



The McCoy Family Class of 2025

The McCoy Family is the second family to be inducted into the OUHSD Hall of Fame. Father, Al McCoy, is being inducted for Distinguished Service, and mother, Laverne, Brenda, Bill, Harold, and Joe are all alumni of Oroville High School.

Al McCoy exemplified the spirit of dedication and service to the youth of Oroville as a teacher, principal, and volunteer in the Palermo School District, a feeder district to OUHSD, for over 40 years. He was so well known to Palermo students that, following his retirement, he was affectionately called "Grandpa McCoy" because he regularly volunteered in classrooms. Children, Brenda, Joe, Bill, and Harold, all graduated from Oroville High School (OHS), and their dad was deeply involved in each of their student careers, supporting athletics and numerous school activities. His grandchildren attended Las Plumas High School, and his involvement fostered a sense of pride and encouragement in them. Al's passion, guidance, and encouragement as an educator and a volunteer lay the foundation for many students in OUHSD to develop a love for learning, which carried through to high school, where they became independent, motivated learners ready to pursue knowledge for a lifetime. Al was highly involved in community youth activities and his church, and did volunteer work in Swaziland, Cape Verde, and Papua New Guinea. He was the Grand Marshall of the Palermo Parade in 2014.

LaVerne McCoy graduated from OHS in 1945, excelling in art, and was a member of the A Cappella choir and art editor for the Nugget Yearbook. She earned her degree at Pasadena College and played the violin in the Symphonette. She was also active in the Art and Spanish clubs. Her teaching career started in 1949, teaching at Palermo School for two years, and then transferring to the Oroville Elementary School District. She taught at Bird Street and Wyandotte Avenue Schools for 14 years and was very active in her church and community. During the time she was a full-time mother, and as her children grew older, LaVerne served as a substitute teacher and supported each child in football, wrestling, track, basketball, softball, music, and whatever activity they chose.

Daughter, Brenda McCoy Braaten, graduated from OHS in 1969 as salutatorian of her class, and a member of the National Honor Society, the California Scholastic Federation (CSF), and the first ever OUHSD Top Ten Class. She played Powderpuff Football for one year, and was a member of the concert band, chess, and library clubs. She served as ASB secretary-treasurer as a senior. Following OHS, Brenda earned her BA degree at Point Loma Nazarene College, her MA degree at the University of Kansas, and her PhD at Tufts University in Massachusetts. Her doctoral research was on the effect of aging on colonic transport and histology. She is also a Registered Dietitian. Her professional career spanned four decades, serving as a lecturer, assistant, and associate professor, and research assistant at institutions including Eastern Nazarene College, Tufts University, and Harvard School of Public Health. Several academic papers have been

published, and she's done extensive professional research. Brenda and her husband Laurie, make their home in Oroville. They have four children.

Joe McCoy graduated from OHS in 1971 and was a member of the National Honor Society as a sophomore and senior. He played football all four years, wrestled as a freshman and sophomore, and boxed and played basketball as a junior and senior. He earned Block O letters in football and baseball. He was heavily involved in ASB activities as a member of Block O, Future Farmers of America, and student council all four years. He was also the sophomore class president, junior class vice-president, and ASB president as a senior. Off campus, he was active in beautification projects and the Key Club. Joe earned his BA degree at Point Loma College, participating in intramural football and softball. Joe's teaching career in the Palermo District spanned 35 years, the majority of which were at kindergarten and first-grade levels. He was also a partner in Brown's Tree Service, now McCoy's Tree Service. Joe is a certified arborist and owner of the family business in Oroville. Joe has been honored as Butte County Teacher of the Year and served on the Point Loma University Board of Trustees. He is an active member of the Church of the Nazarene. Joe and his family make their home in Oroville.

Dr. William McCoy graduated from OHS in 1972, was a member of CSF, Top Ten, and participated in the Brain Brawl. He also received a Bank of America Award. He earned his letter in wrestling, served as statistician for OHS basketball, was a member of Block O, and played in the band. Outside of school, he was active in his church and participated in Bible Quizzing. Bill earned his BA degree at Point Loma College and his MD degree at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. He did his Family Medicine Residency at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. From 1983 to the present, Bill has served as Chief Medical Officer, Director of Medical Services, Leprosy Control Officer, Hospital Administrator, Medical Missionary, and Primary Care Provider in California, Southern Africa, Papua New Guinea, and Swaziland. Since 2022, Bill has served as the Medical Advisor Chairman with the Church of the Nazarene, Department of World Mission, and is a member of the Adjunct Faculty. Since 2021, Bill has served with In His IMAGE Family Practice Residence. Bill and his wife Marsha make their home in Oroville. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Harold McCoy graduated from OHS in 1974 with a GPA of 3.4 and won second place in the Voice of Freedom speech contest. He earned a Block O in 1973 and sang in the school choir for one year. Outside of school, he was involved with the Church of the Nazarene Youth group, a Boy Scout, and a Bible Quizzer, advancing to the international level following graduation. This endeavor took him to Switzerland in 1974. Harold earned his BA degree and was honored as salutatorian from Point Loma College in 1978. He also earned his elementary and secondary teaching credentials. As a student, he played intramural football and basketball all four years and was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges as a senior. Harold had a successful 38 years in education, teaching at Chico Christian and Palermo Schools. He was a finalist for the Northern California Teacher of the Year and Butte County Teacher of the Year, representing Palermo School. Harold and his wife Linda raised four children, three of whom graduated from LPHS. They make their home in Oroville.

Scott Damon writes in his letter of support, *It has been my privilege to be associated with the OUHSD Hall of Fame since its inception. Many truly amazing people have been inducted who the Oroville community should be extremely proud of. It will only get better with The Real McCoy's included.*