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David Hernandez of SRJC Receives the 2009 NATYCAA Male Scholar Athlete Award

Sacramento, CA . . . The National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) released their Scholar Athlete Award winners last week. This marks the seventeenth year of this prestigious award recognizing the top male and female scholar athletes who best demonstrate outstanding accomplishment and leadership in academics, athletics, and citizenship.

The California Community College Athletic Association is truly proud that the organization has selected David Hernandez from Santa Rosa Junior College, swimmer and Kinesiology major as the male award winner for 2009.

David attended SRJC during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years and has maintained a 4.0 GPA while competing at a high level on the swim team. Both seasons he has been a State Championship qualifier and finalist, also serving as a team captain this past year. David Hernandez has also earned First Team All-American Swimmer in the 100 and 200 Butterfly, 200 Medley, 200 Free and 400 Medley Relays. David also currently holds SRJC school records as a member of the 200 Free and 200 Medley relay teams and is on the top 10 list in the 50 Free (where he ranks 9th), 100 Butterfly (ranked 2nd), and 400 Medley Relay (ranking 3rd) in SRJC history.

David is a Doyle Scholarship recipient and has been on the President's List along with earning a Commitment to Excellence Award in each of his four semesters. He has also been recognized by the Santa Rosa East Rotary Club as their 2009 Outstanding Student Award winner.

David's coach at Santa Rosa Junior College these past two years, Jill McCormick, says "Overall, David Hernandez is one of the finest scholar-athletes to ever go through the SRJC athletic program. He has been an amazing leader on the team and has led them to back-to-back Big 8 Conference Titles and both a 2nd and 3rd place overall men's team finish at the CCCAA State Championships in 2008 and 2009."

David will continue his academic and athletic career at the University of the Pacific in Stockton.

The female award co-winners are Lauren Penc (Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, NY) and Heather DiCrescenzo (Gloucester County College, Sewell, NJ). This marks the first time there have been female co-winners receiving the NATYCAA Scholar Athlete Award. For more information on the awards visit the NATYCAA website at <http://www.nacda.com/natycaa/nacda-natycaa.html>.

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 25,000 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.