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Mt. SAC CAPTURES 2009-2010 SCC SUPREMACY AWARD

Mt. San Antonio College won nine South Coast Conference titles this past season, helping the Mounties win the SCC Supremacy Award for 2009-2010.

Debbie Cavion, assistant athletic director and newly elected SCC President, accepted the award for Mt. SAC at Wednesday's SCC athletic directors meeting held at Los Angeles Harbor College.

Mt. SAC, located in the City of Walnut, secured titles in men's soccer, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, women's cross country, and women's swimming and diving.

PCC, MEN'S SOCCER REPEAT IN SCC COACH OF THE YEAR SELECTIONS

For the second straight year, a Pasadena City College coach was named SCC Women's Coach of the Year while also for the second straight season a men's soccer coach won SCC Men's Coach of the Year. PCC women's volleyball coach Tammy Silva and Mt. SAC men's soccer coach Juan Sanchez were selected by conference athletic directors as the recipients for 2009-2010.

Silva coached PCC to an undefeated 16-0, SCC championship and directed the Lancers to a school-record, 23-match win streak. Silva, who recorded 50 wins in just three seasons at Pasadena, adds to her mantle of awards after also being named AVCA Community College Coach of the Year, and Southern California Coach of the Year by the CCCWVCA. She follows Pasadena basketball coach Joe Peron, who won the women's coach award for 2008-2009. The pair won after Pasadena had previously never received the honor since joining the SCC in 1988.

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Women's coach candidates included Cerritos softball coach Kodee Murray, and Long Beach aquatics coach Chris Oeding, who also was nominated for the men's award.

Men's Coach of the Year Sanchez guided his Mounties to the only state championship won by a SCC college (Mt. SAC won the football title but as a member of the SCFA) in the 2009-2010 school year. Mt. SAC finished 20-1-3 overall and won the conference title with an 11-1-2 mark. Sanchez won the NSCAA Regional Coach of the Year. Last season, Benny Artiaga, of Cerritos College, also gained coach of the year honors for men's soccer.

This is the second All-Sport coach award from the conference given to Sanchez, who last received the award in 2003-2004.

El Camino baseball coach Nate Fernley and Cerritos men's basketball coach Russ May were other male nominees.

MacKENZIE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO BRONSON, LUNGA

Mt. San Antonio softball pitcher Carissa Bronson and Long Beach City College men's water polo player Daniel Lunga were chosen as the 2009-2010 Don MacKenzie Scholarship winners.

The \$500 awards go to student-athletes who exhibit strong academics and high performance on the field of play. In some cases, the student-athletes chosen are ones who also have overcome obstacles and involve themselves in community service. The awards honor the memory of MacKenzie, a long-time SCC commissioner from 1979-2004.

Bronson went 7-5 and recorded two saves as a sophomore hurler. Lunga was an All-State Tournament Team selection for LBCC, helping the Vikings advance to the CCCAA final.

The South Coast Conference is comprised of Cerritos, East Los Angeles, El Camino, Long Beach City, Los Angeles Harbor, Los Angeles Southwest, Los Angeles Trade Tech, Mt. San Antonio, and Pasadena City Colleges and El Camino College-Compton Educational Center. The conference was created in 1967.

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