

*Congratulations*

*2015*

*Hall of Fame*

*Inductees*



ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

2015

HALL OF FAME

INDUCTION

CEREMONY



OCTOBER 16, 2015

5:00 P.M.

AVHS LARGE GYM

# WELCOME INDUCTEES



## *Special Thanks To:*

The AVHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee for their hard work and dedication in selecting our Hall of Fame Inductees.

The AVHS Alumni Association for providing refreshments for this evening and for donating the mugs for the centerpieces. We can always count on you!

Mr. Armstrong for his creative genius in design and print and unwavering patience when asked for assistance.

Mr. Love and our wonderful Floriculture students for making the beautiful floral arrangements and decorating the tables.

Coach Pape and his awesome ASB kids for painting and hanging signs and for always being there for AVHS!

Our Band Director, Kim Youngblood, and the Antelope Brigade for playing our Fight Song. Also to the drumline for escorting our inductees onto the field to be recognized in front of our students, staff, and guests!

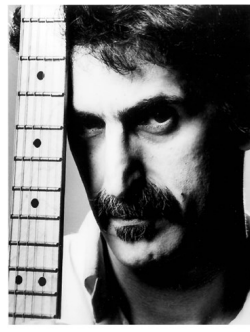
The Navy JROTC for greeting and escorting our Inductees to the Large Gym and to Annie Antelope for handing out programs.

The AVHS Administrative Team, Staff and Students for their continued love and support of all things ...





*Frank Zappa*  
Class of 1958



Mr. Frank Zappa is being honored tonight for his contributions in Music.

Mr. Frank Zappa was born in 1940 in Baltimore. He moved here with his family in 1950 because of his asthma. His mother encouraged his musical interests and by the time he was a student at AVHS, Frank was playing in a band called the Blackouts. He organized his own dances at the AV Fairgrounds for his band. Frank was in the Orchestra and performed in school concerts and festivals.

After his graduation in 1958, Mr. Zappa left for Los Angeles to pursue his music career. He refused to accept corporate sponsorships because he did not wish to promote products. He was a self-described "Practical conservative". He recorded more than 80 albums and despite the lack of popular airplay, his music was admired by people all over the world.

Mr. Zappa started his musical career with the band Mothers of Invention. One of his bandmates was quoted as saying that Frank was a very intense musician. Some of the songs he wrote were so difficult to play that Frank had them rehearse 8—12 hours per day, seven days a week.

It was this love for music that earned Frank Zappa his nomination and subsequent induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995.

We honor Mr. Zappa tonight for his contributions in Music!



*Antelope Valley High School  
Proudly Introduces Our  
2015 Hall of Fame Inductees*

**Mark Bryant \* Athletics \* Class of 1978**

**John Patrick Burke \* Visual & Performing Arts \*  
Class of 1967**

**Jim Carmichael \* Faculty \* 1959 ~ 1991**

**Steve Chilcott \* Athletics \* Class of 1966**

**Chuck Keortge \* Faculty \* 1969 ~ 2001**

**Jermaine Lewis \* Athletics \* Class of 1996**

**Darwin Ochs \* Faculty \* 1966 ~ 2002**

**Burl Patterson \* Business \* Class of 1958**

**Grace Graham Pickus \* Journalism \* Class of 1930**

**Paul Turner \* Government Service \* Class of 1965**

**Frank Zappa \* Music \* Class of 1958**





*Mark Bryant*  
Class of 1978



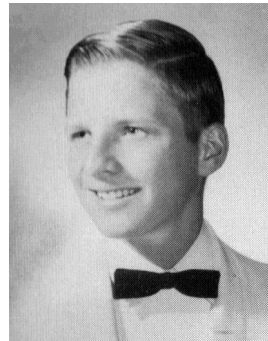
Mr. Mark Bryant is being honored tonight for his achievements in Athletics.

Mr. Bryant has a Bachelor of Science Degree from UCLA. Following graduation he spent a year as Strength and Conditioning coach at UCLA then decided to get a teaching credential. He was hired at Palmdale High School by Jim Carmichael to teach Biology and Physical Science. He earned a Masters Degree in Education Administration and was hired as a Vice Principal at AV, served as Principal at AV and various sites then ended his tenure of 27 years with the District as the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services. Mr. Bryant is currently the Vice President/Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources at Antelope Valley College.

Mark Bryant is a true athlete. When he started high school he had no desire to play football or knew anything about throwing a discus or shot put. By his senior year he was a starting lineman for 2 CIF Championship football teams and earned two CIF championships in track and field. He credits his success to the AVHS coaches for their knowledge, skill, and encouragement. They were taught the importance of perseverance, respect, and loyalty. Mr. Bryant also shares that the high expectations in the classroom and on the athletic field forced him to work harder and to have higher expectations for himself. Mr. Bryant speaks highly of Principal Jim Carmichael (also one of this year's inductees). He said that Mr. Carmichael was a great principal who genuinely cared about the students and athletes

Mr. Bryant has been married for 25 years to his wife Stacy, has three grown children; 2 daughters and a son, and a granddaughter. He is a loving husband and very proud father and grandfather.

Congratulations again to Mr. Mark Bryant.



*Paul Turner*  
Class of 1965



Justice Paul Turner, class of 1965, is being inducted into AVHS Hall of fame for his contributions in government service.

Justice Turner graduated with degree in political science from California State University Long Beach in 1969. He then graduated with his law degree in 1972 at the University of California Los Angeles after completing active training in the U. S. Army. Since then, Justice Turner has been admitted to practice law in California, the United States Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the United States District Court for the Central District of Columbia.

Justice Turner has written and published numerous articles contributing to the research and practice of law. Additionally Justice Turner accepts regularly accepts opportunities to speak publicly to students and colleagues. He has delivered commencement addresses at universities in Southern California.

Justice Turner has been awarded the Jefferson Award for Distinguished Service in Judicial Education. He received the Person of the Year Award from the Metropolitan News Enterprise and the Roger J. Traynor Appellate Justice of the Year Award from the Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles. In addition to being inducted into the AVHS Hall of Fame, he has been honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by CSU Long Beach.

Paul Turner has been married to his wife Elizabeth since 1970 and have enjoyed raising two daughters. They currently have eight beautiful grandchildren.

Congratulations to Mr. Paul Turner.





*Grace Graham  
Pickus*

Class of 1930



We honor Mrs. Grace Graham Pickus this evening for her contributions in Journalism

Mrs. Pickus was a Lancaster resident from 1927—2008. She graduated from AVHS in 1930. While at AVHS Mrs. Pickus was very involved. She was the editor of the Sandpaper, worked on the Yucca Yearbook, Spanish Club President, Costume Manager, Junior Class Vice President, was in the Junior Play, was an Operetta, in the Big A, G.A.A, Basketball, Speedball, baseball.

Mrs. Pickus was a founding member of the Poppy Reserve and was also a founding member and officer of the Westside and Kern Antelope Historical Societies. Grace's dream was opening a local museum in Lancaster to preserve the history of the Antelope Valley. Thanks to her vision and the hard work of many valley residents, the Antelope Valley Rural Museum is open today.

Mrs. Pickus wrote 3 books about Lancaster and the Antelope Valley and all included information about Antelope Valley High School. Grace also wrote a book of poetry. In 1999, she was selected as Senior of The Year for the Antelope Valley.

Mrs. Pickus and her husband, Art, owned and operated a local business (Pickus Brothers) for over 40 years. The business still operates today and is owned and operated by her son David.

We honor Mrs. Grace Graham Pickus tonight for her contributions in Journalism.



*John Patrick Burke*

Class of 1967



John Patrick Burke is being honored tonight in the category of Visual and Performing Arts.

John Patrick Burke took private art lessons in most mediums from the ages of 8 to 17 from an instructor from Chinaurd Institute in Los Angeles. After graduation he attended the University of Northridge and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts. He was hosting a one man art show and an employee from Disney's WED (Walt Elias Disney) Enterprises (an Imagineering division of Walt Disney) had heard about Mr. Burke and went to his show. Mr. Burke's show consisted of photos, prints, ceramics, and sculptures in plastics, as well as electronically activated sculptures that worked with music. He was offered a job by Bob Sewell in 1972. When asked later why he was offered the job Mr. Sewell said that he came from a family of construction, engineering, builders, and farmers and with that knowledge and background he knew Mr. Burke would be very helpful in the future of Disneyland.

Mr. Burke is most know for developing Thunder Mountain in Disneyland's Frontierland. Credit is given to Mr. Burke for his phenomenal work in finding authentic artifacts from all around America. He also worked on Tokyo Disney Sea and many other attractions.

When asked if he ever met Walt Disney, Mr. Burke replied that he did. He got to shake his hand in the 1966 Rose Parade when Mr. Disney was the Grand Marshall.

We honor Mr. Burke this evening for his contributions in the field of Visual and Performing Arts, and Imagineering.



*Jim Carmichael*

Faculty: 1959 ~ 1991



Mr. Jim Carmichael is being honored tonight for his contributions in the field of Education.

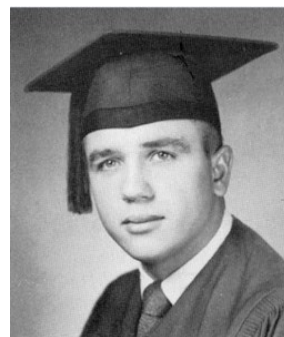
Mr. Carmichael began his career for the Antelope Valley Union High School District in 1959 as a teacher and coach at Palmdale High School. Soon he became a Vice Principal and Principal before leaving Palmdale High School to be the Principal of Antelope Valley High School in 1974. He was the Principal at AVHS from 1974—1980.

Mr. Carmichael was born and raised in Crescent, Oklahoma. He served in the US Navy, attended Tulsa University and graduated in 1979. He received his Masters in Administration from Point Loma Nazarene University in Pasadena.

Jim Carmichael served as the face of Antelope Valley High School and was very proud of his days at AVHS. Along with his love for academics he had a deeper love for athletics. He served on the CIF committee and was an integral part of the “Lope Way.” He hired coach John Lowry as the varsity football coach who then turned AV into a football powerhouse. They won 3 CIF titles during Jim’s career as Principal. Jim was honored as a Life Pass Recipient by CIF and was a high desert representative for CIF for many years.

Mr. Carmichael has several family members in the Antelope Valley. He loved his wife and daughters deeply and enjoyed hanging out with his son in laws. He was most proud of his grandchildren and would be even prouder of his great grandchildren.

We honor Jim Carmichael for his contributions in Education at the Antelope Valley Union High School District.



*Burl Patterson*

Class of 1958



Burl Patterson is being inducted into AVHS for his contributions in Business.

Mr. Patterson is a graduate of the Real Estate Institute and his accolades include Former Greater Antelope Valley Association of Realtors (GAVAR) Broker of the Year and Antelope Valley Press Business Man of the Year, Burls is also a former President of GAVAR. Mr. Patterson has also contributed to our community as a founder and board member of The Children’s Center of the Antelope Valley. Burl has also served as a Board Member of Antelope Valley Christian School.

A favorite memory Burl has of AVHS included attending the Christmas Ball with his high school sweetheart, Patricia Patterson (Crafton). Burl and Patricia were married shortly after graduation and have enjoyed 57 years of marriage that includes three wonderful children Lori, Debbi, and Todd, four grandchildren. Jarod, Lindsey, Courtney, and Slade and two great-grandchildren Walker and Ryland.

Mr. Patterson would like to thank Coach Jerry Murnane for teaching him the meaning of persistence. Coach Murnane said if you showed up on time, suited up, and worked as hard as we could you could expect to win. This philosophy proves true for Mr. Patterson today. Additionally, a favorite teacher, Ms. Josephine Kuntz, taught Burl to be respectful and follow orders, practice what we were taught. These practices have also served Burl well throughout his business career.

Congratulations again to Mr. Burl Patterson!



*Darwin Ochs*  
Faculty: 1966 ~ 2002



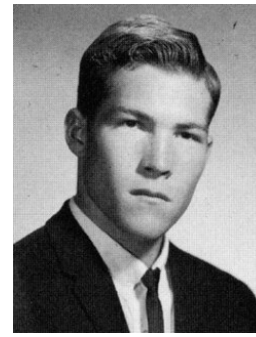
Mr. Darwin Ochs is being honored tonight for his achievements in Education and as Faculty/Staff.

Darwin Ochs graduated magna cum laude from the Brigham Young University – Hawaii and accepted a teaching position at Antelope Valley High School in January 1967. He spent more than 35 years teaching in the same classroom, affectionately referred to as the “Ochs Laboratory”, and served more than 5000 students in that career. His work in the classroom earned him the honor of Antelope Valley Union High School District Teacher of the Year in 2002 and California Scholarship Federation Outstanding Educator twice. In his final ten years of his AVHS career, Mr. Ochs expanded his distinguished career and became an adjunct instructor at Antelope Valley College in the Science Department.

Do not think for a moment Darwin was a science “nerd” stuck in his chemistry lab. No, he accomplished much during his career in education and involved himself in various activities across the campus. For 25 years, he could be found taking statistics for the football team in the fall. In the winter, he could be found at the scorer’s table of the basketball teams performing different duties. After fifteen years at AV, he added the role of girls’ junior varsity volleyball coach, a role he would hold for ten years.

After ending his long and distinguished career in education in June 2002, Mr. Ochs did not rest on his laurels. For 12 years he served on the AVUHSD expulsion board. Mr. Ochs spent his professional life, and beyond, serving others while helping make *the* Antelope Valley High School a better place to learn. Countless numbers of lives were better, both inside and within in the community due to the efforts of Darwin Ochs.

We honor Mr. Darwin Ochs tonight for his contributions in Education.



*Steve Chilcott*  
Class of 1966



Mr. Steve Chilcott is being honored tonight for his contributions in the field of athletics.

Mr. Chilcott was an all star athlete while at AVHS. He played football and baseball and excelled in both. He was also in the Letterman’s Club.

Coach George Fetters was quoted as saying , “He was everything that you’d want an athlete to be. ... I wanted to be like Steve Chilcott.” Coach Fetters also said that Steve could throw the ball a long way and was a really strong physical kid. One of his teammates, Jerry Watkins, said that Steve was the epitome of a ballplayer. Steve started on the varsity baseball team and helped to lead the Antelopes to three Golden League titles. He also played quarterback for the Golden League championship football team his senior year.

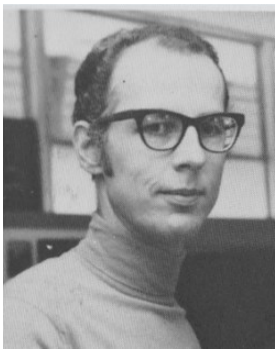
After Graduation Mr. Chilcott was the number 1 draft choice in Major League Baseball and was drafted by the New York Yankees from the farm system in 1966. Unfortunately a shoulder injury ended his career before his first major league game. He also served in the US Army reserves from 1968—1974.

In 1980 Mr. Chilcott began a career in building residential and commercial properties in his home town of Santa Barbara.

Mr. Chilcott shared that his parents Bob and Florence are thrilled that he is being inducted into the Hall of Fame and are his biggest fans. He has been married to his wife Brook for 35 years, has 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Congratulations again to Mr. Steve Chilcott!





*Chuck Keortge*

Faculty: 1969 ~ 2001



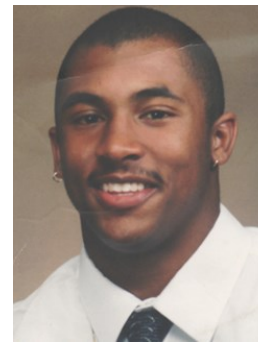
Mr. Charles Keortge is being honored tonight for his achievements in Education and as Faculty.

Charles Keortge graduated earned multiple college degrees including a Bachelors of Theology and Education from Life Pacific College, a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies from Azusa Pacific University, and a Masters of Art in Spanish from California State University – Sacramento. After a number of years of travel, work, and college, Mr. Keortge returned to AVHS as a teacher of journalism and Spanish in 1969 and taught for 32 years. During his years teaching Spanish, he had the opportunity to teach some of the very first ESL (English as a Second Language) courses offered by AVUHSD’s adult school program. His dedication and efforts earned his selection as AVUHSD Teacher of the Year in 1989.

Mr. Keortge retired in 2001 and spent three busy years being a part of a start-up team for a chart school that is now prominent across the state.

Along with his distinguished career teaching at AVHS, Mr. Keortge is also a graduate of AVHS, Class of 1957. One of his favorite memories is serving as the sports editor of the school newspaper during a time in which the unknown AVHS was very successful in sports. He also had the pleasure of teaching both his son and daughter when they attended AV and are both alums. Even now, much of the clothing he wears are still black and red, AV’s colors.

Congratulations again to Charles Keortge.



*Jermaine Lewis*

Class of 1996



Mr. Jermaine Lewis is being honored tonight for his achievements in Athletics.

Jermaine Lewis has a Bachelor’s of Arts in Sociology from UCLA, a Masters of Business Administration, and will earn of Master of Arts in Education with a Mild/Moderate Disabilities credential in 2015. His love of everything AV has continued and he is currently teaching as well as coaching football at AVHS.

Jermaine Lewis is a prolific athlete with a storied career at AVHS and UCLA. While at AVHS, he lettered in Varsity Football all four years under Hall of Fame member Brent Newcomb’s tutelage on the field. He earned numerous honors: Blue Chips Illustrated All American, ranked No. 7 running back in the West as a senior, first-team All-State and All-West by Cal-Hi Sports, Division II Player of the Year, and All -CIF Division II twice. He was named Golden League Player of the Year, Antelope Valley Press Player of the Year, as a junior and senior. AVHS won three Golden League titles as well as the 1994 CIF Southern Section Championship in 1994 and Runner Up in 1995 while he played with the Antelopes. He rushed for 2,574 yards as a senior and was ranked No 2 in the state with 45 touchdowns. He finished his high school career with a total 5,636 yards and 80 touchdowns. He earned an athletic scholarship to UCLA where his athletic success continued and earned numerous awards. He scored a touchdown in the 1999 Rose Bowl and played in three other bowl games for UCLA. He tied the records for rushing touchdowns and total touchdowns in a game. He played for 4 years and earned team captain honors in 2000 and the Terry Donahue Captain’s Award.

Mr. Lewis and his wife Angela have six children, one daughter in college, one son, Khalil, a senior at AVHS, and four younger children. He is devoted husband, father, teacher, and coach.

Congratulations again to Jermaine Lewis.