



Living Landmark Award 2005

✪ Marvin Kay ✪

Marvin L. Kay was born on February 17, 1939 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver. His father, a Colorado School of Mines graduate, eventually settled the family in Grand Junction, where Marv completed his high school education before following in his father's footsteps to the School of Mines in 1956.

Marv distinguished himself in both football and wrestling, garnering many honors before earning his Engineer of Mines degree in 1963. After graduation he signed as a free agent with the Denver Broncos, but was cut from the team. Their loss was Golden's gain.

After a three-year military stint, Marv returned to his alma mater in 1966 to serve as the head freshman football coach and swimming coach. His accomplishments include coaching 13 All-Americans and 50 All-Conference players.

Marv has served the city of Golden with distinction. He was the mayor from 1988 to 1996 and was a member of the Golden City Council from 1986 to 1998. He has served as president of the Golden Chamber of Commerce and president of the Golden Civic Foundation, as well as chairman of the Golden Buffalo Bills Day Celebration and chairman of the Golden Oktoberfest Celebration committee. Twice the Golden Chamber of Commerce named Marv "Outstanding Citizen." In 2002 the CSM Alumni Association named Kay "Outstanding Alumnus."

As a long-time member of the Golden Civic Foundation, Marv has been a team player on several historic preservation efforts. He read in the Rocky Mountain News that a local mountaineering club and the Alpine Club of New York were jointly buying a building in Lakewood. Marv called an acquaintance to ask why they hadn't considered the old Golden High School building, which the Civic Foundation had purchased and wanted to sell. Once the mountaineering club's board checked it out, they fell in love with the building and bought it.

During his term on the city council, Marv was among those who directed funds to help our volunteer fire department acquire much-needed equipment.

In December 2003 Marv was awarded the prestigious Mines Medal by the Colorado School of Mines.

Marv is an Emeritus Professor of Physical Education and Athletics at Colorado School of Mines. Although he retired as the Director of Athletics at Mines in July of 2004, a position he held since 1995, you can still find him on campus most days, raising funds for his alma mater.