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El Camino College Board of Trustees to Honor Coach John Featherstone for his 200th Victory as El Camino College Football Head Coach

The El Camino College Board of Trustees will honor Coach John Featherstone for his career accomplishments and his 200th victory as El Camino College Warrior football head coach at the November 28 board meeting.

Coach Featherstone's affiliation with the El Camino College football program started with his time as a student-athlete (1967-1968), and includes his ECC coaching career, which began in 1985. Now in his 26th season, Coach Featherstone recently secured his 200th victory coaching Warrior football; his winning percentage is the highest of any current J.C. football head coach with a minimum of 20 years experience.

Featherstone coached the Warriors to a National Championship in 1987, in addition to making three national championship game appearances. His team also won two state championships, nine conference championships, and appeared in 19 bowl games.

In addition, Featherstone won the Mission Conference Coach of the Year Award and the National Coach of the Year Award twice; is an eight-time California State Coach of the Year Award recipient; and was inducted into the El Camino College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005.

Before joining the El Camino College football program as head coach, he honed his coaching skills at San Diego State, Grossmont College, San Diego Mesa College, UC Berkeley, and Santa Ana College, making an impact on each team along the way.

He has coached more than three dozen players into professional football including: Keith Ellison (LB, Buffalo Bills), DeLawrence Grant (DE, Oakland Raiders), Antonio Chatman (WR, Cincinnati Bengals), Marcel Reece (FB, Oakland Raiders, active), Steve Sarkisian (current head coach at University of Washington), and Derrick Deese (OL, San Francisco 49ers).

After graduating from El Camino College, Featherstone earned a bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in physical education in 1970 and a master's degree in physical education in 1973, both from San Diego State University. Featherstone's commitment to education extends to helping numerous players secure scholarships each year to continue their academic and athletic endeavors at the university level.

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