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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 Erina Hung (Saddleback College, tennis) and Edino Steele (Pasadena City College, track and field) the COA Student Athletes of the Month for May 2007.

Erina Hung capped off her freshman tennis season during the month of May with both individual and team awards, including a perfect, undefeated season in doubles.

During the month of May, Hung was 7-3 in singles as Saddleback's No. 1 singles player. She won two dual-team matches by defeating Ventura's top player, Ally Limon, in the regional semifinals and defeating Sierra's top singles player, Jessica Miller, in the COA championship by a 6-4, 6-0 score. All three of Hung's singles losses in May were to eventual State Champion Jaleh Mazehari of Orange Coast. Mazehari defeated Hung in the semifinals of the regional tournament, the semifinals of the state tournament, and in the dual-team regional finals.

Hung got her revenge in doubles play as she capped off a perfect year as part of Saddleback's No. 1 doubles team with Kathy Dennis. They began by winning the Ojai Tournament at the end of April, where Hung was also the singles runner-up, then helping their team win dual team playoff matches over Ventura and Orange Coast, followed by winning the Southern California Regional doubles title, and then finishing off the season by winning the state doubles title.

Hung finished the year with a 27-0 record in doubles and a 23-7 overall singles record, helping lead Saddleback to a state runner-up finish. It was the first time that Saddleback had reached the state dual-team championship match in women's tennis.

Hung was named as the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Rookie of the Year as the top freshman tennis player in the CCCAA and was also selected to the 2007 ITA All American team.

Edino Steele, a Pasadena City College sophomore sprinter, was named the Track Athlete of the Meet for his outstanding performance in the 2007 California Community Colleges COA Championships May 18-19. Steele capped a remarkable two-year sports career for the Lancers men's track and field team by winning four state meet events, a first by a PCC athlete.

Steele won the 200m and 400m races, and was on both the Lancers' winning 4x100m and 4x400m relay squads as he helped earn 40 team points. PCC captured the state team title, an achievement that ended a 23-year drought for the entire Pasadena sports program.

Steele, from Pacific High in New York and a member of the junior national Jamaican track team, was one of four athletes given post-meet awards as coaches handed out trophies for Top Track Athlete for both men and women, and Top Field Athlete for both genders.

Steele also won the same four events (200m, 400m, 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay) at the Southern California Championships. Last year, Steele was the 100m and 200m champion in the SCC and the 400m champion at the SoCal Finals.

His 20.37 time set earlier this year in the 200m during the SCC Prelims Meet is the fastest college time in the nation. His state meet winning mark of 45.77 in the 400m was the fastest community college time in the nation and third best for all colleges.

Honorable Mention, May 2007

Women: Jessica Navarro (Cerritos, softball), Jenni Johnson (Santiago Canyon, track and field), Aleisha Woodley (Long Beach, track and field), Becca Reyes (Cuesta, track and field).

Men: Jordan Pollock (Sequoias, swim and dive), Patrick Haugen (Cuesta, baseball), Jared Ware (Long Beach, track and field), Robbie Berton (Saddleback, golf), Oscar Ogward (East Los Angeles, track and field).

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.

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