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El Camino College Athletic Hall of Fame to Induct New Members

El Camino College will celebrate its 61st year of athletic competition with its annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet at 6 p.m. May 1 at Los Verdes Golf Course.

Inductees for 2008 include: Norm Becker, football, 1953-1954; Dana Clyde, football, 1966-1968; Rick Dodson, track & cross country, 1982-1983; Gene Engle, football, 1975-1976 and football coach, 1982-present; Robert Hodge, football, 1999-2000; Ron Jacobs, track & cross country 1961-1962 and baseball coach, 1974-1979; Suzanne Rampe, volleyball, 1981-1982; and Dr. James F. Schwartz, dean of health science & athletics, 1975-1996 and interim vice president 1996-2005, meritorious.

The annual Hall of Fame event honors players, coaches and those involved with the El Camino College athletic program through the years. Numerous El Camino College athletes have gone on to compete at the university level – many have pursued professional athletic careers.

Students who will be honored with the annual Norm Verry Scholarship include Clark D. Coble and Lauren Simmons.

Coble is a tennis player and a strong example of the community college student-athlete who has excelled. A two-year leader on the men's tennis team, Clark is in his second season as the No. 1 doubles player and No. 2 singles player. Off the court, Clark performed in the college's fall production of "Macbeth" and still managed to earn a 3.8 GPA. Clark plans to transfer to either UCLA, University of California at San Diego, University of California at Irvine, or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Simmons was a leader on the 2007 State Champion Women's Volleyball team. A two-year starter for the Warriors, Simmons was unanimously named Conference MVP, First Team All-State, First Team All-State Tournament, and First Team American Volleyball Coaches Association. Simmons was third in the conference with 3.71 kills per game, leading the team with nearly 400 kills for the season, and was second on the team in digs. She maintained a 3.4 grade point average and plans to transfer to a university in the fall to pursue a degree in business.

Simmons is also the 2008 Warrior Student Athlete of the Year, along with baseball standout Ramon Marquez.

As a member of the El Camino College baseball team and a two-year starter, Marquez helped lead the Warriors to the 2007 conference title – the first for the team in 20 years. In that first year, he played first base and batted fourth, with a batting average of .495 and an on-base percentage of .568. In 41 games, he knocked in 45 RBIs, hit four home runs and walked 16 times, achieving 1st Team All-Conference honors. This season, Ramon's leadership, strong defense (only one error in the field) and efficient batting (on-base percentage of .523) are his trademarks. His dedication to excellence in the classroom continues this year, and as a first-generation college student, he is looking forward to transferring to a university in the fall.

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