Valuable Player
St. = State
NATAS = National Association of Television Arts &
Sciences

COACH ELI JUAREZ

A Legacy of Hard Work, Respect & Family



COACH ELI JUAREZ

Eli Juarez was one of seven children born to migrant farmworker parents, Eliseo and Rosa Juarez. He grew up in Wapato. His family settled there during the school year, working hop fields and picking berries and tree fruit in migrant camps during the summer. A basketball star at Wapato High School, Eli went on to shine at Walla Walla Community College and Whitman College, becoming a legendary coach with over 500 wins, 11 conference titles, and a historic induction as the first Latino in the Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association (WIBCA) Hall of Fame.

EARLY YEARS

Eli's earliest basketball memories stem from playing in migrant camps. Growing up in a hardworking family, he learned the values of dedication and respect, which would define his life and career.

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

At Wapato High School, Eli excelled in football, baseball, and basketball, earning praise and scholarship offers. Graduating in 1975, he chose to stay close to family while pursuing higher education. Recruited to Walla Walla Community College and later Whitman College, Eli thrived as a basketball player. His passion for coaching emerged while leading an AAU team during his time at Whitman, setting the stage for his remarkable career.



CAREER

Eli began teaching and coaching in Dayton, where he quickly found success. Recruited to rebuild Wenatchee's basketball program, he transformed it into a winner. He later returned to his alma mater, Wapato High School, before he was called back to coaching in the Big 9 at Davis High School. He coached at Davis for 20 years and led the team to a state championship in 2012—featuring NFL star Cooper Kupp—and second place in 2015. The teams played in nine state tournament appearances. Coach Juarez had 527 career wins, two undefeated seasons at Dayton, and records for being the most winning coach at two Big 9 schools. Eli was named Big 9 Coach of the Year multiple times and became the league's longest-tenured coach. In February 2024, he surpassed 500 wins, and he retired in 2025.

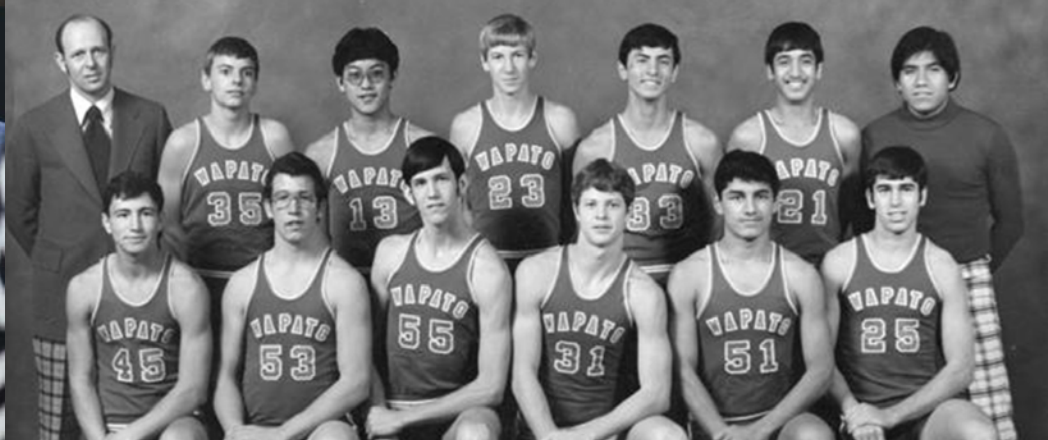


COMMUNITY

A first-generation American, Eli's achievements extend beyond the court. In 2021, he made history as the first Latino inducted into the WIBCA Hall of Fame. His commitment to coaching and mentoring young athletes reflects his deep ties to the Yakima Valley and his role as a trailblazer for Latino representation in sports.

PERSONAL LIFE

Eli met his wife, Brenda, a fellow basketball standout, at Walla Walla Community College. Family guided his career decisions, and he coached all three of their children—two sons and a daughter—during his 43-year tenure at Dayton, Wenatchee, Wapato, and Davis High Schools. Eli credits his success to the role models who shaped him, emphasizing, "I've been incredibly lucky to learn from others. My commitment to hard work and respect defined who I became." Coach Eli Juarez's journey from migrant camps to the WIBCA Hall of Fame embodies dedication, family, and community. A true Parker Youth & Sports Legend, his story inspires generations.



MARJON BEAUCHAMP

Faith, Purpose and Practice!

MarJon Beauchamp, a Yakima native and Eisenhower High School graduate, made history as the first Yakima Valley player selected in the first round of the NBA Draft, picked 24th overall by the Milwaukee Bucks in 2022. A small forward known for his athleticism and dedication, MarJon's journey from Yakima to the NBA reflects his unwavering faith and commitment to his profession.

EARLY YEARS

Born in Yakima, MarJon grew up with one brother and a twin brother and sister. Standing 6 feet 7 inches and weighing 199 pounds, he developed a passion for basketball in his hometown, setting the stage for his professional career.

HIGH SCHOOL

Seeking stronger competition, MarJon moved to Seattle to play at Nathan Hale High School under coach Brandon Roy. There, he led the team to a 29–0 record, a Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Class 3A state title, and the No. 1 national ranking. As a sophomore, he transferred to Garfield High School, winning a Class 4A state championship and reaching the quarterfinals at High School Nationals. For his junior year, he joined Rainier Beach High School, earning Seattle 3A Metro League MVP honors after leading the team to league and district titles and a Class 3A state semifinal. MarJon spent his senior year at a new basketball program in Glendale, Arizona, before returning to Yakima to graduate from Eisenhower High School.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

After high school, MarJon attended basketball training camps and enrolled at Yakima Valley College in 2021, where he averaged 30.7 points on 52.5% shooting, 10.5 rebounds, and 4.8 assists over 36.4 minutes. As a player he was known as a wing or small forward. A consensus four-star recruit, he attracted offers from programs like Washington and earned a four and five-star rating from recruiting websites on the AAU circuit. Drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks in 2022, he played three NBA seasons with the Bucks, Clippers, and Knicks, averaging 4.1 points across 135 regular-season games. In March 2025, he signed a two-way contract with the New York Knicks and their G League affiliate, the Westchester Knicks.

COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL LIFE

MarJon remains deeply connected to Yakima, returning during NBA breaks to spend time with his family. When home in Yakima, MarJon hosts free basketball clinics for local youth, leads drills, and supports charity auctions by signing memorabilia. Of Native American descent, MarJon credits his faith for guiding him through challenges, and he balances hard work with prayer. His excellence in play and his dedication to his craft and community earned him recognition as a 2025 Yakima Valley Sports Legend.



MARJON BEAUCHAMP



CHRISTINE SILVERNAIL

One of Santa Clara University's Greatest!

Christine Silvernail, a record-setting basketball player and team leader, left an indelible mark on West Valley High School and Santa Clara University. Honored posthumously as a Yakima Valley Sports Legend, her athletic brilliance and inspiring legacy continue to shine.

EARLY YEARS

Born in Spokane, Christine was the second of four athletically gifted siblings—David, Christine, Sarah, and Liz. Their mother, Sandy Kahle, was a dedicated sports mom, supporting her four children through year-round athletics. David, the eldest, organized family strength contests to toughen his sisters for competition, fostering their grit and heart. David did a great job of family coaching as Christine and Sarah both earned Player of the Year honors in their college conferences—Christine in the West Coast Conference (WCC) for basketball in 1994, and Sarah in the Pac-10 for volleyball in 1997.



CHRISTINE & SARAH SILVERNAIL



CHRISTINE SILVERNAIL

HIGH SCHOOL

In 1988, the family moved to Yakima, where Christine enrolled at West Valley High School. Graduating in 1990, she excelled as a three-sport athlete in volleyball, track, and basketball. Known for her speed, exceptional free-throw shooting, and leadership, Christine dominated basketball year-round, often winning free-throw contests. Coming from a family that always helps each other, Christine coached her younger sister Sarah—who attended a rival school - by showing Sarah where to stand in order to beat her. Her discipline and work ethic earned her a full-ride basketball scholarship to Santa Clara University in California.



COLLEGE

At Santa Clara, Christine was an immediate standout on the court and in the classroom. A Santa Clara University Athletics representative stated, "Christine Silvernail was one of the greatest players in the history of Santa Clara women's basketball." A two-time All-WCC First Team selection and the 1994 WCC Player of the Year, she led the Broncos to four consecutive WCC regular-season titles, one WCC Tournament championship, a WNIT title in her freshman year, and two NCAA Tournament appearances. The team achieved four winning seasons, three with over 20 victories. As a junior, Christine and teammate Melissa King formed Santa Clara's No. 2 all-time scoring tandem, contributing 421 of their 985 points. In her senior year, she led the team in scoring (19.6 ppg), field goal percentage (.488), free-throw percentage (.834), rebounding (7.4 rpg), and blocks (15). Christine remains the school's fourth-leading scorer with 1,325 points and sixth all-time rebounder with 536. In 1994, she graduated with honors, earning a Bachelor of Business Accounting degree.

CAREER

After graduating, Christine played semi-pro basketball in the Luxembourg Basketball League. Returning to the U.S., she was a manager at a packaging company in Auburn, Washington, and played a season of semi-pro rugby. Tragically, in October 1997, Christine passed away in a car accident near Tacoma at age 25. In 2008, she was inducted into the Santa Clara University Athletic Hall of Fame and celebrated for her achievements and character.

COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL

Christine had a strong family cheering squad in Yakima and she gained confidence from the support of her aunt and uncle Kathleen and Dr. Tim O'Connor and other family members. Her family remembers Christine as the one who always remembers birthdays, anniversaries and special days. This sports-centered family includes Christine's brother David, a college baseball player, sister Sarah, a volleyball star at Washington State University, and youngest sister Liz, who played varsity volleyball, basketball, and tennis. Liz continues to enjoy tennis today. Today, we honor Christine Silvernail as a gifted leader, scholar, an accomplished athlete and a 2025 Yakima Valley Sports Legend whose legacy endures.



ALAN SILLENCE

Count on Total Coverage



Alan Silience, a Seattle native and University of Washington graduate, dedicated 47 years to the television industry, including 31 years in Yakima. With a passion for sports and storytelling, he became a celebrated sports broadcaster, earning numerous awards and leaving an enduring legacy in the Yakima Valley.

EARLY YEARS

Growing up in Seattle, Alan played various sports until high school. His father, Roy, a longtime television director at KOMO TV-ABC, sparked his early interest in the industry, setting the foundation for his career.

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Alan attended Nathan Hale High School in Seattle, where his love for sports and media began to take shape. While studying at the University of Washington in 1978, Alan explored radio and interned at KOMO TV in Seattle, later working as a film editor and news production assistant. After earning his bachelor's degree, he joined KNDO-NBC in Yakima as a sports broadcaster, then moved to KGGM-TV (now KRQE-CBS) in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

CAREER

Known for his "total coverage," Alan filmed and reported on thousands of football, baseball, basketball, and other sports events, often sacrificing weekends to capture the action. In New Mexico, he won the Associated Press Award for Best Newscast. Returning to Yakima in 1994, he became KIMA-TV-CBS's sports director, earning the Associated Press First-Place Award for Best Sportscaster in Washington State among other honors. There is more to the story than awards. Alan's passion shone through, as he noted, "I work weekends because I am doing what I love to do with people that I love to be with and who are appreciative."



COMMUNITY IMPACT

As KIMA-TV's sports director, Alan served 20 years on the Yakima Sports Commission and Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks, and as a board member of the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation. His volunteer work bolstered Yakima's statewide athletic reputation and drove economic growth through sports programs. Current KIMA broadcaster Austin Peppers credits Alan's emphasis on local sports, saying, "Alan put an emphasis on covering local sports, and that's something I've learned from and strive to do every day. It is truly special to work with someone I looked up to as a kid."

PERSONAL LIFE

In 2021, the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences honored Alan with the Silver Circle Award, recognizing him as "the gold standard of small market sports journalism" and an ambassador for Yakima's athletes and programs. After retiring in January 2025, Alan enjoys golf, travel, and family time in Seattle. Eisenhower High School's National Hall of Fame Cross Country Coach Phil English voiced this praise, "Alan's influence and importance across the Valley knows no bounds. We will look for Alan to be out running the mile after retirement." Alan is known for signing off each broadcast with "I'm Out!." We can now say Alan Silience is never "out" because he is a permanent Sports Legend of the Yakima Valley.



ALAN SILLENCE



Dec. 23, 2024



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“In 2021, the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences presented Alan the “Silver Circle Award.””



2025 SPORTS GALORE!



Sport Legends Banquet
Friday, August 22

High Hopes Golf Tournament
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The board of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation invites the public to participate in the 2025 Sports Legends Banquet and High Hopes Golf Tournament! **The Sports Legends Banquet is Friday, August 22nd at 5:00 pm. The High Hopes Golf Tournament is on Saturday, August 23, with a shotgun-start at 1 pm.** Several levels of sponsorship are available.

2025 SPORTS LEGENDS DINNER Friday, August 22, 5:00 – 9:00 pm at Yakima SunDome State Fair Room. The Legends Dinner includes a beef and chicken buffet, silent and live auction with Raise the Paddle. The 2025 Sport Legends give presentations. The cost is \$60 per guest. Alan Sillence, and Ryan Rogers from KIMA TV sports –are the masters of ceremony. Pre-registration by phone mail or website below, ensures table seating.

2025 “HIGH HOPES” GOLF TOURNAMENT August 23rd, 7am youth tee off; 1 pm tee off at the Apple Tree Golf Resort. Lunch is served at 11:00 am. The golf fee is \$600 per foursome or \$150 per player. The player fees provide a round of golf, a complimentary 50/50 ticket and the Legends Trophy Par-Tee after golf reception. Pre-registration is requested.

2025 SPORT LEGENDS

The **SEVEN 2025 Yakima Valley Sport Legends** include a nationally awarded television sportscaster, two WIBCA Hall of fame basketball coaches (Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association), a NWAC Hall of Fame coach (Northwest Athletic Conference-College), two nationally acclaimed women basketball athletes and a 1st rd. pick NBA Player. It really is the Magnificat Seven!

Since 2004, Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has given out **439 grants totaling \$1,007,000** to parks, youth athletic programs and Yakima Valley College. Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. Our tax ID number is: **EIN: 20-1584691.**



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The mission of the Yakima Valley Community Foundation's is to connect people, resources, and ideas so the community we know, and love thrives.

For seventeen years the Yakima Valley Community Foundation (YVCF) has been essential to the financial investments and grant program of Parker Youth & Sports. We established the Faller-Brayton Endowment Fund in 2008 toward the goal of having a forever investment fund that returns money to sports organizations each year. Wise investments help our grant dollars grow. We are grateful that Yakima Valley Community Foundation is dependable, informed and organized. Thank you YVCF for supporting our mission of giving every child in the valley an opportunity to participate in sports and recreation!

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