

# Watsonville High School Foundation

## 2003 Alumni Hall of Fame

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**Blayne Standage, MD, FACS** was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, but grew up in Aptos, California. His parents, Harlow and Shirley Standage still live in Aptos. He is the oldest of 5 children including Scott, Fail Standage Meehan, Shawn Standage Stern and Chris.

After graduating from WHS in 1968, Blayne attended Cabrillo College and UC Davis. There he majored in Zoology and History, graduating in 1974 ranked #4 of 2000 graduates. He continued his education at Stanford University Medical School receiving his MD in 1980. After marrying the former Gayle Dyer, they moved to Portland, Oregon so he could do a 6-year residency in surgery at the Oregon Health Sciences University. During his residency, he wrote several grants and did research in cell mediated immunity, which resulted in his first national presentations and publications. He was Chief Resident in '85-'86. Deciding to stay in Portland, he worked at the University as an Assistant Professor in Trauma and joined a group of surgeons in private practice.

Dr. Standage is board certified in surgery by the American Board of Surgery and is an associate examiner responsible for the oral boards of new surgeons. He is also a member of the American College of Surgeons, the North Pacific Surgery Association, the Pacific Coast Surgical Society and the Portland Surgical Society. He is also a member of the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons and on the fundamentals of laparoscopic surgery committee tasked with writing the new national certifying exam for laparoscopic surgeons.

Dr. Standage's practice is a blend of private practice and teaching in the Department of Surgery at Oregon Health Services University. He is president of Oregon Surgical Consultants PC, a group of surgeons specializing in general, vascular, laparoscopic and transplant surgery and chairman of the dept. of general and vascular surgery for Legacy Portland Hospitals, a large multi-hospital health organization in Portland.

He has a clinical appointment as an Associate Professor of Surgery and is the on-site director of the surgical residency at Legacy Good Samaritan. Dr. Standage received 3 Teacher of the Year Awards and the 2003 Meritorious Achievement in Surgery Award. He has more than 100 publications primarily in immunology or laparoscopic and vascular surgery.

Dr. Standage, an avid skier, raced on a team for the Oregon Cancer Ski Out, placing 4<sup>th</sup> this season. He loves to fish, scuba, travel and mountain climb. He has climbed almost every mountain in the Pacific Northwest and climbed or trekked in Peru, Nepal and Africa. The high points include Island Peak in Nepal, just under 21,000 ft., climbing on Mr. Everest to camp II and he just returned from Tanzania where he scaled Mt. Kilimanjaro, 19,341 ft.

Dr. Standage lives in Lake Oswego, Oregon with his wife, Gayle and two children, Stephen, 17, and Hayley, 12.

Born in San Francisco, **Roland Hedgpeth** moved to Corralitos in 1954. His mother Ann Hedgpeth taught at E.A.Hall Jr. High School until retiring in 1972. Ed Hedgpeth, Roland's father worked at various businesses in the county until the late 1960's. Roland has one brother, Ed Hedgpeth Jr., and a sister, Ann Marie Johnson.

During high school Roland participated in a variety of activities including band, wrestling, tennis and soccer. He graduated from WHS in 1960.

After graduation, Mr. Hedgpeth attended East Los Angeles Junior College for 2 years. During the winter of 1963, he transferred to Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. In June 1964, Roland married Priscilla Baclig. Roland graduated in June 1965, with a degree in social science and business.

After graduation, Roland worked for Standard Oil Co. in Eureka, California until returning to Humboldt State University to get his teaching credential. In the fall of 1969, he began teaching for the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. He has taught every level from kindergarten through high school in his 34 years of teaching.

Mr. Hedgpeth began coaching soccer at WHS in the fall of 1970, coaching 22 years at the varsity level and 12 years as an assistant coach. During this time, WHS won 26 league titles and 6 CCS championships. His teams have been to the playoffs every year except one. Coach Hedgpeth is proud to state since the 95-96 soccer season, over 80% of his soccer team members have gone on to college, with 63% in college over 5 years. There are now 19 teachers, 12 engineers, two doctors and 13 high school coaches who have played WHS soccer.

Roland, with six others, established the Santa Cruz County Youth Soccer League in 1974. He was also on the Pajaro Valley Youth Soccer Board for 12 years. He was on the Board and coached in these leagues for 18 years.

Although busy with soccer, Roland finds time to belong to the Corralitos Padres, a local non-profit organization of men who support the youth in the community. He is also a member of the racing team, M.E.M. Motorsports, working with Doug McCoun on the Southwest Tour, Stock Car Division.

Coach Hedgpeth was selected Coach of the Year for SCCAL 3 times. This year, 2002-03, he was chosen Central Coast Section Honor Coach. In 1995, he was selected "Man of the Year" by the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce for his involvement in the various non-profit groups of the community.

Roland has 2 daughters. Stephanie, her husband, Eddie, and children Emily, Eli and Benjamin live in Corralitos. His younger daughter, Stacey, her husband, Chuck, and their 2 children, Sam and Kate make their home in Sacramento, California. Both daughters followed in their father footsteps and also became teachers.

**Lupe Ramirez Flores**, born in Guadalajara Jalisco Mexico, was one of nine children born to Javier and Guadalupe Ramirez. Lupe's family moved to California when she was 10 years old.

At Watsonville High School, Lupe enjoyed participating in volleyball, soccer and track as well as courses in French, Home Economics, typing and math. She believes all these things helped her in her career as a cosmetologist. While a senior at WHS, she enrolled at Wayne's College of Beauty. As a child she wanted to be a teacher and to cut hair. Now she does both!

In 1967, Mrs. Flores graduated from WHS and Wayne's College of Beauty. She worked at Ford's Beauty Salon until 1975. At that time, she opened Lupe's House of Beauty. In 1992, she closed the shop due to complications from the 1989 earthquake.

Lupe re-activated the Central Bay Cosmetology Association #42 in 1984, serving as president for five years. In 1987, she was elected as Director at the state level, serving as California state president for two terms.

Lupe is a member of The Young Ladies Institute, the Penny Club, the Watsonville Band Boosters and was the first female to join the Freedom Rotary in 1989.

Lupe has served as Planning Commissioner and Design Review Commissioner for the city of Watsonville. She was also appointed to the Santa Cruz County Woman's Commission by Supervisor Tony Campos.

Mrs. Flores is an active volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Look Good Feel Better Program for cancer patients. On the national level, she helped launch this program in Spanish in Los Angeles and Puerto Rico, the Teen program nation-wide and currently she is National Advisor. In 2000, she helped make a Look Good Feel Better Self Help Video to help patients too ill to attend the hospital sessions. Lupe is personally responsible for training 578 volunteers and is instrumental in getting this program started in Santa Cruz County. Lupe oversees all the training in six states: Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, California, Washington and Nevada.

Awards Lupe has received are: Central Bay Cosmetology "Cosmetologist of the Year", Calif. Cosmetology Assoc. "Community Leadership Award", National Cosmetology Assoc. "Prestigious Charles Award", Lulac's "Woman of the Year", Charlie Parkhurst "Woman of the Year", Chamber of Commerce "Business Excellence Award", American Cancer Society "Shinning Star Award", Calif. Cosmetology Assoc. "Look Good Feel Better Sunrise Award", Hispanic Chamber of Commerce "Woman of the Year", National Cosmetology Assoc. "State President of the Year", National "Look Good Feel Better Trainer of the Year" (4 times), Rotary International "Paul Harris Fellow" and Watsonville High School "Hall of Fame Award."

Lupe and her husband of 35 years, Jesus Q. Flores, have two children, Margo and Jesse, and a daughter-in-law, Sylvia. Her hobbies include helping others and working in her flower garden.

Although born in El Paso, Texas, **Colonel Edward C. Cardon** was raised in California. In 1973, his parents, Larry and Corrie, and their children, Edward, David, Joe, Barbara, Ramona and Nathan moved to Watsonville. Edward graduated from Watsonville High School in 1978. In 1982, he graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and was commissioned an officer in the United States Army.

After graduation from West Point, Edward was assigned to the 17<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas, as a platoon leader and battalion maintenance officer. After this assignment and completing the Engineer Officer Advance Course in Alexandria, Virginia, Edward and his family departed for Germany. He was assigned to the 130<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade and to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division, where he commanded a combat engineer company. This was during the final years of the Cold War, and it was a tremendous moment to be in Germany the day the Berlin Wall fell. While stationed in Germany, he studied at night and became a Professional Licensed Engineer. In 1990, Edward was assigned to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, where he served as a staff officer and as the engineer company trainer for Live Fire Operations. This is the Army's premier training center and is widely recognized as a critical component for our success in DESERT STORM. In 1992, Edward was assigned as a writer and instructor at the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he wrote doctrine for the Army.

After graduating in 1994 from the Naval command and General Staff College with a Masters Degree in Nation Security Studies, Colonel Cardon and his family returned to Germany where he served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. In 1996, he was assigned to Land Forces Central Europe, a NATO headquarters, as a geographic officer in Heidelberg, Germany. There he deployed to serve as the Chief Geographic officer in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, responsible for all negotiations on borders, mapping and survey. He also attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia. Returning, Colonel Cardon was again deployed to Sarajevo to serve as the Chief of the Initiatives Group for the Commander, Stabilization Force, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Returning to the U.S. in 1998, Colonel Cardon assumed command of the 588<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Hood. This was the high technology test-bed division for the Army. After this command, he was selected to serve as special assistant for strategy to General Shinseki, the Chief of Staff of the Army, at the Pentagon from 2000-2002. Colonel Cardon is currently attending the National War College in Washington, DC. Upon graduation, he will be assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia to command the Engineer Brigade.

Colonel Cardon and his wife of 20 years, Linda, have three children: Susan, a freshman at Texas A&M, Kathy, a sophomore in high school and Christopher, who is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.