



# “Chalk Talk”

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Another summer has come and gone, along with it the sixth annual Retired Coaches Association's Scholarship Golf Tournament. As with the past five, the tournament was a super success. A near full field of 140 golfers played in better than average weather, for late July, and were treated to a great meal, provided by Riverview Golf and Country Club's excellent food and service staff. One of the highlights of the whole day was the involvement of many of this years scholarship winners. Many positive comments were made from RCA members and tournament players throughout the day regarding their impressions of these young folks. It was clear to all involved that the RCA hit another home run in choosing these kids as scholarship recipients for this year.

The Retired Coaches Association wants to thank all those businesses and individuals who have helped make it possible to award the many scholarships to the deserving applicants. From this years tournament, sponsorships, raffle , auction, and players, over \$40,000 was raised. Again, our heart-felt thanks, and look for us next spring to start our 7th campaign to assist those taking their next step into their future, and its all because the RCA is "STILL IN THE GAME".

**Lon McCasland**

**President**

**Nor-Cal Retired Coaches Association**



## **Salute to 3 of our newest sponsors in 2019**

The Nor-Cal Coaches are so fortunate to have such fantastic support for our scholarship fundraising. We value each of our sponsors and those who support through other forms of donation. Below are three of our newest sponsors for 2019 joining all of our very loyal, long-time sponsors.

### **Gold Sponsor—Carmona's Appliance**

A familiar name in our community, Carmona's Appliance, established in 1945, has had the opportunity to serve Redding and the surrounding communities for many years. Joe Heslin, the owner since 2014 with over 30 years in Sales and Management with Carmona's, feels very fortunate to have the ability to support local events such as the RCA Scholarship Golf Tournament. As a seasoned business man, Joe is looking to the future. With the ever expanding housing market and businesses in our area, Joe has plans to open a larger showroom to meet the ever increasing demands. The students in the North State are fortunate to have this generous support.

### **Silver Sponsor—Golden Valley Bank**

The following is a statement from Jay Reagan, the Local Branch VP of Commercial Banking, and Christy Davis, VP of Relationship Banking Manager.

We at Golden Valley Bank pride ourselves on delivering an experience unlike any other. Our commitment to customers, staff and community is the foundation for true community banking. It is our passion to help businesses grow, help make dreams a reality and better our local community. We are proud to partner with the Nor-Cal RCA and support their community efforts. This community commitment is especially important to us as our Redding team includes members that have been in this community their whole lives.

### **Bronze Sponsor—Carpenter's Local Union #1599**

Business Representative, Charles Knauer was instrumental in securing the Bronze Sponsorship for this year's scholarship fund raising. His quote says it all, "the 6th annual golf tournament in which I participated, was a first-class event. I also particularly enjoyed hearing from the scholarship recipients at the Scholarship Luncheon last spring showing their appreciation for their awards and what their future goals were."

Mr. Knauer has indicated that his organization will again hope to sponsor and increase their sponsorship for next year. The Carpenter's Local Union #1599 is committed to education and supporting the communities it serves.

## **6th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Riverview Golf & Country Club**



**A Special Thanks to Platinum Sponsor KRCR for TV Coverage**

**Thank you to Sierra Pacific Foundation for sponsoring the Tournament Luncheon**



### **October Meeting at Shameless O'Leary's**

RCA Members & Guest Speaker  
County Superintendent, Leonard Moty

### **November Meeting**

November 4th at  
Tierra Oaks Golf Club

### **December Bell Ringing**

December 3rd & 10th at  
The Redding Wal Mart

### **Scholarship Application**

Open from November 8th, 2019  
through March 14th, 2020

View our updated website at  
[www.norcalrca.org](http://www.norcalrca.org)

**If you know of any retired coach who wishes to join, please contact Gary Memeo at 515-6341**

### **In Remembrance**

Suzanne (Sue) Economou passed away at the age of 98 on September 24, 2019. Sue taught Physical Education at Anderson Jr. High and was one of the students' favorite teachers known for her kindness and humor. She was married to George, long time teacher and coach at Shasta High. Both she and George volunteered at Mercy Medical Center for 40 years and she also volunteered at the Discovery Shop. Everyone who has known her will remember her as a feisty, intelligent, compassionate and very up-beat and positive woman. The RCA coaches wish to say a sincere good-bye.

## **Past RCA Scholarship Recipients**

### ***Where are they now?***

**Molly Ross** - 2016 graduate of Shasta High School. Molly is in her 4th year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and will graduate in June with a degree in Biology. Her career goal is to become a Physician's Assistant. She has maintained a high GPA each year being on the Dean's list each year. Her summer's activities have included working here in Redding, taking a Spanish Emersion program class in Peru and completing and passing a 5 week phlebotomy class. She plans to spend a couple of years working in this field before entering a PA program. While doing an outstanding job in her studies she has also excelled on the track for Cal Poly. Molly is a top hurdler competing in the 100 and 400 hurdles. She holds the 2nd fastest 60 meter hurdle indoor record in Cal Poly history and she runs the 3rd leg of the 100 meter relay. Her goal, this track season, is to beat her record in the 60 meter. This girl really is a shining example of our North State youth.

**Jasael Ruiz** - 2016 graduate of Los Molinos High School. Jasael is in his 4th year at Chico State University and will graduate in the spring with a Bachelors degree in Concrete Industry Management. He plans on starting a career in either concrete ready mix or concrete products manufacturing at a pre cast company. Jasael quotes, " I am very grateful for the RCA's support getting me through my first year of college. Thanks for everything you do for the community".

**Bekah Boyle** - 2016 graduate of Shasta High School. Bekah is a senior Bio Chemistry major at Chico State University. She is excelling in the classroom as well as on the volleyball court. She is an outstanding student having earned the 2017 California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship Tournament Scholar Award plus consecutive Academic All District honors and Second Team Academic All America recognition last year. Most recently, she was awarded the Chico State 2019-20 Hall of Fame Scholarship award. She is on track to be only the eighth athlete in the history of Wildcat volleyball to earn three consecutive All Conference awards. Bekah will be graduating in the Fall of 2020.

**Max Ostendorf** - 2016 graduate of Enterprise High School. Max is on track to graduate with honors from Southern Oregon University this spring with a degree in Business (certificated in Non Profits) and a minor in Marketing. While attending classes Max has also worked for the past two years at the Boys and Girls Club in program development. This job has allowed him to bond with at-risk youth along with utilizing his business and marketing skills. He is also considering a Masters in Counseling to help at-risk youth. As part of his school experience, Max served as the treasurer of the Business Club and took a variety of electives such as meditation, drawing and acting. Max quotes, " thank you again for the scholarship. The financial stress was lessened because of your help and I am graduating with minimal debt. Thank you for continuing to help Shasta County athletes".

**Erin Clendenen** - 2016 graduate of West Valley High School. Erin is a senior at Cal Poly Luis Obispo majoring in Agricultural Communications and a double minor in Agribusiness and Law and Society. She will graduate this spring and will be staying on next year to pursue a Masters in Agriculture Leadership. Throughout her four years at Cal Poly, Erin has been a member of one of the best rodeo teams in the nation and well known world wide. She will be able to compete in rodeo while working on her masters and is looking forward to another chance to compete in the Poly Royal. Erin quotes, " Thank you for your continued support of me and my fellow peers. It would not have been possible without the constant support from the RCA and similar associations".

**Gavin Harrell** - 2015 graduate of Central Valley High School. Gavin graduated top of his class and attended Shasta College where he played football for two years as an offensive lineman. He was part of the division Championship team in his freshman year. He was recruited to play football with a full ride scholarship to West Liberty University in West Virginia. Gavin graduated with honors with a B. S. in Human Biology. He is planning to attend Physical Therapy school in two years and in the meantime is working at Burch Physical Therapy here in town.

**Matt Hatter** - 2015 graduate of U Prep. Matt graduated from Harvard last May with a degree in Science and Society. He is currently taking Organic Chemistry at Simpson University and working as a scribe in the ICU at Mercy. He is scheduled to take the MCAT in May of 2020 and will apply to medical school after he takes the MCAT. Matt was a member of Harvard's Division 1 Varsity Soccer team all 4 years. He was also a member of Harvard's Honor Council, AD Final Club and Harvard's College Faith in Action.