

## 2002 Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame Class of Inductees

### Alonzo Babers

A 1983 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Alonzo Babers won two gold medals in track and field at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Babers cruised to victory in the 400 meters by posting a personal-best time of 44.27 seconds - more than half a second faster than his qualifying time in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials. Three days later, Babers ran the third leg for the United States 4 x 400 meter relay team, which also won a gold medal.

While training for and competing in the 1984 Olympics, Babers held the rank of second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Just one month after his double-gold performance in Los Angeles, Babers reported to flight training school and began his career as a pilot. He was an active duty officer in the United States Air Force from 1983-91 and continues to serve as a member of the Air Force Reserves. Now living in Potomac, Md., the 40-year-old Babers is a pilot for United Airlines.

Originally from Montgomery, Ala., Babers attended the United States Air Force Academy from 1979-83, where he ran track and played one season of football.

Babers and his wife, Beverley, are the parents of two children, Alana (13) and Cameron (5), and are expecting their third child this fall.