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COA to Open 10th Annual Convention April 3 in Ontario

Sacramento, CA . . . The Community College League of California Commission on Athletics (COA) will open the 10th Annual COA Convention on April 3 at the Doubletree Ontario Airport Hotel in Ontario, CA. The Annual COA Convention, which will conclude April 6, is the largest yearly gathering of athletic personnel within the world's largest system of higher education. The event is attended by community college presidents, athletic directors, coaches, affiliate organizations and COA corporate partners. The 2007 convention will feature the theme "Ride the Wave!"

The convention has expanded to four days in 2007, based on membership recommendations and the work of a convention planning committee comprised of representatives from all COA affiliate organizations. The new format will allow more time for professional development sessions and forums to address the issues facing community college athletics and COA member colleges.

"Our theme this year represents a renewed focus on what we do and how we do it as an organization" said COA Executive Director Carlyle Carter. "We are asking our members not just to embrace change but be an active participant in the process. If it's not broken we won't need to fix it but we should periodically review our operation and policies to ensure that they are in sync. We are asking the COA membership to 'ride the wave' of change."

Legislation of note to be discussed and voted upon by the COA Management Council (Thursday April 5) and COA Board (Friday April 6) include a name change for the "membership" organization. The COA Board will continue to be referenced as the "Commission on Athletics" and continue to fulfill their mandate to oversee and serve as the regulatory body for California community college athletics. The membership organization name, if approved, will be the "California Community College Athletic Association" (CCCAA). In addition, the COA is entertaining groundbreaking legislation to require compliance with Title IX in order to be classified as a member in good standing.

Highlights of this year's annual gathering include the Pepsi Celebration of Student Athletes Luncheon, the COA Hall of Fame Banquet, and the "Honoring Our Own" Luncheon.

On Wednesday April 4, the "Honoring Our Own" Luncheon will feature award presentations by the COA's affiliate organizations.

The Pepsi Celebration of Student Athletes Luncheon on Thursday April 5 will honor Jonathon Falcioni (Chaffey College) and Mary Hanley (Moorpark College) as recipients of the 2006 Pepsi Scholar Athlete Award, as well as 2006 Honor Roll members and Scholar Teams. The California Community College Academic Advisors for Athletes (3C4A) will also present achievement awards to Jason McClellan (Cerritos College) and Monica Macer (De Anza College) as well as special recognition awards.

On Thursday evening, the COA Hall of Fame will induct four new members, Zelda Bolden (Mt. San Antonio College), Denny Crum (L.A. Pierce College), James Newman (L.A. Harbor and Compton Colleges), and Arnie Robinson (San Diego Mesa College).

Registration is required to attend all events at the COA Annual Convention. For details and registration information, visit www.coasports.org/convention.

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.