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In 1978 when I was 16 years is when I got my Jockey License. After getting my license to ride I rode my first race on a thoroughbred at prescott downs on Nevada VYG which I ran 7th place. My first career win was 2 months later at Rillito Park on Bensawiz for William Beverly. In 1986 I won my first quater horse race. It was the Kevin Burns Memorial Futurity in Safford Arizona. I stayed riding the Arizona circuts from 1978 to 1986. In 1986 I left to ride in Raton NM with my brothers. It started going good for me, winning my trials for the Laddie, Lassie and the Land Of Enchanment. After the trials I got I got injured and was out of racing for 2 years. When I got released to ride I went back to riding in the Arizona Circuts. Little after I started riding Pies Royal Request for Wayne Brasher in 1994. We were blessed winning 12 straight races (14 in total) with Pie and Wayne. Those races included the Prescott handicap, Walter Goodwin Handicap, Turf Paradise Derby, Sunland Park Fall Derby and the West Texas Maturity. After riding Pies Royal Request in Ruidoso placing 3rd in the All American Gold Cup. I went back to Arizona to continue my riding over there. Then in 2000 I decided to go back to New Mexico and continue my riding over there. Doors started to open up for me in New Mexico. In July 2000 I won the Futurity Consolation in Ruidoso for John Bassett on Roll of Mischief. With the help of my brother Fernando and Agent Susan my riding started to pick up. I started to ride for Mike Joiner. Rode some amazing horses like Cheering Cash and Kendall Jackson. In 2001 I won the West Texas Derby for Mike Joiner on Kendall Jackson at Sunland Park. Then in 2002 I won the Shue Fly S. on a Maiden horse Runawaywiththecash for Ben Torres. My racing was going good for me but I started to go down the wrong path in life. Being away from home and many hard time in life I fell into a dark place. My brother Fernando and Nephew Fernie Jr never left my side and kept believing and showing me support. They kept pushing me to keep going and believe in myself. In December of 2002 I met my wife Christin. With my wife, Daughter Eileen, brother Fernie, nephew Fernie JR, Agent Susan, and parents they inspired me to keep going. In 2004 my daughter Elysa was born and thats when I knew I needed to pick up the pieces and get on the right path. I was ready to get back to riding and fufill my dreams. On February 8, 2012 my father Greg Gamez sr passed away suddenly. He was the main reason why I became a Jockey. One of his dreams was to see one of his sons ride in the All American in Ruidoso. After he passed and I won the first memorial race in honor of himat Rillito Park on Racer Mobile for my brother Fernando Gamez that inspired me to go back to New Mexico and work to not only accomplish my dads dream but also mine. I knew I would have my dad by my side. Went back to Start the meet in Sunland Park. I started working with Reagall Eagle in the schooling races. I felt that this was the horse that that would get me the All American. While in the Sunland meet I won the Lou Wooten and Sydney Valentini on Desert Delight Cash. That same year in 2013 I went determined to fufill my dream in Ruidoso. Just missed qualifying Reagal Eaglein the Ruidoso Futurity. Then qualified Reagal Eagle with the fastest time for the Rainbow Futurity. I ran 5th in the final race, but I still didnt loose faith. Then the trials came for the All American Futurity and qualified with Reagal Eagle. I was excited because I was going to be riding in the All American. My son in law joined my team as my agent, I knew from then on things would only go up from

there. I ran 2nd in the All American with Reagal Eagle. Even though I didnt win that race to me qualifying and running 2nd was a dream come true and wished my dad was there to see it happen. But I know he was there in spirit cheering me on. 2014 was my greatest year in my racing career. I won the Sunland Challenge Championship with Jesscuzican, Hobbs America Futurity with Takiana Romanva B, The Rainbow Futurity on a 99-1 longshot Trendi and the All American Derby with Tooflashforyou. Winning the All American Derby with my family by my side was one of the greatest blessing in my life. Best feeling ever. I was also a nominee for Quarter horse Jockey of the year and was ranked 5th in the nation. In 2015 I won the Hobbs America Futurity with Game Change. Winning that race 2 years in a row. Then in 2016 my son in law was able to pick up Carson City Girl for the Shue Fly S and won it. After many years of success in 2016 I got injured in Sunland right before the West Texas Trials. It was about 6 months I was out from riding. When I got released I went back to ride in Sunland. But then Sunland meet was stopped due to the virus going around with the horses. So I decided to go back and ride in Rillito. I had a good meet in my hometown and was leading rider that year in 2017. When the meet was over in Rillito I went back to continue my riding in New Mexico. Then in 2018 I decided to go back and ride in Rillito and Sunland Park. In Sunland Park riding was slow but steady. The meet in Rillito started off with success. Then on February 23, 2018 I was going to ride a race in Sunland Park then head to Tucson to ride a full card in Rillito. But during the race in Sunland Park I got injured after falling of my horse. With this accident I fractured my C3 Vertabrae, slight seperation of my C6 and C7 vertabrae, broke my right foot, hematoma on my left thigh, tore my rotator cup on my right shoulder, and a concussion. I was in the hospital for a week then got sent to a rehabilitation hospital for 3 weeks. I have had a long rode of recovery after this accident. After surgeries, physical therapy, injections the doctor told me I would have to retire from my riding career, because if I had another spill I could stay paralyzed or die due to my neck injury. So with this accident it ended my career, but I am grateful and blessed with the 40 years of riding and fufilling my dreams and the accomplishments.

I want to Thank my wife for being my backbone it was a rough road but you never lost faith. My daughters Eileen and Elysa for being by my side supporting me, loving me and believing in me. My parents for the advise, love and support you always gave me. My son in law Jason for the hard work and dedication you brought to the team and we succeeded. My grandkids for their love and excitment of seeing their Tata ride. My brother Fernando for all the advice and support you give me. To all the trainers, owners, friends and family thank you for believing in me to get the job done. Thank you God for a wonderful riding career you blessed me with.

Quarter Horses Stats: Multiple Stakes Winning Jockey

Starts 3,591 wins 466 Seconds 471 Thirds 434

Thoroughbred Stats