

18TH  
ANNUAL *Athletics*  
*Hall of Fame*  
CLASS OF 2013

BETTY ELIZABETH AUSTIN  
*Softball, Volleyball, Basketball & SCC Staff*

TONMAR JOHNSON  
*Football & SCC Faculty*

SAMUEL C. MCKINNEY, JR.  
*Track & SCC Staff*

RICHARD MAC KENZIE  
*Football & SCC Faculty*

IRA "SCOTT" TAYLOR  
*Basketball*

JOE RASLER  
*Baseball & Football*

## BETTY ELIZABETH AUSTIN



**1969 - 1971 Solano Student Athlete**  
Softball, Basketball & Volleyball

**Coached by Hall of Famer Jericho Faurea**

**Awarded Most Improved and  
Most Inspirational**  
SCC Women's Volleyball Team

**Awarded Most Inspirational** - SCC Women's Basketball Team

**1971 Began career as SCC Physical Education/ Athletics Assistant**

**1971 Studied Martial Arts – Solano and Kajukenbo Student**  
Achieved Black Belt in Kajukenbo system, Tony Ramos

**1977 Champion in Pam American Karate tournament at the Oakland  
Auditorium, Oakland, California**

**1972 Graduated from Solano College – Social Science**  
Associate on Science Degree

**1972 Enlisted in USAF Reserves**  
Honor Grad in Mental Health Technical School  
Served in Operation: Desert Storm – Retired in '92

**1980 Graduated from Cal State Hayward – Kinesiology**  
Bachelor of Science Degree

**1993 AAFES BX Detective – Travis Air Force Base**

**1994 Taught Self Defense for women –  
Fairfield Recreation**

**1999 Volunteer Booster Club &  
Hall of Fame Board member**

**2009 Solano College  
Classified Employee of the Year**



## TONMAR JOHNSON

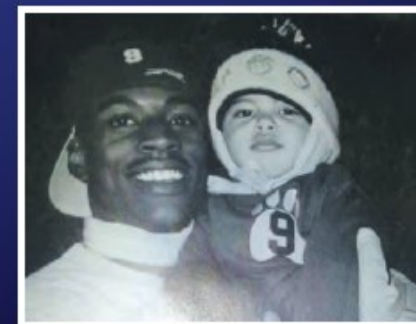


Professor Tonmar Johnson was born and raised in Vallejo, CA. His college education began at Solano Community College where he played football and earned a full scholarship to attend Henderson State University.

After attending Henderson State, Tonmar ultimately graduated from Eastern New Mexico University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in both Political Science and Sociology. While at Eastern New Mexico University, he also played football and was named to the Lone Star All Conference team back-to-back years.

After his football career, Tonmar went on to complete a Masters in Art Degree in Sociology at CSU Sacramento. Mr. Johnson is currently a full-time tenured professor at Solano College where he has developed and currently teaches the course Sociology of Sport.

Professor Johnson enjoys spending quality time with his three children (Marquel, Alexci and Amani), playing sports, engaging in video games, reading and conducting research. Tonmar is currently working to get an article published by the Western Journal of Black Studies, titled: "The Social Construction of an American Athlete: African American Boy Experiences in Sport."





## SAMUEL C. MCKINNEY, JR.



Samuel McKinney started his athletic career in the fifth grade. He decided to give baseball a shot when he was 11 years old because his dad was a San Francisco Giants fan. That turned out to be a good decision because by his second year he was hitting .478 with 10 triples and 17 doubles. He played first base in both years.

As a member of Reno's Floor Covering team, he helped them win a Pony League playoff championship game with a base-clearing triple. Sam claims that it should have been an inside-the-park home run, but the coach stopped him at third. We all know how quick Sam is and he probably could've made it home easily.

Sam took his athletic abilities to Vallejo High in 1973. He ran hurdles for Coach Mike Wilson who was in his first year as coach at VHS. Sam ran track for three years, graduating in 1977.

Sam decided to attend Solano Community College to work toward becoming a track coach. He ran in the Spring 1978 when everything changed from yards to meters. He set the school record in 110 meter hurdles. Prop. 13 cut the program in the Summer of 1978. Track was brought back in Spring 1981, while Sam was playing football. He wanted to break his own hurdles record. He fell .1 second short.

From day one, Sam always said he wanted to work at Solano College one day. He applied in 1983 for the locker room attendant position. It was two years before he finally was given the job – in the same year he had a tryout with a CBA team.



Sam is the proud father of Samantha, Elijah and Monique. His parents are Sgt. Samuel McKinney, who served in the Air Force and Flossie McKinney. He was raised in Vallejo.

## RICHARD MAC KENZIE



Richard Mac Kenzie graduated from Vallejo High school in 1975 where he played football defensive tackle and offence tackle and was on the wrestling team.

Richard attended Solano College in fall of 1975 where he played football as an offence guard. In the second year, the team did well and tied for the championship with Contra Costa College.

While a student at Solano, his major was police science at first, then he changed to fire science in his second year. Richard attended the fire academy in 1977 and soon found his calling. Mr. Mac Kenzie graduated from Solano in June with an Associate Degree in Fire Science.

After graduating from Solano Community College, Richard was hired by the city of Vallejo Fire department in August to work as a firefighter. He was promoted to Engineer in 1989 and then to Captain six months later. He was assigned to fire prevention, training, Captain on the Engine and the Truck company. Richard retired as Assistant Chief of Training in 2008.

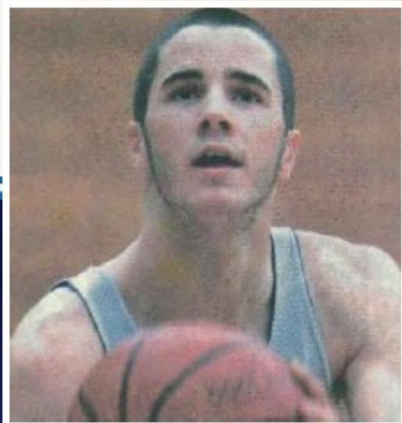
After retirement he became a Shipboard Fire training instructor and Crisis Management coordinator for the California Maritime Academy. Richard started at Solano College in 2009 as adjunct instructor and is now currently running his third Fire Academy. His career has come full circle.

Richard's biggest accomplishment is his family. He is a married father of four, having three girls and one boy. Richard is grandfather to two grandchildren, one boy and one girl.





## IRA "SCOTT" TAYLOR



Due to his unquestionable leadership abilities, Scott received the Solano College men's basketball team's Most Inspirational Award in '97-98, Team Captain in '00-01, and co-MVP in '00-01. During his sophomore year at Solano, Mr. Taylor was named All-Conference and made the All-Academic team in the Bay Valley Conference.

Scott received recognition for his achievement on and off the basketball court while at Solano College. He made the Dean's Honors List in both his freshman and sophomore year. Scott holds the SCC single season record for assists, set in '00-01, with 217 total assists in 31 games (7 apg). In his final season at SCC, he average 14.6 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 7 apg, and 2.5 spg.

Scott earned a basketball scholarship to play at CSU Stanislaus in 2001. At Stanislaus, Scott is 3rd best player of all-time in career assists with 248 in only two seasons, 5th best player of all-time in single season assists with 137 (4.7 apg), and has 3 spots in the top 10 (#2, 6, 10) for most assists in a single game with 14, 11, & 10 per game. As a college senior he was the team MVP and selected to the Conference and Region All-Academic teams. Mr. Taylor was a Verizon Academic All-American Second Team member in '02-03. Scott ended his successful college career with his first ever and the CCAA's only triple double in '02-03 scoring 20 points, grabbing 11 rebounds, and dishing off 10 assists.

Another noteworthy accomplishment is that Scott and his foursome are the defending champions of the SCC 2013 Tee Off for Athletes Golf Invitational.

Scott lives in Turlock, is married to Diljeet Taylor, and they have two young sons -Taj and Avi. Scott works as an accountant for Moss Adams LLP.

## JOE RASLER



After an outstanding athletic career at Vallejo High School, Joe Rasler played two years of football and baseball for Solano Community College (Vallejo Junior College as it was known when Joe attended) during the period 1962-1964. Joe was the starting third-baseman and an All-Coast Conference selection on the 1963 and 1964 baseball teams that won conference championships. He was a key contributor on the runner-up team at the 1964 California State Championships. In addition to being selected to the All-Coast Conference team, he has the 3rd highest batting average in the Coast Conference in 1964.

Upon graduation from Vallejo Junior College, Joe played one year of baseball at Chico State University during the 1965 season before being called into active duty by the U.S. Navy. From 1966 to 1968 he served aboard the USS Ticonderoga and received a citation for Outstanding Performance during deployment with the 7th Fleet off the coast of Vietnam. Following his stint with the Navy, Joe returned to college and obtained his teaching degree and credentials in 1971.

After graduating from college, Joe returned to his hometown and was hired by the City of Vallejo Unified School District where he went on to teach and coach for 32 years. He worked initially at Springstowne Junior High and then for 26 years as Vallejo High School. He was named Teacher of the Year in 2002. While at Vallejo High School, he served 25 years as the varsity football coach, helping the team win Monticello Empire League championships in 1983, 1990, 1993, and 1996. Joe retired from teaching in 2004.

Currently, Joe likes to spend his time fishing, travelling, and being with his wife Carolyn and their three children and seven grandchildren. In addition to being inducted in the 18th Annual Athletics Hall of Fame at Solano College, Joe recently was honored by the City of Vallejo Sports Hall of Fame.