

GPSA News



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Mark Your Calendar!

Wed., Nov. 18, 2026 — 54th Annual GPSA Inductees Banquet

Location: Occhiato Center Ballroom, CSU Pueblo Campus; **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

ONLINE TICKET SALES FOR 2026 GPSA BANQUET

The GPSA will be doing online ticket sales only for the 2026 induction banquet. This is the first time the association has attempted ticket sales in this manner. **Tickets will be able to be purchased from our GPSA website pueblogshof.com starting October 6, 2026 and sales will end Monday November 9, 2026 at 5 pm.**

The association will use a user friendly program called [Zeffy](#), this program is set up for nonprofits. More information will be posted in our October Newsletter. Note worthy suggestion, when you purchase your ticket Zeffy will add a tip. All you need to do is scroll down to custom and change to zero tip and that will be the actual price of the ticket.

Ticket prices are the same they have been the last three years fifty dollars. You can leave a custom tip of your choice to Zeffy so they can continue to provide this service to nonprofits but this is optional to each ticket buyer.

If you have any questions you can contact President Jerry Sisneros jrryis@yahoo.com or 719-406-0976.

The President's Corner—GPSA Selects 2026 Inductees

At our monthly meeting in September, 2026, the Greater Pueblo Sports Association committee members voted on five candidates for our 54th Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on November 18, 2026.

2026 Hall of Fame Inductees:

Paul Arriaga, Jim Cornelison, George Gutierrez, Pat James, and Arnald Swift.

With the addition of the 2026 class, the GPSA now has 394 member enshrined with 353 of them men and 41 women.

This is the third class in 54 years with five inductees who went into the GPSA Hall of Fame. Of those two classes (2015 and 1996), both of them had at least one woman inducted (Dee Dee Dominquez and Kathleen Hancock in 2015) and Jessie Banks (1996).

There will be a feature on each inductee in our October 2026 GPSA Newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you there the night of the 54th GPSA Banquet and a reminder that for the third consecutive year the GPSA will hold a gift basket drawing on the night of the banquet.



Jerry Sisneros — GPSA President

Respectfully,

Jerry Sisneros
GPSA President
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GPSA October Appeal Month for Financial Support

The GPSA Membership designated the month of October 2026 to appeal to past inductees for financial support. We have one hundred and eighty six living Inductees (186). If every inductee sent a small donation in Oct., of each year, the association can remain solvent with your financial support. These donations help to keep our banquet ticket affordable for guest to celebrate inductees that are chosen annually to be put into our Hall of Fame.

The association would like to thank those inductees who did respond last year. You still can support the GPSA for 2026, by sending in your donation for financial support to the GPSA at the address below:

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About the 2026 Brian Macartney Award Winners

Below are short bios of the Brian Macartney Award recipients for the best male and female high school athletes during the 2025-26 school year.

Enzo Pecoraro —Pueblo East

Tennis

- * 1st Team All-League; 13-5 record at #1 singles as a senior
- * Three-year letterman

Basketball

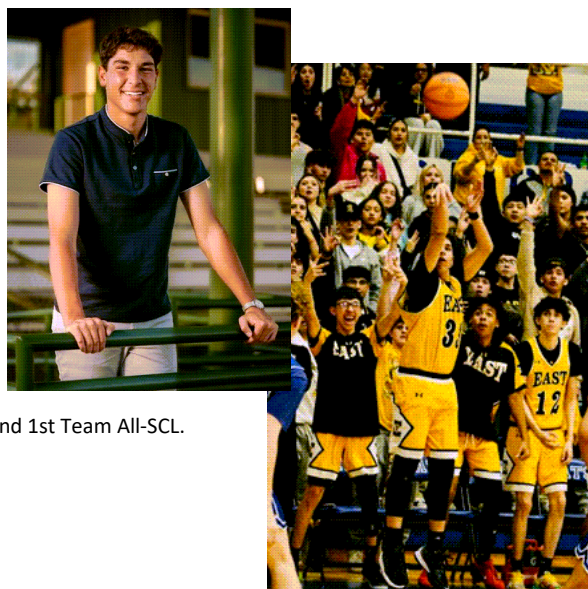
- * CHSAA Honorable Mention All-State; CHSCA All- State.
- * 1st Team All-League; All-Defensive Team.
- * Class 5A Leader in Steals; 2nd Most Double Doubles in Class 5A.
- * South Central League (SCL) Leader in: Steals, Double Doubles, Total Rebounds, and Blocks.
- * 2-Time Team Captain; Three-year varsity letterman.

Baseball

- * Junior All-Star Game Selection; Twice named Honorable Mention All-State and 1st Team All-SCL.
- * SCL Leader in: RBIs and Fielding Percentage.
- * Two-year varsity letterman.

Academics

- * 4.0 Unweighted GPA; 4.7 Weighted GPA.
- * Classes: IB Physics, IB Calculus, IB English 12, 1B Psychology.
- * Class Rank: Finished in the top 5.



Drue Golob —Pueblo Central

Wrestling

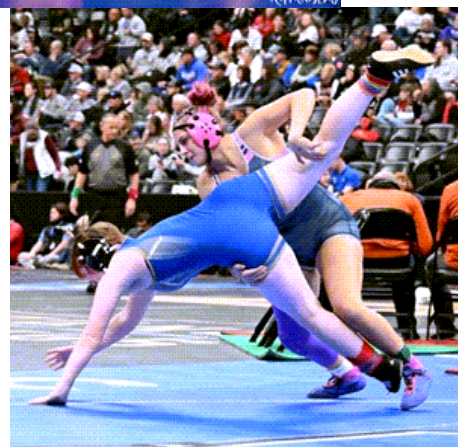
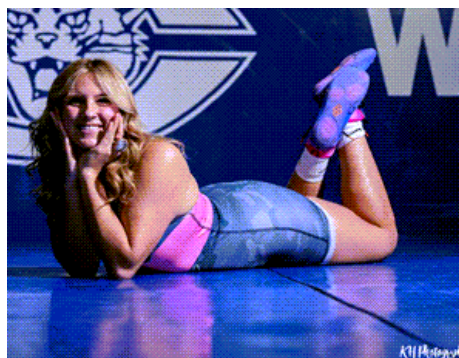
- * Varsity Letterman
- * Ranked 29th in the State (Senior Year)
- * Named by *The Pueblo Chieftain* to Pueblo's top 10 girl wrestlers to watch 2025-2026 season.
- * 3rd Place at Regionals- 159 lbs.
- * State Qualifier - 7th Place; Member of the 4A State Championship Team (2026)
- * Nominated twice for Pueblo Chieftain "Athlete-of-the-Week."
- * Received college offers to wrestle for Cornell College, IA, and Otero Junior College, CO

Track and Field

- * Varsity Letterman
- * Named by *The Pueblo Chieftain* to Pueblo's top 45 girl track and field athletes to watch for the 2026 season.
- * Ranked 25th in State; 2nd Place at South-Central League in the discus.
- * Received a college offer to throw for Redlands University, CA, committed and will be attending in the Fall 2026.

Other Achievements/Academics

- * Baseball Manager - Varsity Letterman.
- * Student Council- Senior Class President; Student Council; Newman Club.
- * Athlete with Most School Spirit; The LE Conatore "True Blue Wildcat" Award.
- * 2025 Homecoming Queen; Academic Letterman - SEBS Program.
- * United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award - Displaying courage, poise, self-confidence, and leadership as a high school athlete.



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Sollie Raso Championship Award Recipients

Pueblo County High School is the 2025-26 Sollie Raso Championship Award winner. It marked the first time the Hornets have won the team award and they are the fourth high school to win since the award was started in 2014-15 school year.

Year: 2025-2026

Pueblo County

Year: 2024-2025

Pueblo East

Year: 2023-2024

Pueblo West

Year: 2022-2023

Pueblo Central/Pueblo West

Year: 2021-2022

Pueblo South

Year: 2018-2019

Pueblo West

Year: 2017-2018

Pueblo West

Year: 2016-2017

Pueblo West

Year: 2015-2016

Pueblo West

Year: 2014-2015

Pueblo West



Wins by School

Pueblo West (6) won outright

Years: 2014-19, 2023-24

Pueblo West (1) shared with Pueblo Central

Year: 2022-23

Pueblo South (1)

Year: 2021-2022

Pueblo Central (1) shared with Pueblo West

Year: 2025-2026

Pueblo County (1)

Thanks to Our 2025 Individual & Corporate Sponsors

The Greater Pueblo Sports Association (GPSA) would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those individual and corporate sponsors for their financial support for 2025. If you would like to continue to be an individual or corporate sponsor for the GPSA or donate a gift basket, there are forms to follow that you can fill out and if you have any questions, please reach out to our GPSA President, Jerry Sisneros via e-mail:

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Central Wildcats

County Hornets

East Eagles

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South Colts

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GPSA Requesting Donations for 3rd Annual Gift Baskets for Banquet

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Since the GPSA is a 501 (3) non-profit organization, your gift basket donation is eligible to be a tax write off. Our tax identifier number is 74-2401289.

If you would like to donate to the gift basket drawing: Please contact the following individuals. Please use the gift basket form attached in this news-

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Greatest Moments in Pueblo Sports History

A Legacy in the Pool: Jon Banker's Historic Run at Pueblo Centennial

Article written by Tim Simmons of the publication "The Howler" for the GPSA.

For four years, the high school swimming landscape in Colorado belonged to a select few, but few left a mark quite as indelible as Pueblo Centennial's Jon Banker.

Spanning from 2002 to 2005, Banker's career with the Bulldogs was nothing short of legendary. Cementing his status among Colorado's prep swimming elite, Banker racked up an astonishing 14 top-7 finishes across individual and relay events at the state championships.

More than just an accumulation of medals, Banker's resume boasts five state titles—four earned in individual events and one as part of a championship relay team. His dominance in the water didn't just elevate his own status; it powered Pueblo Centennial, coached by Bob Haley, to four consecutive top-5 team placements at the state meet.



Year-by-Year Breakdown of Excellence

2002: The Foundation (Fort Collins) - Team Finish: Pueblo Centennial, 3rd - As a freshman, Banker immediately announced his presence on the state stage, capturing four high-ranking finishes:

- **200 Medley Relay:** 2nd place (1:39.81)
- **100 Butterfly:** 7th place (:54.29)
- **Backstroke:** 5th place (:55.64)
- **100 Freestyle Relay:** 2nd place (3:16.87)

2003: Breaking Through (Loveland) - Team Finish: Pueblo Centennial, 2nd - Banker took a massive sophomore leap, claiming his first individual and relay state titles while pushing Centennial to a stellar runner-up team finish:

- **200 Medley Relay, 1:39.84** - State Champion
- **100 Butterfly, :51.48** - State Champion
- **100 Backstroke:** 3rd place (:52.57)
- **400 Freestyle Relay:** 3rd place (3:20.25)

2004: Continuing the Charge (Loveland) - Team Finish: Pueblo Centennial, 2nd - Entering his junior campaign, Banker remained a premier force, collecting another individual crown and anchoring more stellar relay and individual performances to keep the Bulldogs in the state runner-up spot:

- **100 Butterfly, :50.89** - State Champion
- **100 Backstroke:** 2nd place (:51.77)
- **200 Medley Relay:** 2nd place (1:38.87)

2005: A Record-Breaking Finale (Loveland) - Team Finish: Pueblo Centennial, 5th - Banker capped off his illustrious career with a historic senior send-off. Highlighting the meet was a scintillating performance in the butterfly, where he shattered the state record:

- **100 Butterfly, :50.52** - State Champion & State Record
- **100 Backstroke, :51.58** - State Champion
- **400 Freestyle Relay:** 4th place (3:16.14)

Jon Banker's combination of speed, versatility, and consistency solidified his place in the record books, leaving behind a gold-standard legacy for Pueblo Centennial swimming that will be remembered for generations.

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A Heavyweight Legacy: Andy Garcia's Historic Four-Year Run for Pueblo East

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In the high-stakes arena of high school wrestling, securing a single state championship is the pinnacle of an athlete's career. Achieving perfection across four consecutive years places a wrestler in an elite, legendary tier. For Pueblo East High School's Andy Garcia, matching that standard meant conquering the most unforgiving terrain in the sport: the 285-pound heavyweight division.

From 2017 through 2020, Garcia authored one of the most dominant chapters in Colorado High School Athletic Association (CHSAA) history, cementing himself not only as a Pueblo sports icon but as a statewide trailblazer.

The Road to Immortality - Garcia's journey began as a freshman in 2017. Stepping onto the mat in the heavy-weight class—where competitors often possess a significant size and age advantage—requires a rare blend of technical precision, stamina, and mental toughness. Garcia navigated his debut campaign with poise beyond his years, claiming his first 285-pound state title and signaling the dawn of a new era for Pueblo East wrestling.

Rather than succumbing to the target set for him by early success, Garcia elevated his training. He returned for his sophomore (2018) and junior (2019) seasons with an improved arsenal of moves and relentless conditioning, defending his crown year after year. By the time he entered his senior campaign in 2020, Garcia was wrestling for history.

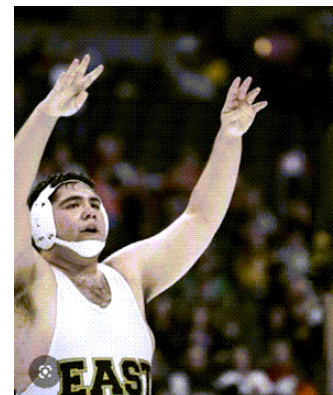


Photo courtesy of The Pueblo Chieftain

Making History in 2020

At the 2020 CHSAA State Championships, Garcia capped off a stellar 33-3 senior season by capturing his fourth consecutive heavyweight title. With the victory, Garcia etched his name into the record books in two distinct ways:

The Four-Title Club: He became only the 25th wrestler in the history of Colorado high school wrestling to capture four state championships.

A Heavyweight First: He became the first wrestler in Colorado history to win four consecutive state titles specifically at the 285-pound weight class.

- **2017** - decisioned Alefosio Saipaiea, Sand Creek, 9-4
- **2018** - pinned Michael True, Mesa Ridge, 2:10
- **2019** - decisioned Tyler Carpenter, Broomfield, 4-2
- **2020** - decisioned Matthew Moore, Mesa Ridge, 5-0

Managing four years of peak performance at the absolute limit of high school weight classes is uniquely grueling. Heavyweight matches often feature razor-thin margins, where a single mistake can result in being pinned by an equally massive opponent. Garcia's ability to stay healthy, dominant, and focused across four full calendar years stands as a testament to his unmatched discipline. He finished his legendary high school career with an extraordinary overall record of 137-14.

A Pillar of Pueblo Sports

Garcia's historic four-peat was part of a golden era for local athletics, providing defining moments for the Steel City and the Pueblo East program. His achievements continue to be celebrated by historians and fans as a benchmark for grit and excellence.

After graduating from Pueblo East, Garcia continued his wrestling career at Kent State University, carrying the lessons he learned on the mats in Pueblo to a larger stage.

Andy Garcia's four-year reign stands as a towering achievement - a masterclass in heavyweight wrestling that will echo through Colorado high school sports history for generations to come.

[Pueblo East's Andy Garcia wins fourth state wrestling title.](#) This video captures the historic final moments and celebration of Andy Garcia securing his fourth consecutive 285-pound state championship at the 2020 CHSAA tournament.

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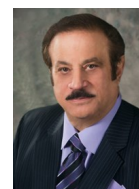
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A Look Ahead to the October 2026 GPSA Newsletter

- * Bio's of each of five 2026 Inductees
- * 2026 Corporate and Individual Sponsors for this year's Induction Banquet
- * Remembering Our Fallen GPSA Inductees since the 2025 Induction Banquet

Louie Carleo
2004 GPSA Inductee

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Our tax identifier number is 74-2401289

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Please contact GPSA Committee members listed below if you would like to donate to our gift basket drawing.

Your Support is appreciated.

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