

## **Paul Vallerga - Defensive Backs Coach**

**After ten years of coaching football and track in Bakersfield California, Paul Vallerga moved his family to Bend Oregon in 1979 to join the coaching staff of a brand new high school. As a football coach who would help launch the first year of varsity sports, and its introduction into the Intermountain Conference (IMC), Vallerga has been there from the beginning of Mountain View High School football! In 1980, he also joined the teaching staff at MVHS, retiring in 2004 after 25 years. Since retiring from teaching however, Vallerga has continued to coach varsity football, and holds the distinction of coaching in every MVHS varsity football game in its history. Vallerga's high school playing career began at Napa HS in Napa CA, where he earned all-league honors in football, basketball, and was a three-time league high jump champion. He won the National Football Foundation Scholar-athlete award, and was voted unanimously into the Napa High School Hall of Fame. Vallerga attended college at the University of California at Santa Barbara where he earned six letters in football and track, and was voted MVP of the football team in 1966 and 1967. He was also named first team Little All-American defensive back in 1967, and was selected for the Coaches All-American game in 1968. After graduating from UCSB, he signed with the NFL's San Francisco 49ers, but an injury ended his playing career. He was later elected into the UC Santa Barbara Hall of Fame. Paul has been married to Lois for the past 20 years.**