

## Sunnyside honors latest Hall of Fame inductees Saturday

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The Sunnyside School District Alumni Association will honor its latest Hall of Fame inductees Saturday and give special recognition to former Superintendent Fred T. Bull, who died last month.

It is the fifth annual celebration of those who had made contributions to the Sunnyside district, community or their professions. Bull was inducted into the first Hall of Fame in 2004.

He was superintendent for 12 years, but served the district for 39 years, as a teacher, coach, principal, personnel director and assistant superintendent before becoming superintendent in 1980. He retired in 1992.

This year's event will run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gene Repola gymnasium at Lauffer Middle School, 5385 E. Littleton Road. Repola, a retired assistant superintendent, is one of this year's seven inductees.

### The inductees:

- **Kathleen Bethel**, principal at Los Ranchitos Elementary, which she led to become one of the first Tucson schools to implement the "PeaceBuilders" program, which taught children how to deal peacefully with conflict. She also is director of science fairs for southern Arizona and chairwoman-elect of the SciEntek-12 Foundation.
- **Mario A. Castro Sr.**, a retired teacher and cross country and track and field coach, who district officials said opened opportunities for Mexican-American cross country runners who followed in his footsteps. A top University of Arizona runner, he taught and coached in the Tucson Unified School District for 35 years, then retired and taught at Sunnyside.
- **Lynne Dailey**, a teacher of homebound students and a retired physical education teacher who was instrumental in the early 1970s in building a girls athletic program at Sunnyside High.
- **Mary Belle McCorkle**, a retired assistant superintendent who led the charge to establish full-day kindergarten in all Sunnyside elementary schools, the first district in Tucson to do so.
- **Jim Mielke**, a retired teacher and cross country and track and field coach who led the Sunnyside High cross country team to a state championship. In 1980 he was named NCAA National Cross Country Coach of the Year.

- **Ned Norris, Jr.**, chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation and former Sunnyside governing board member and former chief judge for the Judicial Branch of the Tohono O'odham Nation.
- **Gene Repola**, retired teacher, coach, assistant principal and assistant superintendent who was instrumental in the planning and construction of three new schools and laid the foundation for an excelling athletics program at Sunnyside High.
- **Robert H. Rencken**, the late school psychologist and author who was a former director of psychological services and lead psychologist at Sunnyside. He authored two books on sexual abuse and a home-study training model published by the American Counseling Association. In 1986 he was named Counselor of the Year by the American Mental Health Counselors Association.
- **Patti Snyder**, retired speech pathologist, preschool coordinator and director of early childhood programs in Sunnyside. She led the district to voluntary compliance with accreditation standards set by the National Accreditation for the Education of Young Children.