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CCCAA Announces the 2009 Student-Athlete Award Winners; Scholar Athletes, Honor Roll and Scholar Teams

Sacramento, CA . . . The California Community College Commission on Athletics is proud to announce that Joshua Lee Denz (San Diego Mesa College) and Rachael Johnson (Solano College) have been selected as the 2009 Scholar Male and Female Athlete Award winners. The Scholar Athlete award is the highest student achievement honor awarded annually by the COA, which oversees intercollegiate competition at the 104 member colleges and nearly 27,000 student athletes of the California Community College Athletic Association each year. Joshua and Rachael, along with the 2009 Honor Roll members and Scholar Teams, will be honored at the Celebration of Student Athletes Luncheon, at the 13th Annual CCCAA Convention, on Wednesday March 31, at the Doubletree Ontario Airport Hotel in Ontario, CA.

The 2009 Scholar Athlete Men's Honor Roll includes:

Corey Arnold (Butte football/track and field, 3.51 GPA), David Halopoff (Bakersfield football, 3.72 GPA), Tyson Rietz (Santa Barbara volleyball, 3.69 GPA), Jason Singh (Sacramento City swim, 3.53 GPA), Ryan Tamula (Cerritos swim/water polo, 3.86 GPA) and Taylor West (Cabrillo football, 3.77 GPA).

The 2009 Scholar Athlete Women's Honor Roll includes:

Markie Benavidez (Cosumnes River softball, 3.87 GPA), Gioella Chaparro (LA Valley swim, 3.80 GPA), Carleigh Hobson (Antelope Valley basketball, 3.79 GPA), Amy Lepp (Reedley tennis, 4.0 GPA), Holly Lohse (Shasta track and field, 3.82 GPA), Chelsea Oldfield (Cypress basketball/volleyball, 4.0 GPA), Rachael Pearl (Cuyamaca tennis, 3.72 GPA), Chloe Redman (Cuesta tennis, 3.81 GPA) and Shannon Simpson (Cerritos track and field, 3.89 GPA).

The 2008-09 Scholar Teams:

(Fall 2008) Ventura College women's basketball, 3.39 GPA; De Anza College men's cross country, 3.44 GPA; Cuesta College women's cross country, 3.30 GPA; West Valley College football, 3.11 GPA; Palomar College women's golf, 3.29 GPA; West Valley College men's soccer, 3.06 GPA; Modesto Jr. College women's soccer, 3.03 GPA; College of the Canyons women's volleyball, 3.25 GPA; Ventura College women's water polo, 3.23 GPA.

(Spring 2009) Cypress College baseball, 3.20 GPA; Orange Coast College men's golf, 3.01 GPA; Saddleback College softball, 3.12 GPA; Saddleback College men's swimming, 3.25 GPA; Saddleback College women's swimming, 3.39 GPA; American River College men's tennis, 3.40; De Anza College women's tennis, 3.31 GPA; De Anza College women's track & field, 3.28 GPA.

Tickets for the March 31st event may be purchased by mailing payment and a registration form, available at www.coasports.org/meeting.asp, to the CCCAA, 2017 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

About the CCCAA/COA

The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) is the membership organization operating under the jurisdiction of the California Community College Commission on Athletics (COA), a non-profit organization per IRS Section 501 (c)(3). The California Community College System is the single largest educational system in the world, serving over 2.5 million students annually, representing one-third of all community college students in the United States. The COA establishes the rules and regulations to administer the athletic activities of the nearly 27,000 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.