

MARLEE WEBB

PRESENTLY THE VARSITY COACH AT EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

30 YEARS OF COACHING COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATE OF HANKS HIGH SCHOOL

OVERALL COACHING RECORD 530-246

11 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS (CHAPIN & FRANKLIN)

12 BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS (CHAPIN, FRANKLIN & EASTLAKE)

PLAYOFFS IN 2021 & 2022 VANDERGRIFT

4 AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS (CHAPIN & FRANKLIN)

EL PASO TIMES MVP as Player and COACH OF THE YEAR (3 times at CHAPIN & FRANKLIN)

TIME WARNER COACH OF THE YEAR

COLLIGIATE BASKETBALL PLAYERS WHO WERE SENIORS AT CHAPIN, FRANKLIN, VANDEGRIFT, AND EASTLAKE)-26 (D1-5, D2-5, D3-8, JC-7, NAIA-1)

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Ex-Hanks star wants winning finish

Webb anchors Loyola Marymount with scoring, strong all-around play

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By Matt Parlow
Contributor

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Webb, a native of El Paso, Texas, recently completed a distinguished four-year career with the

women's basketball team. A four-year starter and three-time team captain, she holds seven LMU school records including most assists in a career. She also ranks among school leaders in steals, three-point field goals, points, and games played. She earned WCC Player of the Month honors for December and she was an all-WCC honorable mention choice in 1996. A psychology major, she volunteers as a counselor for children, and also participated in the LMU Leadership Conference.



Marlee Webb

Clint coach heads to NMSU

Marlee Webb has resigned as head girls basketball at Clint High to accept a position as an assistant to head women's basketball coach John Sutherland at New Mexico State, the Clint Independent School District announced Wednesday.

Webb was Clint's head coach for one year, leading the Lady Lions to a third-place finish in District 3-AAA.

She replaces interim coach Kimberly Jenkins, who accepted a similar position at Tulsa.

Gilbert Miranda will replace Webb. Miranda was an men's assistant to Don Haskins and the women's team at UTEP. Last season, he coached at Columbia College in California.

Sports

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High school basketball

Chapin girls look to finish perfect this season

By Felix Chávez
EL PASO TIMES

Despite losing several key players from last year's team, including star post player Kristina Higgins, the Chapin High School girls basketball program hasn't missed a beat this season.

Tonight, the top-ranked Huskies (25-4, 13-0 in District 1-4A) look to finish off district competition in perfect fashion

against No. 8-ranked Burges (22-7, 12-1).

"We're doing good and we've been committed to playing hard," Huskies coach Marlee Webb said. "We've developed good chemistry as the season has gone on and we've developed a strong bench."

The Huskies are led by forwards Chloe Pridgen and Jada Ellis, who have been consistent all year.

Meanwhile, Burges has been

steady as well with its only loss in district coming against Chapin.

The Mustangs have gotten strong performances from guards Becca Cardenas and Cayla Molina.

"We've been working hard this season," Molina said. "We have been working hard and getting better with each game. To beat Chapin, we have to play good defense and work together well as a team."

In boys competition on Friday, No. 4-ranked Faith Christian (19-1) will face its biggest challenge of the season when it faces Prime Prep out of Dallas.

Prime Prep (23-0), ranked No. 5 in the nation by ESPN and No. 9 by USA Today, has defeated good teams from Texas, California, Arizona, Nevada and Ohio. Prime Prep is led by forward Jordan Mickey, who has signed with

Louisiana State, and Karviar Shepherd, who has signed with TCU.

"It's going to be a great challenge for us," Lions coach Ana Carroll said. "We are excited about the game and the chance to play against a good team."

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Chapin, Horizon win in thrillers, advance in playoffs

By Felix Chavez
EL PASO TIMES

El Paso's top two girls basketball teams, Chapin and Horizon, won Friday night to advance to the regional quarterfinals of the Class 4A state basketball playoffs. Irvin, Burges and Mountain View saw their seasons come to an end.

Horizon 49, Frenship 41

The city's No. 2-ranked Scorpions got 23 points from Janelle Perez and 16 points from Leslie Caballero to lead them past the state's No. 12 team in Odessa.

Horizon overcame a four-point deficit at half-time and a 10-point deficit in the second half to improve to 30-2 on the season.

The Scorpions will face Amarillo Palo Duro at a time and date to be determined.

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Local basketball teams ranked in state polls

Four El Paso high school basketball teams are ranked in this week's Texas Association of Basketball Coaches polls. The Eastwood girls have the highest ranking at No. 8 in Class 5A.

The Montwood boys, who are 16-1 overall and 4-0 in District 1-5A play, are ranked No. 19 in Class 5A by the TABC. The Chapin boys and girls each are ranked No. 20 in Class 4A. The Chapin boys are 14-4, while the Chapin girls are 10-3.

In addition to the TABC rankings, two city teams are ranked by TexasHoops.com. The Eastwood girls, who are 18-2 overall and 6-0 in 1-5A, are No. 11 in 5A, while the Chapin boys are No. 17 in Class 4A.

Chapin gets first area-round playoff win

High schools

Chapin girls can finish season with 30-0 record

By Felix Chavez
EL PASO TIMES

The 2011-12 Chapin High School girls basketball team will likely go down in history as one of the best in El Paso.

Tonight when the Huskies face Andress at home, the No. 1-ranked team in El Paso will attempt to finish the regular season unbeaten with a stunning 30-0 overall mark and a perfect 14-0 record in District 1-4A play.

"It has been a great season," Huskies coach Marlee Webb said. "It's a special group, but we're still working hard and working toward our goal of having a successful run in the playoffs."

As a high school player at Hanks, Webb experienced an unbeaten season in 1992, but while she admits she couldn't remember the record of that team, Webb did recall that it was a special season.

HUSKIES RISE TO THE TOP

Strong leadership

Chapin advances with ease

By Lenny Jurado
Paso Times

First it was five points, then a couple glances at the scoreboard later, the margin ballooned to 26. Riverside started its Class A bi-district game against Chapin on Tuesday fairly well. The No. 3 Huskies broke on a 13-point contest in the second half and ran away with a 70-41 home victory. "I just think we stayed after because the first half we had a lot of fouls, those types of fouls, and I thought we executed a lot better in the second half, which is why the defense jumped up a little bit," Chapin head coach Marlee Webb said. "The Rangers (22-9) fought harder than the score indicated but they withered and stumbled against an air-tight offense and one of the best interior games in El Paso. We had them in the first half but they started pounding and pounding it." Rangers coach Kristi Lattin said she gave them credit because they're a good team and she didn't let up. "The bi-district win sent

► Tuesday's playoff box scores 2C
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Chapin (24-6) to the area round, where it will play Plainview at 4:30 p.m. MST Friday at Odessa College.

"I think this gives us momentum and confidence going into the game against Plainview," Husky senior Chastity Noble said.

Noble played the way an all-city guard is supposed to, scoring a game-high 19 points to go along with eight rebounds, five assists and five steals.

Hannah Altheide complemented her by striking three times from behind the arc and finishing with 10 points.

Meanwhile, teammate Evelyn Britton dominated the paint with 12 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks, while fellow post players Natasha Blackmore and Jalena Sanders combined for 13 rebounds and seven steals.

"Tasha was huge," Webb said. "I thought she did a good job coming off the bench. She

really gave good energy, leadership and rebounded really well. And, you know, Chastity's herself. She really came through in the second half.

"Evelyn and Jalena have done a good job all year inside, and Charlotte Johnson started the game for us and brought energy."

Chapin definitely wasn't short on intensity Tuesday, but was challenged early as Riverside stayed within five points after the first quarter and was down only 13 despite scoring all 10 of its second-quarter points at the foul line.

Yet once Noble took over in the third quarter, the Rangers faltered quickly and failed to recover. A 7-0 run spearheaded by the senior gave Chapin a 20-point lead, then the Huskies quickly padded it in the final eight minutes by working the low post.

Gena Morales, who made her presence felt in the fourth quarter, led Riverside with 10 points. Christina Avila contributed 10 rebounds and two steals, while Ryan Fierro and Jaclyn Stallworth teamed up for 11 rebounds.

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Chapin gets playoff victory over Riverside

Forward Ellis leads Chapin past Eastlake to advance

Chapin turns back Burges, soars to 27-0

Chapin stays unbeaten, pounds 1-4A rival Irvin

An eye on history

Chapin girls in school's first regional quarterfinal

EL PASO TIMES ALL-CITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

2004-05 All-City Girls Basketball

Most Valuable Player
TARA MOSLEY
Chapin, senior
5-foot-6, guard



Coach of the Year
MARLEE WEBB
Chapin, fourth season

Veteran coach Webb leads new team with high expectations

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Webb

The Marlee Webb tenure is set to begin at Franklin High School.

After building Chapin into one of the best girls basketball programs in the city, the coach is looking

No. 1 spot in the El Paso Times' Preseason Girls Basketball Rankings, looked

solid season. "They've been very wel-

really excited to get going. We're behind, but we're really pushing and we're working extremely hard. "We're going to get after it. We're not going to give up. We're going to play hard from start to finish. We try to just do the little things correctly."

Franklin, who went 19-9 turns three starters, including senior point guard Laneah Bryan, who was the El Paso Times' All-City MVP last season. Senior forward Carlie Akina, an All-City honorable mention selection last year, and junior forward Janessa Taylor are the other returning starters. Bryan, Akina and

Senior guard Amber Williams will also be a key contributor this season. "Obviously, we have very high expectations," Bryan said. "We've been working super hard. We all want to have a good year and we all want to come together with a new coaching staff and everything."

Forbes, Gutierrez, Webb named Coaches of Year

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Franklin girls make regional quarters



MARK LAMBIE / EL PASO TIMES
The El Paso Times' 2016-2017 Basketball Coaches of the Year are Paul Gutierrez of Burges, from left, Marlee Webb of Franklin and Jim Forbes from Andress.

Franklin hoops player named all-state

Franklin continues tradition of quality

Program known for ability to develop top-notch players

Franklin hoops coach Webb wins 400th game

Felix F. Chavez
El Paso Times

Franklin girls basketball coach Marlee Webb won her 400th career game on Friday night when her Cougars beat rival Coronado, 50-29.

The Cougars were led by Katia Gallegos with 27 points and were in control for most of the game. The Cougars led 22-10 at halftime and 33-21 after three quarters.

"I'm really appreciative of the people who have helped me in this journey and who have helped me achieve success," Webb said.

Franklin is ranked No. 1 in the city and is 12-1 in District 1-6A, which leads the district.

Webb is in her fifth season at the helm of the Cougars and the Cougars have lost just one district game in the past three seasons.

"This year's team has worked really hard and has continued to improve each day," Webb said. "I'm really proud of what this team has accomplished."

Also in girls basketball: Burgos edged Chapin, 60-57, in a District 1-5A battle. Both teams are 11-2 in district and are tied for second.

Burgos has beaten the Huskies twice this year. Melinda Vargas led the Mustangs with 18 points, Jessica Amezcua scored 16 and Bianca Gonzalez scored 13. Annelise Dominguez led Chapin with 26 points.

In boys action: Bel Air continues its late season surge and is now in place to make the playoffs out of District 2-5A after a 56-36 win vs. Horizon.

The Highlanders are in sole possession of fourth place with an 8-5 record in district.

Jailon Gentry led Bel Air with 14 points, Dominic Bejarano scored 11 points and Henry Melendez scored 10.

In an always intense rivalry game, Coronado knocked off Franklin, 53-43. Rip Mitchell, Beck Brown and Aayan Sohail each scored 14 points for the Thunderbirds.

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Franklin girls basketball coach Marlee Webb celebrates her 400th career win after Friday's victory over rival Coronado. MARK LAMBIE / EL PASO TIMES

All-City high school basketball coaches



The coaches of the year for high school basketball are Parkland's Jeremy Vanley, left, Clint's James Moreno, Americas' Romie Aragon and Franklin's Marlee Webb. MARK LAMBIE/EL PASO TIMES

Franklin girls make regional quarters

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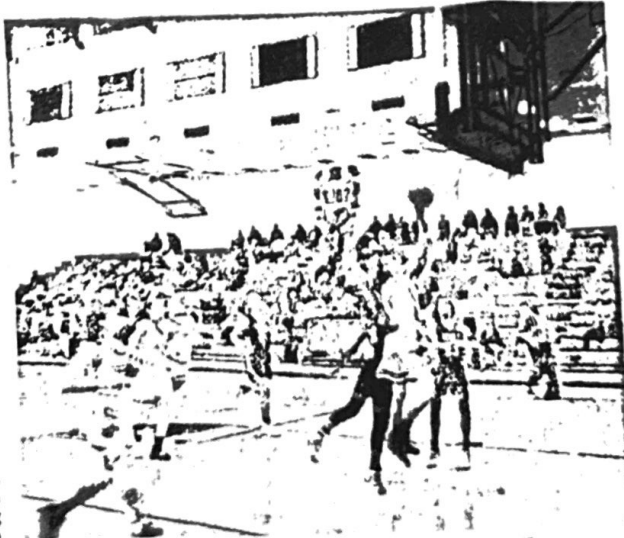
The Franklin Cougars are the last girls basketball team from El Paso remaining in the state playoffs and with two overtime wins, the team is feeling pretty good about their chances of keeping this season alive.

The Cougars will face off with Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday at Andrews in the Class 6A regional quarterfinals, with a berth in the Region 1-6A tournament on the line.

Franklin upended Midland, 52-47, in overtime in the bi-district round, then went on the road to beat Arlington Bowie, 40-36, in the area round in Midland.

Even before that, the Cougars overcame a 1-2 start in District 1-6A play to finish 8-2 and claim a share of the title. And star point guard Katia Gallegos, who has signed with UTEP, battled an ankle injury and a concussion during the season that forced her to miss a handful of games.

"We've overcome some challenges this year and we've stayed together as a team," Gallegos said. "We came back after a slow start in district and did well. We've won two tight games in the playoffs and that says so much about our



Katia Gallegos lays in a basket against Midland Lee. BRET BLOOMQUIST

team."

In fact in the win vs. Arlington Bowie, Gallegos fouled out in regulation but the team stepped up with clutch play from

its defense and from Kara Marcantel, who scored 18 points, and Clarissa Dominguez, who hit two big free throws in the overtime period.

"When I fouled out, Kara came to me and said we have your back and that was just a great thing to see," Gallegos said. "She stepped up big, our whole team just stepped up in overtime. We don't want this season to end. We know it will be a tough game against Amarillo Tascosa and we'll have to be ready for another close one."

Marcantel has been steady for the Cougars all season, averaging 10.3 points and 6.8 rebounds.

She is second on the team in scoring behind Gallegos, who averages 20.7 points per game.

"This year my confidence is much higher and I've been more consistent this season," she said. "I learned a great deal from last year that helped me and it's been a good season overall. We've had some ups and downs and a few challenges. But we have worked hard, we have stayed together as a team and we've improved as a team. We had to really fight and stay together in district and now we've won two close playoff games. Our experience helps. We've had some close games this year and that has helped us grow."

If Franklin wins Tuesday, it will meet either South Grand Prairie or Cedar Hill on Friday in Fort Worth.

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Vandegrift hires El Paso's Webb for girls basketball

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After its most successful season in school history, the Vandegrift girls' basketball program will enter the 2020-21 school year with a new head coach.

Marlee Webb, a fixture in El Paso's basketball scene for a generation, will take over the Vipers after amassing more than 400 wins in her hometown. A former standout at El Paso Hanks who went on to star at Loyola Marymount in the 1990s, Webb has more than 400 career coaching wins at Clint, El Paso Chapin and El Paso Franklin. She compiled a 160-58 record with four district titles over the past seven seasons while turning Franklin into a Class 6A playoff powerhouse in rugged Region I. Webb is also active in the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Webb transitions to Vandegrift just as the Vipers move into a revamped District 25-6A this fall. The Vipers will compete with the five Round Rock school district programs — Round Rock, Westwood, Cedar Ridge, Stony Point and McNeil — as well as fellow Leander district school Vista Ridge.



Marlee Webb celebrates her 400th career win this past season with El Paso Franklin. Webb, an El Paso native, will take over Vandegrift's girls basketball program this upcoming school year. (MARK LAMBIE/EL PASO TIMES)

Hutto moves up from Class 5A to complete the Williamson County-centric district, which moves from Region II into Region IV. Six of the eight teams in the new 25-6A qualified for the playoffs this past season, including Vandegrift.

Webb replaces Jonathan Jones, who returned to his native Brownwood with his family for a business opportunity. Jones had a 90-76 record in five seasons as the Vipers' head coach and led the team on a memorable playoff run this past season. Vandegrift had to win its final four regular-season games to even

have a shot at the postseason, then won a play-in game over McNeil to secure a spot.

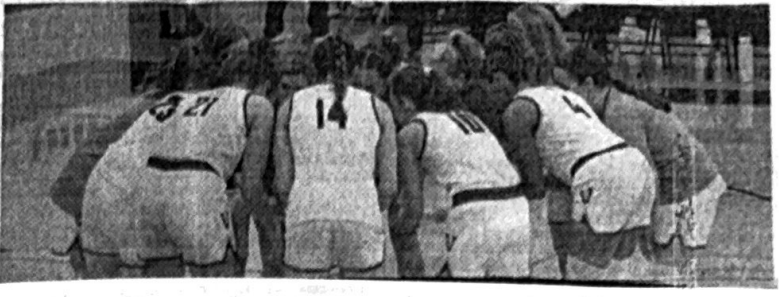
After stunning state-ranked Houston Cypress-Ranch in the first round of the playoffs, the Vipers beat Klein Collins before falling to rival Vista Ridge in the regional quarterfinals.

The Vipers look well-equipped to build on the 2020 playoff run, which was the longest in school history. Incoming juniors Skye O'Rourke and Brooke Srnick will anchor a lineup that will welcome back as many as nine players from this past season's team.

The Vandegrift Lady Vipers are 14-6 overall and 3-0 in district prior to Tuesday's expected win over Vista Ridge.

"Skye O'Rourke is leading us in scoring at 15.8, with Sarah Sheriff 9.0, and Sophia Griego

adding 9 ppg as well. Sarah leads us in rebounding with 7.1 per game, followed by Skye's 6.1, and Sophia's 4.1. Getting great contributions from Sam Ely, Kiley Atkinson, and Ana Baker," said Marlee Webb, VHS girls basketball head coach.



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Tip-ins

Sophia Griego scored 20 points and Skye O'Rourke had 16 as Vandegrift defeated Vista Ridge in the second district game 61-55. Making the District 25-6A race with a three-way tie for first, the Vipers needed the late possession of the fourth and final playoff spot with three games left.

Vandegrift trailed early, but Griego and O'Rourke turned things at the first Vipers outscored Vista Ridge 22-13 in the fourth quarter for the victory. Kiley Atkinson added 11 points for Vandegrift. Anna Pined and Taylor Beaufort had 12 points each for Vista Ridge. Anna Beatty added 11 points, and Klara Wenzel had 10.

McNeil paced past Hutto 55-23 and Cedar Ridge beat Stony Point 55-40 to force the three-way tie for first at 8-2. Thera Bell led McNeil with 18 points. Skye Samuels added 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Brooke O'Brien finished with 10 points. Alyssa Bottom led Hutto with 12 points.

Ta'neer Hamilton and Jordyn Alford scored 11 points each to lead Cedar Ridge to victory. Nadia Ripstein added nine points, and Jennifer Esau finished in seven. Stony Point's Mary Barakat led all scorers with 22 points, and Marissa Beatty and Kasey O'Connell both had seven.

Westwood staged a game behind Vandegrift in the last column as the Warriors edged Round Rock 46-42. Another high contributor to roll, improving to 25-2 overall and 11-0 in District 25-6A. The Warriors used a third quarter scoring run to defeat San Marcos 64-20. Round Rock lost to...



Vandegrift's Skye O'Rourke scored 20 points last week as the Vipers won two games. The senior has more than 1,000 career points and 600 career rebounds. (EL PASO TIMES)

Lady Viper basketball undefeated in district

HIGH SCHOOL

Eastlake names Marlee Webb as new girls basketball coach

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Marlee Webb has been a proven winner as a high school girls basketball coach in El Paso in her time at Chapin and Franklin.

After three years at Vandegrift in the Leander Independent School District near Austin, which included a 20-win season during the 2021-22 campaign, Webb is returning to El Paso to coach at Eastlake High School where she will guide the program in District 1-6A.

"I'm really glad to be home in El Paso and be back in this community," Webb said. "Eastlake has a great community and has great people at the school. I'm really looking forward to coaching this group of kids."

Webb replaces Joi Woodard, who had success at the school, including a trip to the regional quarterfinals in 2015.

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"I'm not afraid of hard work and not afraid to compete," Webb said. "I'll finish out the school year in Austin and once I'm back, we'll get to work. It's a tough District 1-6A we are in and I'm looking forward to it. I've always loved coaching El Paso kids, they play with a great deal of heart and passion."

Webb, who was a star basketball player at Hanks and graduated in 1992, has coached some of the city's best basketball players, including Kristina Higgins, Laneah Bryan, Cierra Winters and Katia Gallegos. Higgins played for Baylor, Bryan played for New Mexico, Winters played at the Air Force Academy and Gallegos played at UTEP before transferring to Tulsa.

She coached Chapin and Franklin to regional quarterfinal appearances during her time with each school.

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- **Eastlake** went on the road and **defeated** Midland **Legacy** in Midland, 27-26. Eastlake is 19-13 and Midland Legacy saw its season end at 23-11. Karina Ramos-Jurado led Eastlake with nine points and Ari Galvan scored seven points. Eastlake will play Keller in the area round.

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Legacy girls basketball loses playoff heartbreaker to Eastlake

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ENDORSEMENTS

"I am writing in support of Marlee Webb being inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. Coach Webb was one of my first coaching hires when I had the privilege of opening Chapin H.S. in the early 2000's. Coach Webb brought an amazing skill set both to the Lady Huskies Basketball Program as well as to our Social Studies Department. She is an exemplary educator both on and off the court.

Coach Webb established Chapin as a powerhouse program not only at the district level, but the regional and state levels. Through her guidance and mentoring of our student athletes, she prepared them for the opportunity to succeed at the next level as well as in life. The lessons of teamwork, dedication, and instilling coachable mindsets proved invaluable to our young ladies long after they graduation from Chapin. Her success at Chapin, the 5A level, was duplicated when she took on the 6A challenge with Franklin High School. She replicated her success with the Lady Cougars and continued to elevate Girls Basketball in our area.

Some of my fondest memories as Principal of Chapin High School were traveling with the team during tournaments and playoffs. The professionalism, caring, and nurturing of our student athletes was beyond compare. Coach Webb has the unique ability to translate the nuances of the game in a way that ensures all team members will have the opportunity to achieve their potential. I cannot think of another individual more deserving of this honor than Marlee Webb."

-Dr. Carla Gonzalez, *Chief of Schools EPISD*

"Marlee Webb would be an outstanding member of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. She has represented El Paso admirably throughout her playing, coach, teaching, and mentoring career. Marlee is an El Paso native where she began her positive impact on El Paso as a student athlete at Hanks High School. She returned to El Paso to share her love of basketball, determined spirit, and desire to inspire the youth of El Paso through Teaching and Coaching. Marlee has made a positive impact on hundreds of El Paso students and the community through her Teaching/Head Basketball positions at Chapin High School and Franklin High School. Through her successful programs she has brought state wide attention to El Paso Athletics as she lead her programs to multiple district, bi-district and area championships in the state basketball playoffs.

Marlee has consistently demonstrated her dedication to the El Paso Community as she has grown in her career as a teacher/coach. Marlee strives to be the best in all she does and this desire translates to the student athletes and communities she serves. She has also been an outstanding mentor to the young coaches in El Paso. She has shared her knowledge and abilities through coaching clinics to aspiring coaches in the El Paso and Texas area. Marlee is and has been an active member of the Texas Girls Coaches Association where she has and continues to move El Paso Athletics forward in the state of Texas through recognition of our Athletes and Programs.

Marlee Webb has been and continues to be an El Paso success in all she does. She would be a great addition to the El Paso Sports Hall of Fame."

-Kenneth Owen, *Retired Director of Athletics EPISD*

"Marlee Webb is an amazing coach! I was fortunate enough to be the Assistant AD while she was at Chapin and watched her teams always be competitive and well-disciplined. She later became the coach at Franklin where she continued her success. Watching her teams was always so much fun. She was strict but always fair. The kids responded to her in ways showing they loved and respected her. As an athletic director, we always appreciate coaches who "just do their job" well. There was never a time that she was not a complete professional. She deserves to be inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame!!"

-Maria Kennedy, *Retired Director of Athletics EPISD*

"Marlee Webb was a wonderful addition to our coaching staff at Franklin. In her seven years at Franklin, she and her athletes won five district championships, five bi-district championships, and two area championships. She was named Coach of the Year by the El Paso Times two times. Furthermore, she held her athletes to high academic standards, and many of her girls went on to play at the college level. Her athletes had great admiration for her knowledge of the sport, her dedication, and her passion. It is because of Coach Webb that her girls learned the true lessons of sportsmanship, dedication, determination, and commitment. These are lessons that truly prepared them for their future roles in life. Unbelievably, I never had an upset parent in my office concerning the girls basketball program – I can't say that for any other athletic program during my tenure as principal. Coach Webb epitomizes what a great coach should be; she brought acclaim to the Franklin program and girls basketball in El Paso."

-Carla Gasway, *Retired Principal Franklin High School*

"I met Coach Webb when she started her high school coaching career at Clint High School in the late 90's. Coach Webb was an amazing athlete herself, and has helped put El Paso Girls Basketball on the map both as a player and a coach. While coaching in El Paso ISD, Chapin and Franklin made deep playoff runs, and were top tiered programs. Upon her return to El Paso, Coach Webb continues to make her mark as she helps rebuild the girls' basketball program at Eastlake High School. It was an honor to help hire Coach Webb in Socorro ISD and I can't wait to see the programs success. Coach Webb is an amazing coach who is dedicated to helping others reach their goals. I highly recommend her to be a part of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame."

- Romelia Aragon, *Assistant Director of Athletics FWISD*

"Marlee Webb is a coaching legend and for all the right reasons. She takes care of her kids, but is demanding. She is renown for her coaching acumen, but most importantly, is a caring coach that puts kids first and she's done that her entire career. It's easy to see why she's had the success she's had. I'm proud to have coached with her."

-Drew Sanders, *Athletic Coordination and Head Football Coach Vandegrift High School*

"I played under coach Webb for all my high school years. I was able to learn and understand the role of a point guard and how to create a winning environment. She prepared me for the next level and I couldn't be more grateful. Coach Webb is an exceptional person, mentor and coach that has done a lot for El

Paso basketball. Her passion, dedication, and leadership has created a culture that demands excellence, which I believe she's achieved."

-Katia Gallegos, *Former Franklin High School All City MVP*

"Playing for coach Webb was an honor. She not only shaped me into the player I was but the person I am today. Her dedication and commitment to her teams and to women's basketball is unmatched. She's is deserving of every award out there."

-Laneah Bryan, *Former Franklin High School All City MVP*

"Coach Webb welcomed me with open arms when i moved to El Paso the beginning of my 9th grade year. Her love for the game not only inspired me but motivated me to be the player i am today. Her coaching and knowledge of the game prepared us for basketball but also for real life. She played a big part in shaping me into the person I am today. She's the true definition of a leader, someone who makes you want to be a better person, on and off the floor."

-Kristina Higgins, *Former Chapin High School All City MVP*

"High school girls basketball coach Marlee Webb has been a great ambassador for high school girls basketball coach in El Paso during her tenure at Chapin, Franklin and now Eastlake. Webb's teams are the epitome of what you love to see in a team, hard working, determined and successful.

Marlee has influenced the game in so many ways here in El Paso and she's had several players move to find success in life and basketball. She was also a successful player in high school in El Paso and later in college and has helped aspiring athletes reach that goal in her coaching career.

I've always found Coach Webb to be upfront, great with people and her interests have been first and foremost for the high school student-athlete. She is deserving of a spot in the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame."

-Felix Chavez, *El Paso Times Sports Writer*
