

JULIE HANDY – As a sophomore Julie emerged as one of the top 100-meter hurdles in the CIF Southern Section. She place 5th in Div. I of the 2000 CIF Championship Meet with a time of 14.75. In 2001 Julie placed 4th in CIF Championships of the 300 meter low hurdles, and

advanced to the Calif. State Championship Meet where she placed 5th tying the Esperanza school record of 43.45.

MARIBETH BUCHE – As a freshman Maribeth placed 3rd in the Div. I CIF Championships with a time of 2:14.12. She also posted a 57.86 in the 400m to win the

Sunset League race. In 1999 in her sophomore season Maribeth again placed 3rd in the CIF Championships and advanced to the State Championship Meet. In the year 2000 her junior year Maribeth placed 5th in the CIF Championship Meet. Maribeth had an outstanding senior season as she placed 2nd in the CIF Championships and advanced again to the State Championships. Maribeth is the only Esperanza Track & Field Athlete to be voted League MVP three times. She won the Orange County Championship 800meter race leading her team to a team title. Maribeth won her CIF prelim race of the 800-meter while setting a new Esperanza school record of 2:12.63. She competed most of her senior season with a stress fracture. Maribeth is only the second athlete in Esperanza history to compete all four years in the Southern Section Qualifying Meet (Masters Meet). Maribeth will be competing for UCLA as a freshman in

2002.

ALISON COSTELLO - In the fall Cross Country season of 2000 and 2002 Alison Costello earned a place as 1st team All- CIF and 1st team All State. In 2002 Alison was honored as both 'Sunset Athlete of the Year' and 'Orange County Cross **Country Athlete of the** Year'. Alison was at her best in the 2002 track season winning both the

1600 meters and 3200 meters at the Orange County meet, the CIF Div. I Championships and the CIF Masters meet. She placed 3rd at the State Meet Championships in the 1600 meters with a best mark of 4:53.74 making her #2 on the Esperanza all time list.

4x400 RELAY - LT. - RT.Julie Handy (11), Annie Briggs (11), Maribeth Buche (12), Shalice Pugmire (11). In 2001 at the State Qualifying Meet (Masters Meet) this team posted a time of 3:52.62 which is the second fastest in Esperanza history. At the two day State Championships this team placed 6th out of the 30 teams from all the

high schools in California qualifying for this event.

SHALICE PUGMIRE – In 2001, Junior Shalice Pugmire placed 6th in the 800 meters of the CIF Championships, with a time of 2:18.61. She was voted MVP in the Sunset League, winning the 800

meters, 1600 meters, and 3200 meters. As a senior Shalice became nationally ranked in the 1600 meters. She again was voted MVP of the Sunset League and advanced to win both the CIF Championships and the Masters Meet of the 1600 meters with a best mark of 4:54.93. Shalice advanced to the two day State Championships placing 5th in 1600

meters. She will attend BYU on a Track & Field scholarship.

MIKE CHAVEZ – The 2001-2002 season was a great year for junior Mike Chavez. He was All-

County in cross-country, and was MVP in the Sunset League. Mike continued his stellar cross country season with All-CIF honors and qualified for the State Championships. Mike was equally impressive on the track receiving 'athlete of the meet' honors at Orange County Championships. He was also voted MVP in the Sunset League after win

the 800, 1600, and 3200 meters. Mike went on to place 2nd in both the 1600 meters and 3200 meters at CIF Championships. He was 2nd in the Masters Meet in both 1600 and 3200. Mike concentrated on the 3200 meters in the State Meet. Mike's times of 4:14.47 (1600) and 9:09.52 (3200) were among the fastest in Calif.

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MATT GRAY - As a sophomore (2000) Matt advanced to the CIF Championships in the Div. I Discus where he placed 4th.

Matt's best throw of the season was 168'4". After a missing his junior season due to injury, Matt returned in force his senior year by winning the Orange County Meet, Sunset League Meet. He became CIF Champion in Div. I Discus, won the Masters Meet, placed 3rd in the State Championship 2004, with a throw of 200'9". Matt was honored by being selected Orange **County Track & Field Athlete** of the Year by the Orange

County Register, and 2nd Team All-LA City & Southern Section CIF.

GABE LONG – In 2003 Gabe placed 1st, scoring important point toward winning the over all team title, at the Orange County Championships. He was CIF Div. I Champion in the Shot Put with a best mark of 61'1" placing him number 2 on the Esperanza all-time list. Gabe also earned 1st team county honors in the shot put.

KRISTY CHESTER- Kristy

was the Top County thrower in 2001. In her senior season she finished 5th in the CIF Championships of the Shot Put with a throw of 41'1.75" and is number two on the Esperanza All-Time list.

RAFAEL ALVAREZ – Rafael finished his senior year (2002) with a 6th place finish in the Discus

of the CIF Div. I Championship Meet. Rafael had a best throw of 167'.

JENNY BRICKNER- Jenny is number two on the Esperanza All-Time list for the Discus. She finished her senior season by placing 3rd in

the County Meet and 5th in the CIF Championship Meet with a best throw of 139'5".

TAYLOR CUSICK- Taylor was Orange County Champion in the 2003 triple jump. She placed third in the CIF Div. I Championships with a best mark of 36'9".

WES WILLIAMS – As a sophomore in 2003 Wes played on the JV Baseball Team, and competed in the Track Meets once a week and the weekend. With his natural speed Wes advanced to the CIF Championship Meet in Div. I, placing 6th in both the 100 meters and 200 meters. His 10.90 seconds for the 100 meters is the fastest time for any sophomore in Esperanza history and ranks him as #2 on the Varsity All Time list. In 2004 Wes put all his effort into Track,

which put him in the Calif. State Championship Meet in the 400 & 200 Meters. Wes placed 4th in the 200 meters of the CIF Div. I Championships and 2nd in the 400 meters with a mark of 47.89. Wes broke the school record in the 200 meters in the Masters Meet where he posted a 21.52.

MIKE CHAVEZ- In the 2001 & 2002 Cross Country Seasons Mike earned All County Honors, All CIF Honors and All State Honors. During his 2001 Track season Mike earned 'Athlete of the Meet Honors' at the Orange County Meet, and 'Sunset Track Athlete of the Year' in both 2001 & 2002. In 2001 & 2002 at the CIF Div. I Championship meet Mike placed 2nd in the 1600 meters. In 2001 Mike placed 2nd in the 3200 meters and became CIF Champion in the 3200 meters his senior year 2002.

Mike finished his senior year with a 6th place finish at the State Championships in the 1600 meters. Mike's best marks in the 1600 meters were 4:12.46, 3200 meters 9:09.52 and the 800 meters 1:55.65.

