



Carol George Johnson  
Class of 2016

Carol George Johnson graduated from Oroville High School (OHS) in 1955, maintaining an overall 3.5 grade point average and holding membership in the California Scholastic Federation (CSF) for six semesters. She was president of the Girls Athletic Association (GAA) and organized and participated in intramural sports. There were no inter-scholastic sports for girls in that era. She served as organizer of the Intramural Invitational Sports Days that hosted many neighboring schools in the region and participated in those events. Carol was also a member of the French Club and outside of school, a 4-H Club member.

Following her graduation from OHS, Carol earned her B.A. degree from Chico State College (CSC) in 1959 and her M.A. degree in 1965. She was president of the Women's Athletic Association and with that position, came the responsibility to serve on the Associated Student Body's Advisory and Governing Committees. She received a Physical Education Scholarship and was an active member of the Cardinal Key honors program. In 1982, she received her Administrative Credential in Education from San Diego State University. While in college, she played field hockey, badminton, volleyball, basketball and tennis - all as intramural sports on campus.

Upon graduation from CSC, Carol's 32 year teaching and coaching career began when she was hired by OHS to teach physical education (PE) and coordinate Sports Days on Saturdays. From OHS, she matriculated to Marysville High School (MHS) where she taught PE and had her first opportunity to coach two interscholastic girls' athletic teams, tennis and track and field. After two years at MHS, she was hired at Gridley High School (GHS) where she spent the next 16 years teaching and coaching.

At GHS, she coached several Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation (NSCIF) championship teams in tennis, track and field, field hockey, basketball and volleyball. One of her basketball teams went 60-0 during their four years of high school. Two of her athletes went on to world class track and field fame, one participating in the Pan American Games and the other winning a silver medal in the women's discus at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

In addition to teaching and coaching at GHS, Carol served as Athletic Director on several NSCIF committees for girl's sports. When Title IX hit the sports scene, Carol assisted section schools in achieving compliance with the statutes for equity in sports for girls. She was the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) women's state advisory chair for girl's athletics, making her a Title IX pioneer.

After completing her career at GHS in the spring of 1982, Carol accepted an administrative position at Lake Elsinore High School (LEHS) in Riverside County, where she served as Athletic/Activities Director for a school of 2,700 students. In her second year there, the position became full time Activities Director which also carried the responsibility of teaching and advising the student leadership class that included student body officers. During her last four years at LEHS, she was one of three assistant principals handling student discipline, testing, coordinating campus supervisors, and performing teacher evaluations. She also shared Summer School principal duties.

Many awards and honors came to Carol during her career. One of the most cherished by her was when she was selected by her peers at the summer 1980 Cal Poly Physical Education Workshop to be Director of the 1982 session that was attended by over 200 teachers. She was again honored by her peers when she was recognized as the California State High School Track and Field Coach of the Year. In 1998 she was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at California State University, Chico.

One of her favorite sayings from an anonymous source is, "To learn and never be filled is wisdom! To teach and never be weary is love"!

Carol's parents, Al and Virginia George, were both employed as bus drivers at OUHSD, serving students for 25 years.

Carol resides at Big Bear Lake where she volunteers at the local library.