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El Camino College Grad and Super Bowl Champ Derrick Deese Named to California Community College Athletic Association Sports Hall of Fame

Super Bowl champion lineman and El Camino College graduate Derrick Deese was recently named to the 2017 California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Sports Hall of Fame. He and three other honorees will be inducted March 29 at the Hilton Concord during the organization's annual convention.

"I have always said that El Camino College is responsible for the person I have become," said Deese. "That said, this honor of becoming part of the CCCAA Hall of Fame might include my name, but El Camino College is the reason why. The staff and coaches and my teams will all be a part of the Hall of Fame when I accept this great award."

The CCCAA Sports Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed in California community college athletics. It honors those who have made the most of their experiences as California community college student-athletes, coaches and administrators while maximizing their own potential to better themselves, along with those with whom they come in contact. The CCCAA Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 1984 and currently includes 131 members.

Deese's amazing Super Bowl victory was just one proud moment in the successful career of the 14-year San Francisco 49ers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers former offensive lineman. He earned his associate degree from El Camino College in just three semesters and has remained close to the college in his retirement.

While playing for ECC, Deese earned All-Mission Conference and All-America honors during his two-year playing career in 1989-90. He helped lead the team to a 19-2-1 record in those two seasons but, just as importantly, he credits community college for teaching him about "work ethic, victory and success."

Deese's success at El Camino College led to a scholarship at USC and later a decorated NFL career primarily spent with the 49ers. He was a rookie starter at right guard when San Francisco beat the San Diego Chargers in Super Bowl XXIX. Deese started 132 games in his long career.

Known as "ECC football royalty," Deese is a member of the El Camino College Athletic Hall of Fame and the California JC Football Hall of Fame. He has helped conduct football camps at ECC and has assisted in campus foundation and athletics events. He earned further distinction last year when he was invited to deliver the keynote address during ECC's commencement, the first in the new stadium.

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Derrick Deese: <http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/publicrelations/photos/2017/derrickdeese.jpg>