

Dixon Farmer Miramonte Class of 1959



Track and field bloodlines run deep in the Farmer family including Josh (center), his father Matt (left) and Grandfather Dixon (right).

Dixon Farmer was a three-time state champion runner and hurdler for Miramonte High and NCAA 400-meter hurdle champion at Occidental College.

If Miramonte had had a swimming pool, it's likely he might never have stepped on the track. "I was a swimmer, but it was the first year of classes at Miramonte and there was no pool, so I went out for track.

My dad took me to a Junior Olympics meet at Kezar Stadium and I won my age group 440. I was hooked."

He turned his attention to coaching, taking over the Occidental College program in 1968 before going on to Michigan, Washington and then San Diego State.

Dixon was part of the USA Olympic coaching staff in Sydney in 2000.

He still works the state high school championships where he is the on-field commentator.



Granddaughter Jacey, hard at it today.

"At family gatherings we talk quite a bit about track because it's a common bond, the central focus. It's a huge part of our lives and has put a lot of smiles on our faces."