

COUGAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES, 2009-2010

GREGG A. COOKE graduated from Cooper H.S. in 1973, received a B.A. from Baylor University in 1977. Gregg earned a master of foreign affairs degree from the University of Virginia, followed by a J.D. in law from Baylor in 1982. After serving on the executive staff for Texas governor Mark White, Gregg practiced corporate litigation and became partner with the Dallas law firm Geary, Stahl & Spencer.

In 1992, Gregg began his career in public service as Chief of the Natural Resource Protection and Energy Division of the Office of the Attorney General. He also served as the State of Texas' North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Liaison and later as interim General Counsel for the Border Environmental Corporation Commission (BECC) in Juarez, Mexico.

Following his state service, Gregg practiced environmental law as partner with Haynes and Boone. Gregg served as Regional Administrator of EPA Region VI for more than four years from 1998 to 2003. He was appointed by President Clinton and retained by President George W. Bush.

At his death, September 17, 2006; Gregg was Of Counsel with the environmental law firm Guida, Slavich & Flores, PC, a consultant with the D.C. based Global Environmental and Technology Foundation and was serving on the EPA's national Clean Air Act Advisory Committee.

When he wasn't practicing law or working on clean air for the state and nation, Gregg was a dad, husband, friend, brother, son, uncle, neighbor, choir member, musician, avid traveler, loyal Democrat, and a champion of those in need.

At Cooper, Gregg was involved in the film society, National Forensic League and on the Talisman staff. He was also a member of Student Council and an all district and all region band member. Gregg is survived by his wife, Melanie, his daughter Clara, two brothers, and his father Horace Cooke.

BRYAN GIBBS has been involved in mission work in South America for the past 26 years. He and his wife Becky served as missionaries in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 1983-1992. He has worked with the Continent of Great Cities ministry since February 1994.

During his 15-year ministry at Continent of Great Cities Bryan helped recruit and train more than 70 missionaries who have served as church planters throughout the South American continent. In addition, Bryan created and founded Continent of Great Cities' missionary training program, a six-month full-time "spiritual internship" that all missionaries participate in before departing for the mission field.

A 1973 graduate of Cooper, and a 1977 graduate of Abilene Christian, where he was named an outstanding alumnus in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of ACU, Bryan currently serves as Associate Director in the area of Missionary Team and Church Development for the Continent of Great Cities ministry. In fact, Bryan and his wife will move to Itu, Brazil in the coming weeks to open Continent of Great Cities' first office in South America.

Bryan's long time friend, Max Lucado describes Bryan as, "setting the standard for loyalty and dependability." "He is as reliable as the West Texas sky is big and I count him as a dear friend. Way to go, Bryan!" At Cooper Bryan was involved in football, baseball, choir, Student Council, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was also active in FTA, Thespians, and Talisman staff.

ANDY MALONE coached the Cougars to two state baseball championships in 1987 and '88. Had an overall record of 202-56 at Cooper, and has a lifetime record of 854-327 in over 40 years of coaching.

Coach Malone led the Cougars to seven district championships, seven bi-district championships, seven area championships, and seven regional semi-finals in his tenure at Cooper, reaching the quarterfinals in 1984, 1987, and 1988. His 1987 team was selected as National Champions by Collegiate Baseball magazine.

He was named American Baseball Coaches Association National District Coach of the Year in 1987 and 1988, as well as the Texas Sports Writers High School Baseball Coach of the Year in '87 and '88. His baseball acumen has also allowed him to be a Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association, an all-East Texas Coach of the Year, and the winner of the East Texas Legend Achievement Award in 2006. While at Cooper, Coach Malone also initiated the "Just Say No" program in the elementary schools.

Many baseball insiders consider his 33-3 state championship team of 1987 to be the finest collection of baseball talent in Texas schoolboy history and his two-year run of 63-10 to be one of the dynasties of high school baseball.

He and his wife Suzanne have two children, and two grandchildren.