1930s

1950s
Ronald H. Markarian (1953), a retired U.S. Air Force major general, was honored as the district’s 2014 Veteran of the Year at a ceremony in Sacramento.

Phillip V. Sanchez - 2 (1957, ’72), a former U.S. ambassador to Honduras and Colombia, had his 85th birthday celebrated by the Pinedale History Project.

Bill Stewart (1956) was appointed deputy chancellor of the State Center Community College District.

1960s
Dick Caglia (1965), owner of Electric Motor Shop, was presented the Leon S. Peters Award at the 2014 Valley Business Awards, sponsored by the Greater Fresno Chamber of Commerce.

Larry Duncan - 3 (1969), owner of ILVETOCREATE, received the Harold Zinkin Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the 2014 Valley Business Awards, sponsored by the Greater Fresno Chamber of Commerce.

Augie Garrido - 4 (1961), a former Fresno State outfielder and current Texas coach, became the winningest coach in college baseball history.

Anthony R. Greico (1961) had his name added as a “Friend” to the National Air and Space Museum’s Wall of Honor.

Mathias “Matty” Matoian - 5 (1965) LIFE donated $500,000 to fund scholarships for Fresno State business and nursing students.

Sen. Jim Nielsen (1967) threw the ceremonial first shot put to open the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the State Capitol. He was a member of the 1964 Bulldogs, the first-ever national championship team at Fresno State.

Robert Oliver (1966), a retiring judge with the Superior Court of Fresno County, will be honored at the Champions of Justice, an annual event of Central California Legal Services.

1970s
Rod Anaforian (1974, ’92) is now director of sales for The Terraces at San Joaquin Gardens in Fresno.

Steve Belcher (1971) is now interim police chief in East Palo Alto.

Rick Bubenik (1977), of Ricana Media Group, was named to the Fresno Advertising Federation Hall of Fame.

David Chems (1970, ’75) was guest speaker for Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno’s Town Hall.

Christine Vartanian Datian - 6 (1974), of Las Vegas, had her grilled chicken and bulgur salad recipe featured in Sunset magazine.

Joe Del Bosque (1975) hosted President Barack Obama at his farm in February to discuss the impact of the drought on California.

John E. Eiskamp (1978) was named Santa Cruz County Farmer of the Year.

Diana (Bates) Mock - 7 (1976) was named vice president for advancement and university relations at Fresno Pacific University.

Alberto Perez Jr. (1976) was inducted into the Reedley College Tiger Hall of Fame.

Reinhardt Poprave (1978), managing director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Laser Technology in Aachen, Germany, has authored or co-authored nearly 100 presentations for the international society for optics and photonics.


Sam Sciaccio (1971, ’72) is now part of the editorial advisory board for the Visalia Times-Delta and Tulare Advance-Register.

John H. Stanfield II (1973) is now distinguished professor of social sciences and public policies and founding director of Mogae International Development and Governance Research Institute at Botswana International University for Science and Technology.

1980s
Eric Andersen (1986) was promoted to supervisor of alternative education for Modesto City Schools.

Darius Assemi - 8 (1982), of Granville Homes, earned the J.U. Berry award for career contributions from the Fresno Advertising Federation.

Mark Astone - 9 (1988, 2000), CEO of Catalyst Marketing Co., was selected as the Pacific Regional Chapter Health Officer of Young Presidents Organization.

Brad Bucars (1987) is now the principal for Oak Creek Intermediate School.

Scott Barton - 10 (1982) serves as CEO and director of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo, which broke ground on its new African Adventure exhibit.


Darrell Copeland Jr. (1988) is now assistant vice president, special assets officer with Rabobank North America.

Elizabeth Diaz - 11 (1982) is now Fresno County’s public defender.

Annette Easton - 12 (1984) was appointed new chair for the management information systems at San Diego State University.

Mark Foote (1980) is now CEO for Madera Community Hospital.

Frank Gallegos (1987) was named executive director of Cen Cal Business Finance.

Diana Gomez (1988), Central Valley Regional Director for California High-Speed Rail Authority, received the Jaime Oaxaca Award from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

Rick Haydon (1984) was appointed city manager for City of Santa Maria.


Roger I. Lane (1987) was elected fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Julie (Logan) Lindahl - 13 (1985) was named program director for Fresno State radio station 90.7 KFSR.

Bridget Naso (1986) is a military reporter for NBC San Diego.

Warren R. Paboojian (1980) of Baradat & Paboojian, Inc. was named one of the top 100 lawyers by Northern California Super Lawyers.
Brian Panish - 14 (1980), of Los Angeles, a former Bulldogs football standout, was named one of the top 100 lawyers in California by the Daily Journal.

Laurie Primavera (1984) was named executive director of clinical services for Hinds Hospice.

Joel Ruble (1988) is now director of student services at West Hills College in Lemoore.

Rich Salvestrin (1987) was honored as Napa County Farm Bureau’s Outstanding Agriculturist of the year.

Janene Scully (1986) was named North County editor for Noozhawk in Santa Barbara.

Jeff Shaeffer (1988) is now sales manager for Benovia Winery in Santa Rosa.

Kathy Smith (1982) is now principal for St. Mary’s High School in Stockton.


Gary Watahira (1985) was named the new purchasing manager for the City of Fresno.

Steve Wray (1980), CEO of Cadient Group digital marketing in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, was named 2014 Main Line Chamber of Commerce CEO of the Year.

1990s

Paul J. Bauer (1995), a shareholder in the Valley-wide practice of Walter & Wilhelm Law Group, was named a Northern California Super Lawyer.

Brad Bell - 16 (1995), a pastor and former Fresno State football standout, authored “Walking with a Limp.”

Jason S. Bell (1997) of Baradat & Paboojian, Inc. was named a Rising Star by Northern California Super Lawyers.

Drew Bessinger (1995) is now interim police chief for the City of Kingsburg.

Melinda Louise Bohannon - 17 (1994), a local teacher and author, released her novel, “Reckless Intentions,” the second part of the “Inner Society Trilogy.”

Fred Cogan (1995) is now principal at Kingsburg High School.

Kristina Dritasas (1993) was promoted to partner at Morse, Wittwer, Sampson LLP.

Jason Freeman (1995, ’97) led the First Congregational Church contingent in the 24th annual Pride Parade in Fresno.

Tara Gomez (1998) is general manager and winemaker for Kōta Wines in Santa Ynez Valley.


Steve Hobbs (1992) is now principal at Buhach Colony High School in Atwater.

Michael Lima (1994) was named city controller by the City of Fresno.

Nick Marziliano (1993) of Sam’s Italian Deli in Fresno is carrying on his late father’s tradition of family recipes.

Vonnie (Griva) Nunes (1996) is now vice president for quality and regulatory affairs at Sierra View District Hospital.

Ron Pardo (1985) is now chief casualty officer in North America for XL Group, which is a global insurance and reinsurance company.

Jeremy Pearce - 16 (1998), a well-known Elvis impersonator, was featured in John Walker’s photograph exhibit in The Fresno Bee lobby.

Domingos Simes Pereira (1994) is now prime minister of Guinea-Bissau, a country in West Africa.

Karen Philbrick (1996) is now deputy executive director for Mineta Transportation Institute.

Jane (Olivera) Quebe (1990), president of JP Marketing, was named chairman for the Institute for Family Business in Fresno State’s Craig School of Business.

Greg Stach (1992), an award-winning winemaker with Landscape Vineyards in Sonoma, appears in “We Are Sonoma County” advertisements.


Scotty Thomason (1995) is now the 11th superintendent/president for the Siskiyou Joint Community College District.

2000s

Allison Ferry-Abee (2009) is now a viticulture advisor for Tulare, Kern and Kings counties through the University of California.

Diganta Adhikari (2004, ’08) was hired by IRROMETER to assist with development of soil measuring, controlling and sampling instruments and technical support.

Tracie Anes (2009) will provide support to beef and dairy customers in New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas and Louisiana for Alltech.

Kunal Bajaj (2005) is now part of Bloomberg Media as head of media sales for India, based in Mumbai.

Edson Barrantes (2007), of KGPE CBS 47, was named Outstanding Media Sales Person of the Year by the Fresno Advertising Federation.

Garrett Boekenoogen (2009) is vice president, winery manager and winemaker for the family winery, Boekenoogen Vineyards & Winery.

Holly Boekenoogen (2008) is the director of marketing for the family winery, Boekenoogen Vineyards & Winery.

Ryan Collins (2005, ’07) is now a biology teacher at Yosemite High School.

Brian Domingos (2005) is president/CEO of Premier Valley Realty & Management, Inc.


Barry Falke (2001) is now director of corporate giving and mission driven business for United Cerebral Palsy of Central California.

Jannine Fitzgerald (2008) is general manager and product, P*DE*Q, that is sold in 23 Northern and Central California Costco locations.

Derek Franks (2007) is vice president for sales for the Fresno Grizzlies.


Eddie Gifford (2005), a former Bulldogs wrestler, launched GPS (Gifford Planning Strategies) in Las Vegas.

Brandon Gonzales (2003) was recognized as a Top Producer by Coldwell Banker Premier R.E. Fresno for 2013.

Bryan Harley (2007) is facilities and operations manager for the Community Media Access Collaborative in Fresno.

Brenna (Wylie) Hughes - 22 (2006), team lead in acute speech-language pathology at Community Regional Medical Center, organized the first Central Valley Concussion Symposium.

Ash Knowlton (2005) LIFE was appointed to serve on the California Building Industry Association’s board of directors.

Joaquin Lopez (2006) was hired by O’Dell Engineering in Fresno to work in land surveying.

James Medina (2006) was named managing editor of the Ventura County Star.

Gary McKenzie (2002) is now assistant vice president for GEICO at the Fredericksburg, Virginia office.

Kate McKnight (2003) portrayed Lady Macbeth in the Woodward Shakespeare Festival’s “Macbeth.”

Chantelc Fleming McIntyre (2004), former Fresno State basketball standout, was crowned Mrs. California.

Mike Nelson (2001) opened a new Nelson’s ACE hardware store in Kingsburg.
2000s continued

Connie M. Parker (2003) is now partner in the law firm Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball LLP.
Heather Federsen (2006), neuropsychologist, has joined Northwestern Mental Health Center, Inc.
Oscar Ramos (2003) is owner of Ramos Torres Wines, the only winery in Kingsburg.
Briana Rempel (2009) was promoted to project manager at Vasquez Marshall Architects.
Nathan Sloan (2007) is now president of B-K Lighting and TEKA Illumination in Madera.
Marion Spearman (2004) was appointed warden at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Correctional Training Facility in Soledad.
Adam B. Stirrup (2003, ’05) of Baradat & Paboojian, Inc. has been named a Rising Star by Northern California Super Lawyers.
Andrew Ueland (2000) is now owner of the Hook & Ladder, a firefighter-themed establishment in Clovis.
Miles Gaston Villanueva (2008) recently appeared in two primetime television shows: BONES and NCIS.
Jennifer Vogt (2005) is now controller for Catalyst Marketing Company in Fresno.

2010s

Davante Adams (Alumnus), wide receiver, was drafted 53rd overall by the Green Bay Packers.
Jason Anthony (2010) won the 87th Fresno City Amateur golf tournament. He played for the Bulldogs from 2004–06.
Brenna Blagg (2011) is now a media buyer with Jeffrey Scott Agency in Fresno.
Roe Borunda (2014) was named College Entrepreneur of the Year from the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce and has an 18-month contract as photo editor for USA Today Sports.
Nigel Burton (2014) is founder of the “Just Be Dope” company, a line of hats and a few T-shirts centered around a positive, be-yourself vibe.
Coreen (Agular) Campus (2012) was named CEO for Focus Forward, which serves youth in Fresno County.
Derek Carr (2013), quarterback, was drafted 36th overall by the Oakland Raiders and signed a four-year contract. Jakeob Cooper (2014) was hired by O’Dell Engineering in Fresno to work in land surveying.
Chris Haynes (2011) is now a Cleveland Plain-Dealer beat writer for the NBA’s Cleveland Cavs.
Jennifer Herges (2012) is the recipient of the 2014 Scouten Endowed Intern in English Literacy at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Francisco Marquez (2013) was named Yosemite High School band director.
Johnny Mendez Jr. (2012) is now a group sales account executive with the Seattle Storm of the WNBA.
Matt Morse (2010), of KMPH Fox 26, was named Professional of the Year by Fresno Advertising Federation.
Jason Sengsongkham (2012) is now community relations coordinator for the Marjaree Mason Center.
Prisca Shirialian (2012) is now owner of D&L Flowers on Blackstone and Minaret in Fresno, as well as two retail “huts.”
Russell Spafford (2011) is now executive director for the Highland Family YMCA.
Michael Vaughan (2012) is now teaching at Yosemite High School.
Jose Vera (2014) is a member of the inaugural class of California Health Sciences University in Clovis, the Valley’s first pharmacy school.
Michael A. White (2013) was selected as Woodland Community College president.

CURRENT

Denise Barnes, a military air transportation specialist, was named 2014 Miss Fresno County.
Jill Nolen attended the Transplant Games in July in Houston.

RETIREE

Jeff Dunn, Kingsburg police chief, retired after 28 years of public service.

WEDDINGS/NEW ARRIVALS

Glenn Albertson (1991) married Brian Demers on April 5 in Fresno.
Amy Armstrong (2005) and Gabriel Luna welcomed a baby boy on March 30.
Juana Mosqueda (2014) and Jairo Baez welcomed their baby boy on March 24.

FACULTY/STAFF

Rebecca Barnes (1994), earned the Fresno Advertising Federation AAF Silver Medal.
Gwen Burks (2007, ’09) LIFE retired after 20-plus years of working for Fresno State.
Paula Ann Castadici (1988) is now vice president for University Advancement at Fresno State. She was previously CEO for ValleyPBS.
Eddie Hughes (2005), senior editor for FresnoState Magazine, won the Public Relations Society of America Central California Image Award for his fall 2013 story on University President Joseph I. Castro.

Bill Perry (2005) was named research analyst for University Development.
Peter Robertson (1992, ’95, ’05) LEGACY delivered the keynote address titled “Agents of Change” at Fresno State’s inaugural LGBTQ Graduation Recognition Ceremony in May.
Melissa Tav (2007) is now communications specialist for the College of Health and Human Services at Fresno State.
Cynthia Teniente-Matson (2013) was honored with the 31st annual Top Ten Professional Women and Top Business Award.
Jenny Toste (2011), is now social media specialist for University Communications. She was previously an Emmy Award-winning anchor for CBS 47.

‘40 Under 40’ includes 16 alumni

Fresno’s Business Street Online “40 Under 40” Class of 2014 includes 16 Fresno State alumni who are honored as outstanding business professionals under age 40 in Central California:

Rocio Andrade (2012), Downtown Fresno Partnership
Sergio Cortes (2010), Agape Creative Studios
Michael Cruz (2009), Tioga-Sequoya Brewing Company
Cody Dixon (2009), Multi Marketing Corp.
Eddie Hughes (2005), senior editor/writer for FresnoState Magazine
Heather Jones (1999), Fresno County Superior Court
Henry Liang (2008), AECOM
Hilary Malveaux (Alumnus), Bertz-Rosa Design and Creative Fresno
Hilary Mathias (2010), MC Solutions
Matthew Morse (2010), KMPH Fox 26
Tina Mistry (2007), Portfolio Advisors Inc.
Brandi Muro (2001), California Health Collaborative
Vincent Ricchiuti (2005) LIFE, P-R Farms, Enzo Olive Oil and Bella Frutta
Cortney Sorensen (2009), Fresno County Farm Bureau
Andrew Toschi (2007), Community Media Access
Beau Williamson (Alumnus), Elanco Animal Health

Also included in the 2014 class is Lyndsey Scully Quist, associate director of development for Fresno State’s Craig School of Business.

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IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Adams (1961), August in Fresno.
Antonia Bollakos Anderson (1931), June in Fresno.
Quin C. Apregan (1946), July 4 in Fresno.
Mary Ruth Avakian (1953), Jan. 3 in Clovis.
Hugh Hanna Awtry II (1963), May 24 in Fresno.
Edward Baloon (1943), August in Fresno.
Gerald Thomas “Tom” Bayless (1949), January in Fresno.
Viola M. Bedford (1961), April in Fresno.
Ernest Armel Bedrosian (1955), Jan. 1 in Fresno.
Krikor Yerapet Bedrosian (1957), June 9 in Fowler.
Shirley Burns (1985), Dec. 31 in Fresno.
Irvin “Ira” Butts (1951), July 6 in Fresno.
Janet Mae (Camara) Carney (1973), June 30 in Monterey.
Martin Donald Coats (1966), Feb. 13 in Fresno.
Charlotte Bequette Chrismas (1934), May 14 in Tulare.
Bernard Deeter (1961), Dec. 26 in Fresno.

Howard Edward Eliason, Dec. 4 in Bakersfield.
Xochitl Penny Elk (1993), Feb. 24 in Fresno.
Jean (Harmon) Etn (1938), Feb. 17 in Fresno.
Phillip Farina, July 26 in Fresno.
Rosalie J. Fish (1942), August in Fresno.
Helen Bee Follansbee (1946), July 7 in Fresno.
Isabel R. Garcia (1973), Jan. 22 in Fresno.
Donald Graf (1974), April 5 in Fresno.
Clifford Osborne Grant, Jr. (1948), July 15 in Fresno.
Inez Gloria Green (1949), March 25 in Fresno.
Richard Edward “Dick” Griffin (1951), Jan. 1 in Fresno.
Frederic “Mike” Hardy (1967), May 21 in Napa.
Robert Keith Hargrave (1947), March 5 in Fresno.
Betty Harlan Harrison (1941), May 15 in Stockton.
Ida Vee Helmock (1944), Feb. 13 in Santa Cruz.
Mary Louise Henderson (1943), Jan. 5 in Fresno.
John Herrig (2009), July 7 in Fresno.
Mary Jane Hogrefe (1958), April 19 in Lincoln.
Sarah Hopper (1939), March in Fresno.
Shirley Faye (Spering) Hudson (1956), March 10 in Morro Bay.
Virginia MacCracken Hunter (1939), in Fresno.
Gayle Eileen Yukiko Inouye-Gunning (1933, '91, '98), April 20 in Clovis.
Robert John Johansen (1942) LIFE, Feb. 22 in Fresno.
Marilyn Johnson (1955), July 16 in Arroyo Grande.
John Kirchner (1967), June in Fresno.
Glenn Maunu Koltcamp (1973), Dec. 22 in Fresno.
Joan Joyce Jorgensen Laird (1948), June 30 in Fresno.
Lee Lockhart (1958) LIFE, May 15 in Fresno.
Carlos Lopez (1959), April 6 in Fresno.
Evelyn Marshall, July 29 in Fresno.
Anne Theresa Mason (1964), Jan. 19 in Pleasant Hill.
Phillip Donald Maynard (1969, '73), Jan. 20 in Fresno.
Hubert Kenneth McNees Jr. (1970), Nov. 13 in Pleasanton.
Glen Dean Melvin (1961), Jan. 1 in Ester.
Irmae Murphy (1958), July 2 in Fresno.
Robin W. Peterkin (1927), June in Kingsburg.
Steven R. Phelps (1977), March 19 in Chico.
Yrpmen Stephen Pilibos (1934), Jan. 21 in Fresno.
Jack W. Porter (1958), June 2 in Madera.
Kirby Dennis Quaschnick (1970), May 16 in Clovis.
Gerald Bruce Radeleff (1940), Jan. 5 in Davis.
Terry Reardon (1973), July 1 in Fresno.
John Riding (1984), May 4 in Clovis.
Karl Allen Riesen (1992), April 12 in Bishop.
Warren Robinson (1947), June 17 in Fresno.
Edward Rose (1971), March 21 in Fresno.
Clayton John Ryle (1962), April 9 in Fresno.
Ron Shapazian (1967), July 21 in Fresno.
Maurice “Marty” W. Smith (1975), July 27 in Fresno.
Michael Snyder (1989), March in Clovis.
Denise Diane Southwick (1997), March 26 in Manteca.
Carol, J. Finley Stein (1961), April 16 in Napa.
Joan Steinke (1955), April 11 in Yucaipa.
Claudia Ann Strobol (1973), April 19 in Stockton.
Linda Kay Thompson (1966), Jan. 10 in Fresno.
Michael Daniel Torres (1992), May 4 in San Francisco.
Tom Vidmar (1972), Aug. 1 in Fresno.

Louis Hal Weaver (1956), Jan. 30 in Dinuba.
Gerald L. “Jerry” Weil (1966), April in Fresno.
Nancy Irene Weinberg (1968), March 28 in Salinas.
Samuel Edward White (1965), June 18 in Visalia.
Mark Steven Wilson (1983), April in Fresno.
Gweneth Zander (1945), Jan. 2 in Fresno.

FACULTY/STAFF/EMERITI

Ellis T. “Ed” Austin, June 11 in Fresno.
Daniel P. Bartel, June 13 in Fresno.
Harry Costis, Dec. 21 in Fresno.
Wymond Walter Eckhardt Jr., June 23 in Solvang.
Leonard Ralph Emmings, April 26.
Daniel Hernandez Jr., Aug. 25 in Fresno.
W. Hudson Kentsel, Jan. 16 in Wyoming.
Margaret Allman McKnight, Jan. 16 in Emeryville.
William Joseph Petersch, July 10 in Fresno.
Jankie Nanan Supersad, Jan. 16 in Fresno.
Bobby Sisk Temple (1953), June 16 in Fresno.

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