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**El Segundo School Board approves three new inductees into the  
El Segundo High School Hall of Fame**

El Segundo, Calif., October 6, 2017 – The El Segundo High School (ESHS) Alumni Association is pleased to welcome three new honorees into the ESHS Hall of Fame: **John Van Hamersveld** (Class of 1959), **Sandra (Garrard) Jacobs** (Class of 1960), and **Dawn (Keeney) Shaughnessy** (Class of 1989). An induction ceremony will be held for students, faculty, and invited guests on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the El Segundo Performing Arts Center.

**John Van Hamersveld** is a graphic designer who has been creating visual imagery of rock and roll and surf culture in Southern California since the 1960s. Most notably, he designed the iconic poster for the Bruce Brown surf film, *The Endless Summer* (1964), which is featured in the Smithsonian. Van Hamersveld grew up in Palos Verdes on Lunada Bay. The community did not have a local high school, so he made the daily journey to El Segundo, where he studied art and surfed along the way to school. Van Hamersveld's lengthy career includes tenures as art director at Surfer Magazine, as well as Capitol Records, where he created many immediately recognizable album covers and posters for bands such as the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Kiss, Jefferson Airplane, and Jimi Hendrix. He designed an official poster and a 360-foot-long mural for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, illustrations for Esquire, Rolling Stone, and Billboard, not to mention branding and logos for numerous companies such as Fatburger. In 2014, Van Hamersveld celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Endless Summer* movie and poster and was inducted into the Huntington Beach Surfing Walk of Fame. His local murals include the frieze at the Manhattan Beach Art Center and "Great Wave" in Hermosa Beach, which celebrates local surf culture. Van Hamersveld continues his creative career and exhibits throughout the U.S. His current works can be found on his website <http://post-future.com/>

**Sandra "Sandy" Jacobs**, a leader in the El Segundo business community, has a vast history of working and volunteering in her hometown. After moving to El Segundo with her family as a small child in 1954, she entered the El Segundo Business Community as the owner of House of Cards gift shop on Main Street. She was president of South Bay Welders Supply, Inc., a family-owned business, and was co-owner and founder of Pinsational, a jewelry and cloisonné pin company. Jacobs became the city's first female mayor after being elected to the El Segundo City Council in 1996 and also served as Mayor Pro Tem from 1998-2004. As the first female president of the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce, she had particular success in the areas of local government relations and economic development. Jacobs' awards and accomplishments include: Business &

Professional Woman of the Year (1989), [South Bay Woman of the Year](#) (1999), American Heart Association Community Chair Award (2002), El Segundo Citizen of the Year (2013), and [El Segundo Economic Development](#) Committee Member.

**Dawn Shaughnessy** attended UC Berkeley where she received a B.S. in Chemistry in 1993 and a Ph.D. with a focus on Nuclear Chemistry in 2000. After graduate school, Shaughnessy began a postdoctoral appointment at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory studying the interaction of plutonium with naturally occurring manganese-bearing minerals for clean-up of nuclear materials in the environment. During her tenure at Berkeley, Shaughnessy was awarded as one of the top graduate student instructors through the College of Chemistry. Upon completion of her post-doctoral studies, Shaughnessy accepted a position at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). Shaughnessy was appointed group leader in 2010 of the newly created [Experimental Nuclear and Radiochemistry Group](#), currently part of the Nuclear and Chemical Sciences Division at LLNL. She is also the Responsible Scientist for radiochemical debris collection at the National Ignition Facility. As the group leader for experimental nuclear and radiochemistry and the principal investigator for the heavy element group at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Shaughnessy, along with her team, discovered six new elements (113-118) on the periodic table, the heaviest elements found to date. ([CNN, online story 2016](#)) The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry announced in 2012 that element 116 would be officially known as “livermorium”, an honor granted to LLNL Heavy Element Program in recognition of their years of Research. Shaughnessy’s general research interests include actinide and heavy element chemistry, chemical automation, nuclear forensic methods and radiochemical diagnostics. Shaughnessy awards and [publications](#) include the DOE Office of Science Outstanding Mentor Award (2010), the Gordon Battelle Prize for Scientific Discovery for the discovery of element 117 (2010), inducted into the [Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame for Scientific Discovery](#) (2012), and named number 9 of the 100 most creative people in business by *Fast Company* (2016).

#### **About the El Segundo High School Hall of Fame:**

The ESHS Alumni Association established a Hall of Fame in recognition of those graduates who, through performance and achievement in their chosen fields and communities, bring honor and distinction to the heritage of El Segundo High School and provide a positive role model to current and future students. The ESHS Hall of Fame Committee accepts nominations from the public and selects candidates who exemplify the school’s motto: *“Enter to Learn, Go Forth for Service.”* Visit the Association’s website to learn more: <http://www.elsegundoalumni.com>.