

Charles G. "Nap" Lawrence

**SC Alumni – High School Athlete, Entrepreneur,
Philanthropist**

Inducted into the SC Hall of Fame September 9, 2011

Nap was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1940. He was promoted from Von Steuban Elementary School in Peoria, Illinois, in 1954. His family moved to Arizona and he graduated from Santa Cruz Valley Union High School in 1958.

While at Santa Cruz, Nap was a two-year four-sport letterman, setting the 120-yard high hurdle school record, a representative to Arizona Boys State, and a member of the National Honor Society, graduating 9th in his class.

He is married to Barbara Foote Lawrence, Santa Cruz class of 1958. They have one daughter, Victoria, who is married with three sons. They also have a son, Charles "Spike" who is married with two daughters.

Nap attended and graduated from Arizona State University in 1962 with a degree in Business.

Nap was affiliated with Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company in sales from 1961 to 1986. He is the owner-operator of Napvesco Farms, Inc. from 1964 to the present time. He also is the owner-operator of Lawrence Farms from 1985 to the present. He currently farms 3,500 acres in the Casa Grande area.

Nap was the founding chairman of The Bank of Casa Grande Valley. He is a 20-year board member of the Arizona State University Sun Angel Foundation, a three-term member of the ASU Alumni Association Board, and a 20-year board member of the ASU Sun Devil Club, a past member of the Eloy City Council, and a life member of the Arizona Historical Foundation.

He is past president of the Eloy Lions Club, the founding president of the Eloy Booster Club, a long time sponsor and past coach of Nap's Agents in the Eloy Little League, and served for 20 years as the public address announcer for the Santa Cruz Dust Devils.

Among his many awards and honors is the Youngest Insurance Million Dollar Round Table Member ever in Arizona in 1962, the Arizona State University Alumni Service Award, an initial inductee in the ASU College of Business Hall of Fame, and Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance "Man of the Year" 10 times.

His contributions include donor for the Arizona State University Karsten Golf Course Hole #1, the Nap and Barbara Strength and Conditioning Center at ASU, the Lawrence Family Gymnasium at the Tempe YMCA, Chandler Regional Hospital CHW Foundation Fourth Floor Nursing and Lobby, Santa Cruz Valley Union High School football, softball, and baseball scoreboards, scholarship at Central Arizona College, and 2008 and 2011 ASU Softball National Championship rings for players and coaches.