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Program
CSM Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Friday, September 14th, 2012
4:00 pm . . . Unveiling Ceremony . . . . . . . Hall of Fame Plaza
4:45 pm . . . No Host Cocktails/Drawing . . . . Bayview Dining Room, College Center
6:00 pm . . . Dinner/Induction Ceremony . . . Bayview Dining Room, College Center
Inductees:
Norm Angelini  Chris Diehl  Steve Hamann  Tom Scott
Stacy Bergstedt  Rich Donner  Ed Kertel  Steve Shafer
Greg Buckingham  Jeff Fishback  Mike Lewis  Jack Thur
Oliver Byrd  Cindy Galarza  Frank Pignataro  Berny Wagner

Hal Ramey - Master of Ceremonies
Hal Ramey began his broadcasting career as a student at CSM from 1965 to 1966. He worked for the campus stations, doing a weekly sports show and football play-by-play on KCSM-FM. He did CSM basketball telecasts on KCSM-TV. Hal has been the sports director and afternoon sports anchor at KCBS radio since 1987 and has been covering Bay Area sports for most of his life—since starting as a writer for Lon Simmons at radio station KSFO in 1969. Prior to that he assisted the CSM sports information office and Junior College Athletic Bureau in compiling local and state statistics reports for the news media.

Hal served as the radio play-by-play voice at Stanford University, Santa Clara University, and San Jose State University, as well as the for Oakland Athletics, and has done a variety of football, basketball and soccer telecasts. He served as the San Francisco 49ers public address announcer for 20 years during their Super Bowl days of the ’80s and ’90s. Hal was also the voice for football and basketball at the University of Oregon from 1984 to 1987.

Hal’s sports reports and play-by-play work has earned awards from the Radio-Television News Directors Association, the Associated Press, and the United Press International. Hal was elected to the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame in 2011, along with retired CSM professor and broadcasting instructor Dan Odum.
It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to CSM’s Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This year’s honorees are a group of notable men and women who represent a variety of sports and include three Olympians. These former coaches and students athletes have achieved personal and professional distinction. More importantly, they symbolize the character and dedication of the faculty, staff and students who enter our doors each day. The inductees are talented students who, believing that anything is possible, pursued their athletic dreams. The inductees are also esteemed faculty who served as shining examples of the excellence that we continually strive to achieve at the College. Thank you for attending the Hall of Fame ceremony and for celebrating with us the accomplishments of these extraordinary honorees.

On behalf of College of San Mateo, I welcome you to CSM’s Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. As the college celebrates its 90th year, we are proud to have established the Hall of Fame to permanently honor the outstanding accomplishments of our former student athletes and coaches. As you will hear at tonight’s event, the achievements of this class of inductees are truly remarkable. The Hall of Fame is a wonderful opportunity to look back on our athletic legacy as we honor the most successful student athletes and coaches that have been associated with CSM.

Congratulations to all of our honorees. We are privileged to celebrate their success.

It is with great privilege and honor that we present for induction the second class of College of San Mateo’s Athletics Hall of Fame. This distinguished class of inductees have graced the storied history of our athletic program, with many of them achieving athletic accolades from professional to Olympic participation. Some simply achieved their athletic success while here at College of San Mateo. Regardless of their paths, they all have made their mark on the institution and we are honored to call them “family.” Ultimately, the beauty of the community college system is that it provides a platform for those who strive to meet the challenges they encounter in life.

Cycling through 90 years of history to select this distinguished class has been no easy feat, and we owe a great deal of gratitude to the selection committee members; Gary Dilley, Fred Baer, Rich Statler and Bill Dickey who spent countless hours selecting the inductees and planning the event. Additionally, planning a ceremony of this magnitude requires the assistance of a team who has worked graciously to ensure the presentation of a first-class event; Bev Madden, Dave McLain and the Marketing Department, Val Anderson and the President’s Office, Karen Powell and the Facilities Department, Brian Tupper and the Public Safety Office. Thanks also to our current distinguished coaching staff who has worked behind the scenes to support this event. Lastly, our executive administration, Mike Claire, Susan Estes and Jennifer Hughes and Chancellor of San Mateo County Community College District Ron Galatolo are to be publicly acknowledged for their continued support of CSM’s athletic program.

On behalf of the Athletic Department, we proudly present the class of 2012, and humbly know, “We stand on the shoulders of those that came before us.”
A Tribute to Coach Tom Martinez

1945–2012

Most of the athletes called him “Coach.” Some called him “Coach Martinez” but however he was addressed, it was with respect. Tom Martinez coached at College of San Mateo for over thirty years, and at one time he was the head coach of three different sports: football, women’s basketball and softball. He was proud to be a Bulldog. His license plate read “Bulldog 5” and his teams always had winning seasons. Tom won more contests than any other coach in California community college history. The athletes on Tom’s teams felt special. Being coached by Tom meant that they were part of his Bulldog legacy. Tom demanded maximum effort and dedication; in return, he gave his knowledge, inspiration and love. Tom loved his players and he loved being a College of San Mateo coach. Unlike the hole that immediately disappears after a stone is dropped into water, Tom’s mark remains. Tom passed away on his birthday, March 21, 2012.

Tom Martinez started his teaching and coaching career at Jefferson High School. In 1974 he joined the CSM faculty and quickly became one of the outstanding community college football coaches in the state. His ability to dissect a defense and find the weak spots led to the Bulldogs becoming one of the top offensive teams. When Tom added women’s basketball and softball to his coaching load he embarked on a career that would result in winning 32 championships. Most fellow coaches and athletes remember Tom’s magnetic personality more than his many wins. Tom’s incredible sense of humor made him a favorite of people who just wanted to be in his presence. In the heat of battle his comments were direct and to the point. He did not soft peddle his comments. And in the blink of an eye, he would say something that would break everyone up with laughter. A softball player who was instructed to swing the bat and get a hit let a couple of pitches go by for called strikes. Tom yelled “Swing the bat, a blind squirrel could tell that those were strikes.” One football player reported this incident, “I remember when I came to practice in those striped socks Randy Moss used to wear. I was horribly skinny. Coach Martinez says out loud in front of everybody ‘What are those, candy canes...?’ Man, the whole team hit the floor, even Coach O was laughing.... I was super embarrassed.... He didn’t care who you were; if you did something silly he was going to let you know.” The consensus of opinion of those who knew Tom was summarized by this athlete, “He was the greatest and I think of him daily. He was always there for me and I am thankful for that.”

Tom Martinez was proud of his teams but even more proud of his family. His three children are graduates of various University of California campuses; they hold graduate degrees; wife Olivia holds a doctorate and was vice president of Cañada College. Tom is a member of many athletic halls of fame including San Mateo County, Daly City, San Francisco State University, the California Community College Softball Coaches Association and the California Community College Women’s Basketball Coaches Association. Tom is a member of the inaugural class of the College of San Mateo Athletic Hall of Fame and we miss him.

Baseball

2-time All-Golden Gate Conference; Posted a John Noce Era 19-4 W-L Record; Pitched for Kansas City Royals

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Stacy Leigh Bergstedt

Softball
California Community College Batting Champion; Golden Gate Conference MVP; Assistant Coach to Tom Martinez for 20 Years; Played in Italian National League

Stacy Bergstedt’s incredible ability to connect the bat with the softball set her apart from other players. She grew up in the shadow of College Heights: Parkside Elementary School, Bayside Middle School and Aragon High School. She played every sport and excelled in most. She was MVP on the Aragon softball, field hockey and track and field teams.

It was at College of San Mateo that she achieved her greatest success. In two seasons on the Bulldog softball team, Stacy was named All-Golden Gate Conference, and in her second season, 1980, was named conference MVP.

Stacy Bergstedt was great at the plate. As a result of batting .600 in league games and .544 for the season, she was the California community college state batting champion. In her two years at CSM, Stacy hit seven home runs; two were grand slams.

Her Bulldog spirit continued after her eligibility to play ended. Stacy continued as an assistant coach to Tom Martinez for the next 20 years. Stacy worked with softball players, kept the official score book at women’s basketball games as well as operated the game clock and kept the chart of plays called by Coach Martinez during football games.

Regarding the impact CSM athletics had on her life, Stacy wrote:

“CSM athletics greatly affected my life. I was proud to be a Bulldog and to wear the blue and white...Tom Martinez taught me the importance of taking what I learned in athletics and applying it to real life.”

Stacy’s career highlights included the win against archival West Valley. Down 3-1 in the top of the seventh inning, Stacy hit a bases-loaded triple that put the Bulldogs up 4-3 for the win. CSM and West Valley contended every year for the league crown. Another crucial game was against Chabot at Central Park. Stacy overcame her reluctance to slide by practicing alone the night before the game. Good thing she did. After safely sliding into third on a close play, she had to slide at the plate. By kicking the ball out of the catcher’s glove, she was safe and the Bulldogs won the game. Another highlight came when Stacy won the state batting title.

After CSM, Coaches John Noce and Tom Martinez made it possible for Stacy to play softball in the Italian National League for two seasons. In spirit and ability, Stacy Bergstedt is a true Bulldog and an honored member of the CSM Athletic Hall of Fame.
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At CSM, Greg set four national JC records. One mark, in the 1,650 yard freestyle, was 29 seconds faster than the winning time at the NCAA Championships that year. He set CSM records in 13 of the 17 events, was a JC All-American in 12 events, and set 4 Golden Gate Conference records.

Coach Donner wrote the following about Greg:

“The presence of the late Greg Buckingham was instrumental in putting College of San Mateo on the aquatic map. The class of this man was demonstrated when he returned from the East Coast where he set an American record for the 400 yard individual medley, and asked... ‘how is Lance’s shoulder?’ He also hurried his return to CSM in order to swim in a meet to help contribute the necessary points for us to take third in the league.”

Buckingham transferred to Stanford, reinforcing the University’s campaign for its first NCAA swimming championship. In 1967 Greg won first place in the 200 and 500 freestyle and was a member of the winning 800 freestyle relay, all of which set NCAA and American records. He also took second in the grueling 1650 freestyle.

In 1968 Greg Buckingham claimed his place in Olympic history. He won the silver medal in the 200 meter individual medley, finishing just a second behind USA teammate Charles Hickcox. Buckingham also placed fourth in the 400 individual medley.

Greg Buckingham died in 1990. His accomplishments, his dedication and warm personality, however, are still celebrated today by those who knew him.

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At Menlo-Atherton High School he was named to the All-American scholastic team for water polo and for seven events in swimming. Greg’s high school coach, Bob Gaughran, coincidentally a teammate of Rich Donner at Sequoia High School, helped develop the talents of many top swimmers and Greg was among the best.

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He was a champion swimmer at all levels, also claiming four National AAU titles.
Oliver E. “Tex” Byrd

Track and Field Coach

Founding President of National JC Athletic Association 75 Years Ago—While Coaching Track at CSM, his Athletes Set 16 National JC Records; 5 Competed at 1936 U.S. Olympic Trials

Oliver “Tex” Byrd was hired as a part-time instructor by Dean Morris in 1932 to teach biology, health, and physical education at San Mateo Junior College (SMJC). He was then asked if he would also like to coach the college track and field team. Tex jumped at the opportunity despite the fact that he was still in graduate school at Stanford University. The challenges were great: no track, no equipment, and no athletes.

During his five years at SMJC, Tex developed one of the most impressive track and field programs in the nation. He coached 138 student athletes who set 16 national and world junior college records. Five SMJC athletes qualified for the 1936 U.S. Olympic Trials at Randall’s Island, New York. One former Bulldog and member of CSM’s inaugural Hall of Fame class, Archie Williams, not only made the team but won the Olympic gold medal in the 400 meters in Berlin. Williams earlier set the world record in the NCAA championship meet running for the University of California.

The student athletes Tex trained at SMJC recorded marks that are still impressive today. When he left San Mateo for Stanford, seven of his Bulldog athletes also transferred to the “Farm.” Others transferred to Cal, Washington, and other top universities.

Tex was born in Arkansas but attended high school in San Antonio, Texas, and Central Union High School in El Centro, California. Byrd’s father died of typhoid fever before Tex was a year old and his mother had to place him in an orphanage for four years.

Tex began working at the age of six and despite the financial hardships his family faced, he was an excellent student and athlete. He earned a scholarship to Stanford University where he received a bachelor’s degree in economics and a master’s degree in hygiene and physical education while participating in track and field.

In 1937 Tex left SMJC to teach at Stanford. He was also offered the opportunity to succeed legendary coach Dink Templeton as the Stanford track coach but declined. In 1939 he was again offered the track coaching position at Stanford, but after two days, decided not to coach for fear that it would interfere with his professorial duties. In 1939, Tex received his doctorate in hygiene and was promoted from the position of instructor to assistant professor of hygiene.

Dr. Byrd received an M.D. from the University of California School of Medicine in 1947 and went on to become a full professor at Stanford—where he continued teaching and eventually founded the Stanford University School of Health Education. In retirement, Tex continued to write books and articles and review scholarly literature in the field of health. He served on numerous boards and commissions and was honored for his work by the American School Health Association, the California State Assembly, and other bodies.

In 1958 Tex was named to the Hall of Fame of the National Junior College Athletic Association, an organization he helped found while at San Mateo and served as the organization’s first president. Oliver “Tex” Byrd was an outstanding educational leader who was dedicated to high academic and athletic standards.

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Olympians

Archie Williams: 1936 Olympic 400 meter gold medalist (& teammate of Jesse Owens); 4:40 yard world record breaker.

Nicole Carroll-Lewis: State javelin champion; 1996 USA Olympian; USA National and Olympic Trials champion.

Softball Player

Jenny Freeman: 2-time All-NorCal and all-state player, Northern California MVP for Coach Tom Martinez.

Basketball Coaches

Jack Avina: First CSM basketball coach at College Heights; Division I coach at Portland; international coach; former JC player

Ray Balsley: CSM basketball coach 1946-1959 (winning percentage near .600 and won 2 conference titles); as golf coach won CSM’s only state team championship and six individual state titles.

Baseball Coach

John Noce: First CSM baseball coach at College Heights; record 771 wins; international coach.

Track Coach

Bob Rush: Cross country & track hall of fame coach; inventor; Crystal Springs course developer; announcer.

Football Players

Bill Walsh: CSM quarterback; won 3 Super Bowls as 49ers coach; 2 dozen NFL head coaches on his coaching tree; won 3 college bowl games as Stanford coach.

John Madden: CSM football player; JC and Super Bowl winning coach; Pro Football Hall of Fame member.

Bill Ring: All-conference CSM player; 2 Super Bowl rings with 49ers (& Eshmont Award winner).

Neal Dahlen: CSM all-star QB and coach, holds record seven Super Bowl rings with 49ers (5) and Broncos (2) including as GM.

Football Coaches

Murius McFadden: 40-year CSM coach (3 sports) and administrator; coached 2 state champion football teams.

Herb Hudson: Coach of inductees Bill Walsh, John Madden, John Noce in 32-year CSM career; also athletic director and dean.

Bill Dickey: JC All-America player at CSM; head coach & associated with CSM for 56 years; college and professional coach.

Ted Tollner: CSM head coach; head coach at USC (winning Rose Bowl) & San Diego State; NFL offensive coach.

Tom Martinez: Winningest California Community College coach (1,400 wins in football, women’s basketball and soft-
Carl B. “Berny” Wagner

Track and Field/Cross Country Coach

Win Golden Gate Conference Track & Cross Country Championships; at Oregon State Developed Fosbury Flop with 1968 Olympic High Jump Champ Dick Fosbury; USA National Coach/Administrator

Berny Wagner’s career was nothing short of spectacular. He is one of the greatest coaches of track and field of all time. Berny’s first college coaching position was at College of San Mateo from 1940-1942. In 1942, he joined the faculty at San Mateo High School.

Berny’s tenure at OSU was equally spectacular. He was known for his enthusiasm and dedication to his athletes. During his 13 years at OSU, his teams dominated the competition. The Bulldog track team won 29 out of 31 meets, the Golden Gate Conference Championship in 1964 and 1965, as well as the West Coast Relays Championship in 1964. His cross country teams posted similar success with 25 wins against only one loss and Conference Championship in 1964 and 1965.

Berny studied chemical and mechanical engineering at Caltech and Stanford University where he earned his bachelor's and masters degrees. One of Berny's professors at Stanford, Oliver “Tex” Byrd, was responsible for encouraging Berny to become a coach. Byrd had been the outstanding track and field coach at San Mateo Junior College in the 1930’s before joining the Stanford faculty. Byrd and Wagner, members of the 2012 CSM Hall of Fame induction class, have shared personal histories through sport and education.

Berny Wagner left Oregon State in 1975 and embarked upon an administrative and coaching career that would include serving as national coach/coordinator of The Athletics Conference, supervisor of the implementation of the National Men’s and Women’s Track & Field Development Committees, liaison with the U.S. Olympic Committee; executive director of the U.S. Track & Field Association, head coach of the Saudi Arabian track and field team, and numerous other coaching positions and membership on athletic boards and commissions.

Berny Wagner is a member of the OSU Sports Hall of Fame, San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame, Lodi Sports Hall of Fame and U.S. Track Coaches Association’s National Track Coaches Hall of Fame. Berny’s accomplishments place him among the elite coaches in the world of track and field.

Chris Diehl

Track and Field

2-time State Heptathlon Champ; State High Jump Champ; Still Holds 3 CSM Track & Field Records; San Mateo Times “Woman of the Eighties Top Athlete”

Chris Diehl was the California community college state champion in the heptathlon in 1988 and 1989. She also won the State title in the high jump. Chris was thus considered the season’s best GCC female athlete.

Track and field was not the only sport in which Chris excelled. She was an All-League basketball and All-League volleyball player at Half Moon Bay High School. In addition to being a multiple league champion in track, she also was CCS region champion in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Chris found outstanding coaching at College of San Mateo and she wrote:

Attending CSM was the beginning of my foundation as an athlete and as an adult. Bob Rush and Mike Lewis molded me into a serious athlete and they were integral parts in my growth in every aspect of life. Mike’s mellow suggestions (or subtle commands) while teaching me the shot and javelin, helped me to throw levels I was sure I couldn’t possibly achieve. Coach Rush, with all his enthusiasm, got me to run cross country and participate in 10 track events at a meet.

Chris continues to hold the CSM records for the high jump at 5’8 ½,’’ the triple jump at 38’8 1/2,” and the heptathlon with 4,962 points. The San Mateo Times named her “Woman of the Eighties Top Athlete.” Chris transferred to San Francisco State University (SFSU) where she earned All-American honors in the heptathlon, javelin, and high jump and still holds SFSU records for each of those events. Following graduation from State, Chris taught physical education and coached track at El Camino High School for several years.

Chris stated that the positive experience she enjoyed as a Bulldog student athlete with “such positive, wonderful coaches, is a huge reason for my career as a teacher and track coach.” She sees athletics as an arena to help students grow in many aspects of their lives. Chris currently lives in Placerville with her daughter. Her mother, who was the “best track mom...and has been my biggest support,” lives nearby. Chris Diehl’s outstanding accomplishments in track and field are among the highlights of CSM’s athletic history.

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Rich Donner

Water Polo and Swimming Coach

2 State Water Polo Runner-up Finishes & 6 Conference Titles; 1st in State Swimming; 90-12 Dual Meet Record; Teacher at CSM for 38 years

Rich Donner put College of San Mateo on the swimming and water polo map. Beginning in 1963 when he joined the CSM faculty, Rich led the Bulldog water polo team to 306 wins against only 110 losses in 16 seasons. With six Golden Gate Conference championships, 11 second-place finishes in Northern California, 12 State appearances in his first 13 seasons and two second-place finishes in the State Championship Tournament, Rich Donner truly earned a place of honor in the history of Bulldog athletics.

The fact that Rich carved out such success with one pool that was only 20-yards long and another that had two shallow ends is a testament to his tremendous coaching ability. Rich coached and taught at CSM for 38 years.

The Bulldog swimming team earned similar success. Coach Donner amassed a career record of 90 wins against only 12 losses in dual meets. The Bulldog swim teams qualified for the State Championships every year and finished as high as third place.

Coach Donner’s success as a coach was the culmination of several important factors: his in-depth knowledge of the sport of water polo achieved through his own experience as an all-conference prep and collegiate, and his coaches and mentors who instilled in him a love for athletics and education.

Rich regards highlights of his career being the many water polo players and swimmers and divers that were awarded All-American honors, the outstanding records his teams posted and his experiences as an international coach. Rich was head coach of the United States water polo team that won gold in the Maccabiah Games in 1969 and 1971.

Rich has always been generous in his praise for those who mentored and inspired him. Of particular importance to his career were Dr. Julio Bortolazzo, College of San Mateo president; Gordon Gray, CSM physical education director responsible for recommending him to be hired; and Ray Balley, CSM golf and basketball coach, physical educator, friend and mentor who guided Rich as a teacher, coach and father.

Rich was born in San Francisco. His family moved to Redwood City where he attended Sequoia High School. He was a premier swimmer and water polo player and was honored for his contributions to his career as a coach and educator at College of San Mateo. He was only 20-yards long and another that had two shallow ends is a testament to his tremendous coaching ability. Rich coached and taught at CSM for 38 years.

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Jack Thur

Football Coach

CSM Line Coach for more than 3 Decades; All-NorCal High School Player at Jefferson High School (Teammate of CSM Hall of Famer John Madden); Accepted Scholarship to Michigan State after Freshman Season at CSM

Jack Thur was born in Herrin, Illinois, and grew up in Daly City. Jack attended Jefferson High School and was coached by the legendary Joe McGrath for four years. He was an outstanding football player both as an offensive and defensive lineman and was named to the 1st Team All-PAL and All-Northern California.

Jack joins several other CSM Athletic Hall of Famers who were both CSM student athletes and coaches. Jack attended CSM for one year before accepting an athletic scholarship to attend Michigan State University. At MSU he played center, noseguard, and linebacker. He also earned his bachelor of science degree and teaching credential and then returned to California.

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Steve Shafer began his coaching career at College of San Mateo in 1968. He credits CSM as the beginning of a coaching career that led him across the country to positions that culminated at the highest level of coaching achievement in football: a win in the Super Bowl.

Steve was an All-League football player at Burbank High School in Burbank, where he also competed in the pole vault on the track team. He then attended College of the Sequoias and Utah State University. He played on both sides of the ball—quarterback and defensive back—and thus gained a broad understanding of football.

Steve's five-year career with the BC Lions of the Canadian Football League included a Grey Cup Championship in 1964 for which he and his teammates are honored as members of the BC Lions Wall of Fame.

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Track and Field

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Jeff Fishback's athletic career is nothing short of remarkable. Jeff is the son of a community college (Sacramento City) and then University of California track star, Dell Fishback, who also was a physical education instructor and athletic coach at College of San Mateo. While dad coached at CSM, young Jeff attended San Mateo High School. (Dell Fishback had just missed making the 1956 Olympic team while also coaching at CSM.)

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Cindy Galarza is also a member of the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame. In 1978 she was named the San Mateo Times first female prep Athlete of the Year.

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Thomas Cary Scott

Football
Led All College Players in All-Purpose Yards at CSM; Golden Gate Conference Player of the Year & All-American; Canadian Football League Hall of Famer & Record 10,837 Receiving Yards; 5-time Grey Cup Champion

Tom Scott was a jet on the football field. His sure hands and quick feet made him a record-setting receiver and special-teams player for both his high school alma mater, Serra High School, and College of San Mateo. Tom was a three-sport athlete at Serra but for him, football was special. He was named All-WCAL for defense and offense and he still holds the school and WCAL record for receiving yards in a single game: 257 yards on eight catches. Tom was selected along with his Serra quarterback, Jesse Freitas, Jr., to play in the North-South High School Shrine Game; they set six passing and receiving records.

Tom Scott played football at CSM in the 1969 and 1970 seasons. Despite his diminutive size, 5’7” and 145 pounds, he led the entire nation including Division I schools in all-purpose yardage with 1,758 yards. Honors poured in as he was named CSM’s MVP, Golden Gate Conference Player of the Year and Junior College All-American.

Tom’s outstanding play earned him a scholarship to the University of Washington (UW) where he had an immediate impact. In 1971 Tom was named to the First Team All-Pac 8 team and Second Team All-American. He went on to establish a number of receiving and punt return records at UW where he was teamed with quarterback Sonny Sixkiller.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League (CFL) and the Detroit Lions drafted Scott in 1973. Tom’s speed and slashing style of play were better suited to the more wide-open play in Canada and he became a perennial all star. Scott earned CFL Rookie of the Year honors and then five times was named to the All-CFL team as a slot back.

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Cindy was hired by the San Mateo Union High School District and taught a variety of subjects her first two years at Capuchino High School. In her second year, she was asked to serve as dean of students; she was later recruited to serve in the same position at Aragon High School where she finished her career in education.

Cindy Galarza resides in Seattle, Washington, and is a real estate broker, investor, and homebuilder. She and her partner own a home in Palm Desert and enjoy golfing during the spring.

Cindy Galarza is also a member of the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame. In 1999 she was named the San Mateo Times first female prep Athlete of the Year.

“Tom Martinez and my parents have been the biggest influence in my life. Tom not only coached you to reach deep inside yourself to become the best athlete you could be, but also taught life lessons that I still carry with me today.”

Thomas Cary Scott

Football
Led All College Players in All-Purpose Yards at CSM; Golden Gate Conference Player of the Year & All-American; Canadian Football League Hall of Famer & Record 10,817 Receiving Yards; 5-time Grey Cup Champion

Tom Scott was a jet on the football field. His sure hands and quick feet made him a record-setting receiver and special-teams player for both his high school alma mater, Serra High School, and College of San Mateo. Tom was a three-sport athlete at Serra but for him, football was special. He was named All-WCAL for defense and offense and he still holds the school and WCAL record for receiving yards in a single game: 257 yards on eight catches. Tom was selected along with his Serra quarterback, Jesse Freitas, Jr., to play in the North-South High School Shrine Game; they set six passing and receiving records.

Tom Scott played football at CSM in the 1969 and 1970 seasons. Despite his diminutive size, 5’7” and 145 pounds, he led the entire nation including Division I schools in all-purpose yardage with 1,758 yards. Honors poured in as he was named CSM’s MVP, Golden Gate Conference Player of the Year and Junior College All-American.

Tom’s outstanding play earned him a scholarship to the University of Washington (UW) where he had an immediate impact. In 1971 Tom was named to the First Team All-Pac 8 team and Second Team All-American. He went on to establish a number of receiving and punt return records at UW where he was teamed with quarterback Sonny Sixkiller. The Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League (CFL) and the Detroit Lions drafted Scott in 1973. Tom’s speed and slashing style of play were better suited to the more wide-open play in Canada and he became a perennial all star. Scott earned CFL Rookie of the Year honors and then five times was named to the All-CFL team as a slot back.

For five years, Scott teamed with former JC quarterback Warren Moon on the Edmonton Eskimos to win the Canadian Football League Grey Cup Championship. He is the first slot back to have more than 10,000 yards receiving; Tom established career highs in 1982 with 91 catches for 1,518 yards and 13 touchdowns. Tom Scott’s career records are 649 receptions for 10,817 yards and 88 touchdowns.

Tom credits CSM for giving him the chance to develop academically and athletically. He particularly enjoyed sharing the Bulldog gridiron with some of his Serra teammates: Mike Chiurco, Steve Ryan, Mickey McKeon, Mike Pherson, Lou Lousisco, Mike Bilinski, Dan English and Tim Minihan. Tom singles out his brother Michael as his first mentor and high school coach Jesse Freitas for introducing the offensive side of the game. He refers to his CSM coaches as the ‘trifecta’—Coaches Bill Dickey, Steve Shafer and Ted Tollner—expert coaches who honed his skills, encouraged, and helped him move on to the University of Washington.

Tom Scott is a member of the Serra High School Hall of Fame, the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame, the Daly City Sports Hall of Fame, the Edmonton Eskimos Wall of Honor and the Canadian Football Hall of Fame. Tom Scott takes his well-earned place in the College of San Mateo Athletics Hall of Fame.

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Steve Shafer

Head Coach of 1973 Golden Gate Conference Champions; Grey Cup Champ Player in Canadian Football League; Super Bowl Ring as NFL Defensive Coach

Steve Shafer began his coaching career at College of San Mateo in 1968. He credits CSM as the beginning of a coaching career that led him across the country to positions that culminated at the highest level of coaching achievement in football: a win in the Super Bowl.

Steve was an All-League football player at Burbank High School in Burbank, where he also competed in the pole vault on the track team. He then attended College of the Sequoias and Utah State University. He played on both sides of the ball—quarterback and defensive back—and thus gained a broad understanding of football.

Steve's five-year career with the BC Lions of the Canadian Football League included a Grey Cup Championship in 1964 for which he and his teammates are honored as members of the BC Lions Wall of Fame.

CSM Head Coach Bill Dickey hired Steve to coach the Bulldogs at College Heights along with Ted Tollner, former Woodside High School coach. Shafer ran the defense, Tollner ran the offense, and Dickey stood in the middle and directed the action. All three men were destined to coach at the four-year and professional levels.

After several seasons as an assistant for Coaches Dickey and Tollner, Shafer stepped into the head coaching position. Shafer recruited throughout San Mateo County for the best players. Two of his recruits, Tom Scott and Ed Kertel, are also being inducted into the CSM Hall of Fame. The Bulldogs became one of the premiere California community college teams. Shafer said, “In my seven years at CSM, I experienced some of the most productive, fulfilling, and fun years on my entire career. We had an outstanding staff in our athletic department and the football was excellent.”

When we arrived at CSM, we put together a defensive scheme that we called “the stinger defense.” It was a five-man front and five-defense back scheme that I had used when playing in Canada. Many years later when I was coaching in the NFL, Buddy Ryan made the scheme famous and called it the “46 defense.” The “stinger defense” and great offensive play propelled the Bulldogs to the Golden Gate Conference Championship in 1973.

Steve left CSM after seven great years to take a position at San Diego State University (SDSU) as defensive coordinator. There he tutored two notable JC transfer defensive backs – future Super Bowl coach John Robinson. The Rams made it to the NFC Championship game twice. Shafer went on to coach with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Oakland Raiders, Carolina Panthers, and Baltimore Ravens “where we won the Super Bowl in 2000 with the best scoring defense in NFL history.” Shafer ended his coaching career with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2004.

Steve looked back on his career and said about his time at CSM, “It was an exciting time for me as it was for my family. My two adult children still remember Saturday football games being a “family affair.” In my seven years at CSM, I experienced some of the most productive, fulfilling, and fun years on my entire career. We had an outstanding staff in our athletic department and the football was excellent.

Steve credits his Burbank High football coach, “Ham” Lloyd for making a significant contribution toward his playing and coaching career. The highlight of Steve’s career at CSM was winning the Golden Gate Conference Championship. Steve is also a member of the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame.

Jeff Fishback

Track and Field

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Richard Donner

Water Polo and Swimming Coach

2 State Water Polo Runner-up Finishes & 6 Conference Titles; 1st in State Swimming; 90-12 Dual Meet Record; Teacher at CSM for 38 years

Rich Donner put College of San Mateo on the swimming and water polo map. Beginning in 1963 when he joined the CSM faculty, Rich led the Bulldog water polo team to 306 wins against only 110 losses in 16 seasons. With six Golden Gate Conference championships, 11 second-place finishes in Northern California, 12 State appearances in his first 13 seasons and two second-place finishes in the State Championship Tournament, Rich Donner truly earned a place of honor in the history of Bulldog athletics.

The fact that Rich carved out such success with one pool that was only 20-yards long and another that had two shallow ends is a testament to his tremendous coaching ability. Rich coached and taught at CSM for 38 years.

The Bulldog swimming team earned similar success. Coach Donner amassed a career record of 90 wins against only 12 losses in dual meets. The Bulldog swim teams qualified for the State Championships every year and finished as high as third place.

Coach Donner’s success as a coach was the culmination of several important factors: his in-depth knowledge of the sport of water polo achieved through his own experience as an all-conference prep and collegiate, and his coaches and mentors who instilled in him a love for athletics and education.

Rich regards highlights of his career being the many water polo players and swimmers and divers that were awarded All-American honors, the outstanding records his teams posted and his experiences as an international coach. Rich was head coach of the United States water polo team that won gold in the Maccabiah Games in 1969 and 1973.

Rich has always been generous in his praise for those who mentored and inspired him. Of particular importance to his career were Dr. Julio Bortolazzo, College of San Mateo president; Gordon Gray, CSM physical education director responsible for recommending him to be hired; and Ray Balsley, CSM golf and basketball coach, physical educator, friend and mentor who guided Rich as a teacher, coach and father.

Rich was born in San Francisco. His family moved to Redwood City where he attended Sequoia High School. He was a premier swimmer and water polo player and was honored by being inducted into the athletic halls of fame of Sequoia High School, San Jose State University and the San Francisco Olympic Club.

When Rich completed two years at Menlo College, then a junior college, with an emphasis on business education, his choices for transfer were to Stanford to continue as a business major or San Jose State University (SJSU) to pursue a career in physical education and coaching. Lucky for both SJSU and CSM, Rich chose a career in education.

Rich and wife Emily continue to live in Redwood City. Love for education runs deep in the Donner family as both daughters, Kathy and Janet teach in the same school in the Redwood City Elementary School District. It is particularly fitting that Rich be inducted this year along with the two most outstanding athletes from his water polo and swimming teams, Steve Hamann and Greg Buckingham.

Jack Thur

Football Coach

CSM Line Coach for more than 3 Decades; All-NorCal High School Player at Jefferson High School (Teammate of CSM Hall of Famer John Madden); Accepted Scholarship to Michigan State after Freshman Season at CSM

Jack Thur was born in Herrin, Illinois, and grew up in Daly City. Jack attended Jefferson High School and was coached by the legendary Joe McGrath for four years. He was an outstanding football player both as an offensive and defensive lineman and was named to the 1st Team All-PAL and All-Northern California.

Jack joins several other CSM Athletic Hall of Famers who were both CSM student athletes and coaches. Jack attended CSM for one year before accepting an athletic scholarship to attend Michigan State University. At MSU he played center, noseguard, and linebacker. He also earned his bachelor of science degree and teaching credential and then returned to California.

Jack started to build his reputation as an outstanding coach early in his teaching career. First at Oceana High School and then at Serra Montec High School, Jack clearly demonstrated that he knew what he was doing on the gridiron.

However, it was his infectious enthusiasm that helped separate him from other young coaches. Kids liked to play for Jack. Coach Thur has always treated his players with respect and his players learn early to trust him and to enjoy being on his team.

Jack credits two individuals with making significant contributions to his career as a coach and educator at College of San Mateo: Tom Martinez and Bill Dickey. Jack and Tom coached opposing high school football teams, Serramonte and Jefferson respectively. Not long after Coach Martinez moved to College Heights to join the Bulldog football coaching staff, he asked if Jack would like to return to CSM as the offensive line coach. Jack reports that it took him all of “five seconds to say yes.” Head Coach Dickey enthusiastically supported the idea, and in 1976, Jack took over the “O Line.”

Coach Thur served a number of outstanding head coaches including Dickey, Martinez, Larry Owens, and Bret Pollack. He even stepped in for one year as the Bulldog head coach.

After retiring from his full-time position at the college in 1996 he continued to serve as an assistant coach. After a short absence, Jack returned to the CSM football staff in 2011.

“His lifetime commitment and achievements as a Bulldog student athlete and coach earn him a place in the College of San Mateo Athletic Hall of Fame.”
Berny Wagner's career was nothing short of spectacular. He is one of the greatest coaches of track and field of all time. Berny's first college coaching position was at College of San Mateo following thirteen years of teaching and coaching at high schools including San Mateo High School.

Berny is now retired and lives in Corvallis near Oregon State University (OSU) where he coached following his tremendous success at CSM.

During his three years at College of San Mateo, Berny's teams dominated the competition. The Bulldog track team won 29 out of 31 meets, the Golden Gate Conference Championship in 1964 and 1965, as well as the West Coast Relays Championship in 1964. His cross country teams posted similar success with 25 wins against only one loss and Conference Championships in 1964 and 1965.

Berny studied chemical and mechanical engineering at Caltech and Stanford University where he earned his bachelors and masters degrees. One of Berny's professors at Stanford, Oliver “Tex” Byrd, was responsible for encouraging Berny to become a coach. Byrd had been the outstanding track and field coach at San Mateo Junior College in the 1930's before joining the Stanford faculty. Byrd and Wagner, members of the 2012 CSM Hall of Fame induction class, have shared personal histories through sport and education.

Berny Wagner's tenure at OSU was equally spectacular. He was a full professor of physical education and the head track and field coach. He developed ten national collegiate champions including four in the high jump. Berny coached Dick Fosbury, Oliver “Tex” Byrd, and numerous other coaching positions and membership on athletic boards and commissions.

Berny Wagner is a member of the OSU Sports Hall of Fame, San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame, Lodi Sports Hall of Fame and U.S. Track Coaches Association's National Track Coaches Hall of Fame. Berny's accomplishments place him among the elite coaches in the world of track and field.

Attending CSM was the beginning of my foundation as an athlete and as an adult. Bob Rush and Mike Lewis molded me into a serious athlete and they were integral parts in my growth in every aspect of life. Mike's mellow suggestions (or subtle commands) while teaching me the shot and javelin, helped me throw to levels I was sure I couldn't possibly achieve. Coach Rush, with all his enthusiasm, got me to run cross country and participate in 10 track events at a meet.

Chris found outstanding coaching at College of San Mateo and she wrote:

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Oliver E. “Tex” Byrd

Track and Field Coach

Founding President of National JC Athletic Association 75 Years Ago—While Coaching Track at CSM, His Athletes Set 16 National JC Records; 5 Competed at 1936 U.S. Olympic Trials

Oliver “Tex” Byrd was hired as a part-time instructor by Dean Morris in 1932 to teach biology, health, and physical education at San Mateo Junior College (SMJC). He was then asked if he would also like to coach the college track and field team. Tex jumped at the opportunity despite the fact that he was still in graduate school at Stanford University. The challenges were great: no track, no equipment, and no athletes.

During his five years at SMJC, Tex developed one of the most impressive track and field programs in the nation. He coached 18 student athletes who set 16 national and world junior college records. Five SMJC athletes qualified for the 1936 U.S. Olympic Trials at Randall’s Island, New York.

One former Bulldog and member of CSM’s inaugural Hall of Fame class, Archie Williams, not only made the team but won the Olympic gold medal in the 400 meters in Berlin. Williams earlier set the world record in the NCAA championship meet running for the University of California.

The student athletes Tex trained at SMJC recorded marks that are still impressive today. When he left San Mateo for Stanford, seven of his Bulldog athletes also transferred to the “Farm.” Others transferred to Cal, Washington, and other top universities.

Tex was born in Arkansas but attended high school in San Antonio, Texas, and Central Union High School in El Centro, California. Byrd’s father died of typhoid fever before Tex was a year old and his mother had to place him in an orphanage for four years.

Tex began working at the age of six and despite the financial hardships his family faced, he was an excellent student and athlete. He earned a scholarship to Stanford University where he received a bachelor’s degree in economics and a master’s degree in hygiene and physical education while participating in track and field.

In 1937 Tex left SMJC to teach at Stanford. He was also offered the opportunity to succeed legendary coach Dink Templeton as the Stanford track coach but declined. In 1939 he was again offered the track coaching position at Stanford, but after two days, decided not to coach for fear that it would interfere with his professorial duties. In 1939, Tex received his doctorate in hygiene and was promoted from the position of instructor to assistant professor of hygiene.

Dr. Byrd received an M.D. from the University of California School of Medicine in 1947 and went on to become a full professor at Stanford—where he continued teaching and eventually founded the Stanford University School of Health Education. In retirement, Tex continued to write books and articles and review scholarly literature in the field of health. He served on numerous boards and commissions and was honored for his work by the American School Health Association, the California State Assembly, and other bodies.

In 1958 Tex was named to the Hall of Fame of the National Junior College Athletic Association, an organization he helped found while at San Mateo and served as the organization’s first president. Oliver “Tex” Byrd was an outstanding educational leader who was dedicated to high academic and athletic standards.

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Swimming
1968 Olympic Swimming Silver Medalist; Set American 400 IM Record while at CSM & 4 National JC Records; Led Stanford to its First NCAA Title

Greg Buckingham was the premier swimmer among a number of outstanding talents on Coach Rich Donner’s Bulldog swim teams.

Greg swam for the Bulldogs for only one season, 1965, but during that year he demonstrated a career worth of talent and dedication to his team. When Greg arrived on the CSM campus he was already a nationally-ranked swimmer.

At Menlo-Atherton High School he was named to the All-American scholastic team for water polo and for seven events in swimming. Greg’s high school coach, Bob Gaughran, coincidentally a teammate of Rich Donner at Sequoia High School, helped develop the talents of many top swimmers and Greg was among the best.

At CSM, Greg set four national JC records. One mark, in the 1,650 yard freestyle, was 29 seconds faster than the winning time at the NCAA Championships that year. He set CSM records in 13 of the 17 events, was a JC All-American in 12 events, and set 4 Golden Gate Conference records.

Coach Donner wrote the following about Greg:

“The presence of the late Greg Buckingham was instrumental in putting College of San Mateo on the aquatic map. The class of this man was demonstrated when he returned from the East Coast where he set an American record for the 400 yard individual medley, and asked…”how is Lance’s shoulder?” He also hurried his return to CSM in order to swim in a meet to help contribute the necessary points for us to take third in the league.

Buckingham transferred to Stanford, reinforcing the University’s campaign for its first NCAA swimming championship. In 1967 Greg won first place in the 200 and 500 freestyle and was a member of the winning 800 freestyle relay, all of which set NCAA and American records. He also took second in the grueling 1650 freestyle.

In 1968 Greg Buckingham claimed his place in Olympic history. He won the silver medal in the 200 meter individual medley, finishing just a second behind USA teammate Charles Hickcox. Buckingham also placed fourth in the 400 individual medley.

He was a champion swimmer at all levels, also claiming four National AAU titles.

Greg Buckingham died in 1990. His accomplishments, his dedication and warm personality, however, are still celebrated today by those who knew him.

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– Rich Donner
Stacy Leigh Bergstedt

Softball
California Community College Batting Champion; Golden Gate Conference MVP; Assistant Coach to Tom Martinez for 20 Years; Played in Italian National League

Stacy Bergstedt’s incredible ability to connect the bat with the softball set her apart from other players. She grew up in the shadow of College Heights: Parkside Elementary School, Bayside Middle School and Aragon High School. She played every sport and excelled in most. She was MVP on the Aragon softball, field hockey and track and field teams.

It was at College of San Mateo that she achieved her greatest success. In two seasons on the Bulldog softball team, Stacy was named All-Golden Gate Conference, and in her second season, 1980, was named conference MVP.

Stacy Bergstedt was great at the plate. As a result of batting .600 in league games and .544 for the season, she was the California community college state batting champion. In her two years at CSM, Stacy hit seven home runs; two were grand slams.

Her Bulldog spirit continued after her eligibility to play ended. Stacy continued as an assistant coach to Tom Martinez for the next 20 years. Stacy worked with softball players, kept the official score book at women’s basketball games as well as operated the game clock and kept the chart of plays called by Coach Martinez during football games.

Regarding the impact CSM athletics had on her life, Stacy wrote:

“CSM athletics greatly affected my life. I was proud to be a Bulldog and to wear the blue and white... Tom Martinez taught me the importance of taking what I learned in athletics and applying it to real life.”

After CSM, Coaches John Noce and Tom Martinez made it possible for Stacy to play softball in the Italian National League for two seasons. In spirit and ability, Stacy Bergstadt is a true Bulldog and an honored member of the CSM Athletic Hall of Fame.
A Tribute to Coach Tom Martinez

1945–2012

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Tom Martinez was proud of his teams but even more proud of his family. His three children are graduates of various University of California campuses; they hold graduate degrees; wife Olivia holds a doctorate and was vice president of Cañada College. Tom is a member of many athletic halls of fame including San Mateo County, Daly City, San Francisco State University, the California Community College Softball Coaches Association and the California Community College Women’s Basketball Coaches Association. Tom is a member of the inaugural class of the College of San Mateo Athletic Hall of Fame and we miss him.

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Tom Martinez was proud of his teams but even more proud of his family. His three children are graduates of various University of California campuses; they hold graduate degrees; wife Olivia holds a doctorate and was vice president of Cañada College. Tom is a member of many athletic halls of fame including San Mateo County, Daly City, San Francisco State University, the California Community College Softball Coaches Association and the California Community College Women’s Basketball Coaches Association. Tom is a member of the inaugural class of the College of San Mateo Athletic Hall of Fame and we miss him.

Baseball

Norm Angelini

2-time All-Golden Gate Conference; Posted a John Noce Era 19-4 W-L Record; Pitched for Kansas City Royals

Norm Angelini attended College of San Mateo from 1965 to 1967 and established himself as one of the premiere pitchers ever to play in the Golden Gate Conference. Born in San Francisco and a resident of Half Moon Bay, Angelini attended San Mateo’s Sierra High School where he excelled in baseball. Bulldog Coach John Noce was glad to have him on the team. Norm won 19 games for the Bulldogs and suffered just four losses. His earned run average was only 1.27 for his career on the Hilltop and his 210 innings pitched with 228 strikeouts is a remarkable statistic at the community college level. Norm was named to the All-Golden Gate Conference team for each year he played at CSM. He transferred to Washington State University (WSU) where he enjoyed similar success.

Norm’s career at WSU was capped when he was named to the All-Pac 8 Conference team in 1969 and selected as the top pitcher on the Cougar squad. His single season strikeout total of 91 and career ERA of 2.29 are still among the top marks in WSU baseball history. Norm followed his collegiate career with several years in professional baseball. He played for the Denver Bears (AAA) of the Montreal Expos and in the majors with the Kansas City Royals.

Norm reflected on his time at CSM by writing:

“Attending CSM and getting a chance to play baseball gave me the confidence to move forward with my baseball career. We had great personnel and above all an outstanding coach. John Noce was the greatest coach I have had the privilege to play for. He gave me the opportunity to succeed at CSM… he was instrumental in getting me signed with Kansas City and getting the opportunity to achieve a lifelong dream of pitching in the Major Leagues.

Norm is currently involved with the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association, promoting baseball through clinics and raising money for charities through the “Golf with the Legends” Golf Tournaments. Norm lives in Colorado.”
It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to CSM's Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This year’s honorees are a group of notable men and women who represent a variety of sports and include three Olympians. These former coaches and students athletes have achieved personal and professional distinction. More importantly, they symbolize the character and dedication of the faculty, staff and students who enter our doors each day. The inductees are talented students who, believing that anything is possible, pursued their athletic dreams. The inductees are also esteemed faculty who served as shining examples of the excellence that we continually strive to achieve at the College. Thank you for attending the Hall of Fame ceremony and for celebrating with us the accomplishments of these extraordinary honorees.

On behalf of College of San Mateo, I welcome you to CSM's Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. As the college celebrates its 90th year, we are proud to have established the Hall of Fame to permanently honor the outstanding accomplishments of our former student athletes and coaches. As you will hear at tonight's event, the achievements of this class of inductees are truly remarkable. The Hall of Fame is a wonderful opportunity to look back on our athletic legacy as we honor the most successful student athletes and coaches that have been associated with CSM. Congratulations to all of our honorees. We are privileged to celebrate their success.

It is with great privilege and honor that we present for induction the second class of College of San Mateo's Athletics Hall of Fame. This distinguished class of inductees have graced the storied history of our athletic program, with many of them achieving athletic accolades from professional to Olympic participation. Some simply achieved their athletic success while here at College of San Mateo. Regardless of their paths, they all have made their mark on the institution and we are honored to call them "family.” Ultimately, the beauty of the community college system is that it provides a platform for those who strive to meet the challenges they encounter in life.

Cycling through 90 years of history to select this distinguished class has been no easy feat, and we owe a great deal of gratitude to the selection committee members; Gary Dilley, Fred Baer, Rich Statler and Bill Dickey who spent countless hours selecting the inductees and planning the event. Additionally, planning a ceremony of this magnitude requires the assistance of a team who has worked graciously to ensure the presentation of a first-class event; Bev Madden, Dave McLain and the Marketing Department, Val Anderson and the President's Office, Karen Powell and the Facilities Department, Brian Tupper and the Public Safety Office. Thanks also to our current distinguished coaching staff who has worked behind the scenes to support this event. Lastly, our executive administration, Mike Claire, Susan Estes and Jennifer Hughes and Chancellor of San Mateo County Community College District Ron Galatolo are to be publicly acknowledged for their continued support of CSM's athletic program. On behalf of the Athletic Department, we proudly present the class of 2012, and humbly know, "We stand on the shoulders of those that came before us.”
CSM Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Friday, September 14th, 2012

4:00 pm . . . . Unveiling Ceremony . . . . . . . . . . Hall of Fame Plaza
4:45 pm . . . . No Host Cocktails/Drawing . . . . . Bayview Dining Room, College Center
6:00 pm . . . . Dinner/Induction Ceremony . . . . Bayview Dining Room, College Center

Inductees:

Norm Angelini  Chris Diehl  Steve Hamann  Tom Scott
Stacy Bergstedt  Rich Donner  Ed Kertel  Steve Shafer
Greg Buckingham  Jeff Fishback  Mike Lewis  Jack Thur
Oliver Byrd  Cindy Galarza  Frank Pignataro  Berny Wagner

Hal Ramey - Master of Ceremonies

Hal Ramey began his broadcasting career as a student at CSM from 1965 to 1966. He worked for the campus stations, doing a weekly sports show and football play-by-play on KCSM-FM. He did CSM basketball telecasts on KCSM-TV.

Hal has been the sports director and afternoon sports anchor at KCBS radio since 1987 and has been covering Bay Area sports for most of his life—since starting as a writer for Lon Simmons at radio station KSFO in 1969. Prior to that he assisted the CSM sports information office and Junior College Athletic Bureau in compiling local and state statistics reports for the news media.

Hal served as the radio play-by-play voice at Stanford University, Santa Clara University, and San Jose State University, as well as the for Oakland Athletics, and has done a variety of football, basketball and soccer telecasts. He served as the San Francisco 49ers public address announcer for 20 years during their Super Bowl days of the ‘80s and ‘90s.

Hal was also the voice for football and basketball at the University of Oregon from 1984 to 1987.

Hal’s sports reports and play-by-play work has earned awards from the Radio-Television News Directors Association, the Associated Press, and the United Press International. Hal was elected to the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame in 2011, along with retired CSM professor and broadcasting instructor Dan Odum.
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