

# Sharon Amick

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Sharon has been involved with The Booster Club at Sierra High School since 2004 when her son Kyle started his freshman year. Since that time, she has been visible on campus in a multitude of roles. She was the Athletic Booster Club President from 2005-2008, led the Sober Grad Committees in 2007 and 2009, and was a major part of the grassroots committee that led the charge for the construction of an all-weather track in the Daniel Teicheira Memorial Stadium. Sharon and her committee were responsible for raising or acquiring over \$500,000.00 in order to construct this track, which hosts the Valley Oak League Invitational, Tom Moore Track & Field Invitational, as well as all home Track & Field Meets and the M.U.S.T. Elementary School Track meets.

Sharon understands that a school cannot be successful with the support of the district office. She has served key roles in School Site Council, Measure M Oversight Committee, the Superintendent's Council, and the Middle School Task Force. Sharon's ability to see the "whole picture" is what drives her to donate her time and endless energy to helping ALL students in the Manteca Unified School District.

Athletic Director Anthony Chapman says, "In the eight years I have been at Sierra professionally, I can say that few people are as giving and selfless as Sharon Amick. She can be seen at numerous athletic and school events and is one of the first people to jump in and lend a hand. Sharon played a vital role in helping us upgrade our track facilities many years ago. In my estimation, Sharon has had a hand in raising more than \$750,000 for Sierra High School! We are extremely lucky to have someone like Sharon who supports Sierra in the many ways that she does."

# Jamie Hernandez Ledezma

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Jamie is a 1998 graduate of Sierra High School. While a student at Sierra, Jamie was active in student government and helping to establish a culture at Sierra that still exists even to this day. During her senior year, she was elected ASB President. After high school, she went on to graduate with a Political Science degree from Fresno State and earned her law degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego.

As a lawyer, Jamie represents cancer patients and their families. Jamie is all too familiar with cancer, as she is a breast cancer survivor. On Valentine's Day in 2007, at the age of 27, Jamie was diagnosed with breast cancer. To make matters even more complicated, Jamie was pregnant at the time. She endured nearly six months of chemotherapy while pregnant before her son, Blake, was born healthy, happy and with a full head of hair! After Blake was born, she had another round of chemotherapy and multiple surgeries, yet she never let that get her down. Her blog, "Pregnant with Cancer", was meant to keep her family and friends up to date; however, unbeknownst to her, her blog would touch the lives of women throughout the United States. Jamie has been an advocate for cancer patients since her diagnosis. Jamie and Blake regularly travel to Sacramento to deliver her testimony of breast cancer survival to California legislators.

Jamie is currently an attorney for the Cancer Legal Resource Center, which is a joint program with Loyola Law School of Los Angeles. She and her family also volunteer with the Susan G. Komen Foundation and American Cancer Society. She teaches three days a week at Fresno State College and two nights a week at Fresno City College. She seizes every opportunity to educate by sharing her experience and perspective on life as a young breast cancer survivor.

# Rigo Ledezma

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Rigo Ledezma was a member of Sierra's first graduating class in 1997 and he will also be the first member of that class to be inducted into our Hall of Fame. Rigo excelled in both football and baseball in high school. Varsity baseball Coach Jack Thomson says, "Rigo Ledezma always demonstrated a 'team first, me second' attitude while he was a member of the Sierra High baseball team. His play exemplified an unselfish attitude and he was a great teammate. One of the finest individuals I have coached." Each baseball season, the varsity baseball program recognizes a Timberwolf player with the "Rigo Ledezma" award. This has become one of the most prestigious awards on our campus.

Rigo graduated from Fresno State with honors and a degree in Kinesiology. He earned his teaching credential at National University and completed his student teaching at Hilltop High School in San Diego County. Rigo and Jamie moved back to the Central Valley in 2004 when Rigo joined Clovis Unified School District as a math and PE teacher at Clovis East High School and is also the Director of Sport and Head Varsity Baseball Coach. He has had numerous players go on to play professionally and at Division I schools throughout the country. Over the last 15 years, Rigo has worked with thousands of students in the classroom and thousands of players on the field.

In addition to Rigo's teaching and coaching, he has been a great supporter of his wife Jamie, who is a breast cancer survivor. Each year, Clovis East participates in a "Power of Pink Ball" baseball game, supporting Breast Cancer Awareness.

# Mike Torres III

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Mike is a 2005 graduate of Sierra High School. He was a student director of the SHS band for three years and he even organized his own band, “Los Bandidos,” while he was still in high school. As a senior, he was a John Phillip Sousa Award recipient and according to band instructor Rick Hammarstrom, “Mikey is one of the strongest, most capable musicians we have ever had at Sierra High School.”

“Mikey” grew up on the stage as the grandson of Mike Torres, the founder of the Mike Torres Band and he has been in front of an audience his entire life. Mike’s new band, Mike Torres III and the Grooveland Chicano Band is currently making big splashes in the music industry. In 2012, the band was nominated for “Best New Musical Group” at the 2012 Tejano Music Awards in Austin, Texas. His band’s new song, “Diferentes” debuted in April of this year at #18 on the Tejano music charts. Mike is well versed in many genres and skilled at many instruments, performing each on a nightly basis. Rotating between guitar, bass, trumpet, trombone, timbales, congas, keyboards, or vocals; Mike learned his skills in showmanship, stage presence, and the art of interacting with a crowd in the weekend “school” of the Mike Torres Band.

Most recently, Mike’s band performed with Grammy award winning artist “Little Joe.” Together, they performed in front of a crowd of over 3,000 people and became the stand-out performance at the conclusion of the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Tejano Music Awards Fan Fair in San Antonio, Texas. With many projects in the works, including an endorsement deal with Indy Custom Guitars, Mikey is looking forward to continued success with his band and also his much-anticipated second album, due out early in the fall.

# Matthew Vaughan

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Matthew graduated from Sierra High School in 2005 as a CSF honor member and seal bearer. Throughout his high school career, Matt served in the A.S.B. Leadership class, as well as the Daniel Teicheira Stadium Club, G.A.T.E., Link Crew, soccer, and he was one of the original members of the Wolf Pack Spirit Club. In 2005, Matt received the Record's Pinnacle Award, which represents the top 1% of all high school graduates in San Joaquin County. He was honored for his outstanding academics and service, which included over 4,000 hours of giving back to his community.

Throughout his life in Manteca, Matt was always very committed to his community and dedicated to volunteerism. He was a key member of Give Every Child a Chance, Manteca Youth Focus, Manteca Youth Advisory Committee, and the Boy's and Girl's Club. Matt has co-hosted the annual Boy's and Girl's Club Telethon for years. Retired Manteca Police Officer Rex Osborn said, "In the near future, Matt will take my place as the master of ceremonies for the Telethon. He is always very articulate, well-versed in issues related to youth, and always challenge our guests." Shim Lacy, co-founder & director of Manteca Youth Focus says, "Matt has a servant's heart and continues to give back to his community at every opportunity."

Matt graduated Summa Cum Laude from San Francisco State University in 2010. He has been living in Chico for the past three years and he is currently an action reporter and also done some anchoring at CBS 12 Action News, station KNBN, in Chico.