

## Los Angeles Chapter Organization

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### The National Football Foundation Charter

The Foundations cornerstone program, the recognition of the Scholar- Athlete, who strives to excel in the classroom, community and football field, makes us proud of these 20 outstanding young men with us tonight. 201 From the vast Los Angeles area, where there are many activities and distractions that could have enticed these young men to procrastinate the opportunities that are offered to achievers and leaders. Chapters 1/3 the size of ours honor twice as many young men as our Chapter, but we insist on maintaining our rigid requirements. Our finalists have an average GPA of 3.8 - all choosing to compete in honors courses in advanced English, Math, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. We are proud to present their names to the Hall of Fame Museum in South Bend, IN, where you can access their name when you visit the museum.

We encourage each of you to join our Chapter and be active in encouraging our youth to make the right decisions in their formative years. Great leaders have left us with words of wisdom and one of our favorite warriors, Vince Lombardi, stressed character & attitude. His often referred to parable: It is a reality that men are competitive and the most competitive games draw the most competitive men. That's why they are there - to compete. They know the rules and the objective when they are in the game. The objective is to win - fairly, squarely, decently, by the rules - but to win. I firmly believe that in man's finest hour - is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and he lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious.

The National Football Foundation  
and College Hall of Fame  
John Ferraro Los Angeles Chapter

## *The Fortieth Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet*

Radisson Inn  
Culver City, CA

*March 14, 2003*

*Recognizing 20 Los Angeles Area  
Young Men for their Sacrifice and Dedication  
to their Education, Family, Community  
and Representatives of their School.*



UPON THE FIELDS OF FRIENDLY STRIFE  
ARE SOWN THE SEEDS THAT,  
UPON OTHER FIELDS, ON OTHER DAYS  
WILL BEAR THE FRUITS OF VICTORY  
General Douglas A. McArthur



## Tonight's Game Plan

Welcome  
*Sam Gerardi*

Program Chairman  
*Charles Carr*

Master of Ceremonies  
*Robert Golic*

Pledge of Allegiance  
*Honored Guests*

Invocation  
*Rev. Stephen Barber, SJ ~ Loyola*

NFF – HOF Representative  
*Robert Keropian*

Presentation of Scholar Athlete Awards  
*Kevin Keenan - Announcer*

Presenters  
*Ollie Matson - College & Pro Hall of Fame*  
*Marlin McKeever - College Hall of Fame*  
*John Huarte - Heisman Trophy - 1964*

Special Presentation Award  
*Carver Shannon*

*Dear lord - In the battle that goes on for life, I ask for a field that is fair - A chance that is equal with all in life - the courage to do and to dare - If I should win, let it be by the code...My honor held high. If I should lose, let me stand by the road and cheer the winner as he rides by.*

*Knute Rockne ~ Coach ~ 1918-1930 ~ 105 wins ~ 12 Losses ~ 5 ties*

Special thanks to the following who purchased tables: James Harper (2); Valley Christian High (5); Anthony & Diana Souza (2); Neal Genda; Dr. Jack Dittlove; Joe & Emily Danelo; Mary & John Weber; Sheryl Isaacs.

## OUR 20 SCHOLAR ATHLETES

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COACH</u>
BRADLEY BOEKESTEIN	Valley Christian	Mike Wunderley
NICHOLAS BALZANO	LaSerna	Ken LaVigue
JEFFREY CARLTON	Mira Costa	Don Morrow
JOSEPH COWAN	St. John Bosco	Kiki Mendoza
JESUS CUELLAR	Loyola	Steve Grady
MARIO DANELO	San Pedro	Mike Walsh
HARRY DITLOVE	Beverly Hills	Carter Paysinger
DeANDRE HANSON	Serra	Scott Altenberg
MICHAEL HORGAN	Loyola	Steve Grady
AUSTIN LIGGETT	Mira Costa	Don Morrow
MATTHEW MALELE	Carson	John Aguirre
GREGOR McIVER	Mira Costa	Don Morrow
THOMAS NESTOJKO	Bishop Montgomery	Arnold Ale
DAVID OBRAND	Torrance	Rock Hollis
MICHAEL OKWO	Mira Costa	Don Morrow
ADAM SANDOVAL	Santa Fe	Jack Mahlstede
JOSEPH SOUZA	St. John Bosco	Kiki Mendoza
CHASE TWEDELL	Valley Christian	Mike Wunderley
JOSEPH WEBER	Loyola	Steve Grady
ADRIAN YBARRA	Santa Fe	Jack Mahlstrede

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