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COA Announces Student Athletes of the Month

Sacramento, CA . . . The Community College League of California Commission on Athletics (COA), in partnership with the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA) today named Rene Escobar (Riverside College, baseball) and Corrine Milligan (Citrus College, softball) as the COA Student Athletes of the Month for February 2007.

Rene Escobar, a 5-foot-11, 190-pound first baseman from Perris HS, has been a consistent producer for the Tigers, the state's top-ranked team and No. 2 in the nation. Escobar batted .426 (29-for-68) for the month, including 13 extra-base hits. In just 14 games, he knocked in a team-leading 29 runs, while scoring 19 and his .750 slugging percentage ranks among the best in the state. Defensively, Escobar has been stellar, posting a .995 fielding percentage with just one error in 185 chances.

Corrine Milligan, a 5-foot-8 right handed pitcher from Bonita HS in Pomona, has been the catalyst in leading the Fighting Owls to one of the best starts in school history. Milligan posted a 1.03 ERA, while striking out 92 batters in 68 innings of work, including seven complete games. The stellar athlete has also been strong at the plate, batting .410 with 11 runs and seven RBI. She is currently in the top-10 statewide in strikeouts and wins and in the top-20 statewide in strikeouts per seven innings and earned run average.

Men's Honorable Mention, February 2007:

Kevin Camacho (Cerritos), Brian Sullivan and Pat Murray (Golden West), Lance Hurdle (San Bernardino), Michael Gonzales (Citrus), Kevin Lashley (LA Valley), Eric Deragisch (Sierra), Mike Nash (Barstow), Rashad Taylor (Skyline), Kyle Griffin (Santa Rosa), and Todd Fleener (Cuesta).

Women's Honorable Mention, February 2007:

Jessica Navaro (Cerritos), Joanna Torres (Golden West), Jasmine Marshall (San Bernardino), Candace Chatman (LA Valley), Anabel Sanchez (Riverside), and Michelle Jost (Cuesta).

About the COA:

The Community College League of California Commission on Athletics (COA) is a non-profit organization per IRS Section 501 (c)(3). The COA establishes the rules and regulations to administer the athletic activities of the nearly 25,000 student athletes at California's community colleges. To view the latest news, information, and updates of all 23 COA-sanctioned sports visit www.coasports.org.

Student athlete biographies provided by the CCCSIA.