

 BIOGRAPHIES

Javier Chavez

Javier Chavez grew up on a small ranch near Zacatecas, Mexico, where he learned the values of hard work and overcoming challenges.

Chavez developed a talent for track and was later the national champion of Mexico in the 800 and 1500 meter events. Track scouts offered him a scholarship to Weber State University, where he set track records and won many competitions. He was recently inducted into the Weber State Athletic Hall of Fame. Chavez volunteers as the head coach of the long distance track teams at St. Joseph's where he has received multiple Coach of the Year honors.

In 1991, Chavez opened his first restaurant. Today, he owns and operates six successful Javier's Authentic Mexican Restaurants. He has received many awards for his food and business operations as well as for his generous community service. His greatest pride comes from his family.

"I have been married for 30 years. My oldest son, Javier, 29, graduated from the University of Utah and graduated with an MBA and a law degree from Boston College. He is now a lawyer in New York City.

My son, Manuel, is 27. He graduated from the University of Michigan as a mechanical engineer and is now attending Harvard University, finishing his MBA.

My daughter, Amada, is 24. She graduated from Weber State University in communications broadcasting, and ran track on a full-ride scholarship.

My daughter, Andrea, is a junior at St. Joseph's. She is an amazing athlete, who recently won the state cross-country championships as well as winning the 800 and 1600 meters in track and field.

I'm proud to say all of my children are bilingual and have embraced being Latino."