

Bobby Reyes

Athlete: Football

Class of 1971

Our 1971 graduate, Bobby Reyes, excelled in both football and track while competing at Santa Ana High where he quickly displayed a winning mentality. From 1969-1971 he earned six varsity letters: three for football under Coach Tom Baldwin, and three for track under Coach Earl Engman – two of our hall of fame coaches. He also earned All-Sunset League honors in football, was the football team captain, was named Saint of the Week, was a member of the track team that won the State Championship, and served in ASB as the Commissioner of Boys Athletics.

In 1972, Bob attended Santa Ana College, where he played football for Coach Dick Gorrie. He distinguished himself once again by earning All-Conference Honors, being named the Most Valuable Offensive Lineman, and he was a 3-Time Player of the Week. His continued success earned him a football scholarship to UCLA where he played from 1973-1976.

Bob's UCLA football resume includes earning 3 Varsity Letters for football. He was named Team Captain for the University of Washington game. He was a member of the 1975 PAC 8 Championship team under Coach Dick Vermeil, and he was a member of Vermeil's 1976 Rose Bowl team that beat #1 and previously undefeated Ohio State by a score of 23-10 to win the championship.

Bob graduated from UCLA in the spring of 1977 with a B.A in Political Science. He has since remained active in the community, presently working since 2007 as the Chairman of the Board of the Non Profit Financial Literacy Organization for the Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Orange County. He is also a member and moderator of the Community Grants Program for Los Ranchos Presbytery. He served a combined 9 years as a church elder at Tustin Presbyterian Church, where he also worked on committees for Stewardship and Christian Education, along with the Family Promise Homeless Program. He has served as the Co-Moderator with the UCLA Chancellor's Associates, is a member of the 1976 UCLA Rose Bowl Reunion Committee, and works as treasurer of the Orange County Master Chorale Board.

In his spare time, Bob has imparted his winning ways as a coach of many youth sports. He has coached Tustin National Junior Basketball teams, the Tustin Bobby Sox, Tustin AYSO Soccer, Central Orange Softball, as well as Santa Ana Northeast Little League. He has also come back to Santa Ana High School to speak to and encourage our football program, sharing with our boys the tradition of Santa Ana High School, the backing they have from the Saints community, and what it takes to succeed.