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CIF SOUTHERN SECTION ANNOUNCES 33RD-HALL OF FAME CLASS

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – The CIF Southern Section is proud to announce the 33rd class of inductees into the section Hall of Fame.

Nine impressive and deserving educators will be honored at a luncheon at The Grand Conference Center in Long Beach on October 12 starting at 11:30 a.m.

Additionally, seven outstanding individuals will be honored with a CIF Southern Section Distinguished Service Award for years of dedicated contributions toward the student-athletes of the CIF-SS.

“We are looking forward to honoring the 2016 CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame inductees and Distinguished Service Award winners at our upcoming luncheon on October 12,” stated Commissioner of Athletics Rob Wigod. “They represent excellence in every way and their many accomplishments have made a major contribution to the history and tradition of our section. We are very proud of the Class of 2016 and congratulate them on a job well done.”

Media members interested in attending must RSVP by Monday, October 10 to Anita Fopma (anitaf@cifss.org).

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS – 2016

Hal Harkness

- 33 years in education
- Los Angeles City Section Commissioner for 7 years
- CIF-SS Track and Field Championship Meet Director over 20 years
- CIF-SS Cross Country Championship Meet Director over 20 years

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Hal Harkness (Cont.):

- CIF-State Track and Field Championship Meet Director over 20 years
- CIF-State Cross Country Championship Meet Director over 20 years
- CIF-SS Girls Basketball Tournament Director over 15 years
- CIF State Track and Field Rules interpreter
- Won LA City cross-country title at North Hollywood High in 1955
- Finished fourth in the state in the mile in 1956
- Occidental College freshman record-holder in the two-mile.
- Taught and coached at L.A. Wilson, South Gate, Carson, Irvine University, Franklin, Gompers Junior High and
- 1972 to 1978, he was an assistant under Jim Bush in the UCLA track program and also head coach of the Bruins' cross-country team.

Don Knabe

- Directly responsible for putting on the Knabe Cup High School Golf Tournament for the past 19 years for high school boys and 14 years for high school girls.
- Made entry to the tournament is free for all high school teams in the Supervisor's district.
- Teams from all across Southern California submit entries to play in this outstanding event.
- Pairings are arranged so golfers from various areas of Southern California are brought together to play.
- Green Fees, tee favors, lunch and awards are complimentary.
- Worked to lower and stabilize the Junior Golf rate at L.A. County golf courses allowing under privileged players and schools to play golf and field teams

Toki Ochi

- Over her career, has coached Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Badminton, Tennis and Track and Field
- 31 Years – Athletic Director at Bassett High School
- 1989 – Southern Section Athletic Director of the Year
- 1999 – California State Athletic Directors Association Athletic Director of the Year
- 2005 – CIF State Model Coach Award
- Served as Montview League Representative to the CIF Southern Section Council
- Foothill/Citrus Athletic Directors Association: President, Secretary, Program Chair, League Representative and Scholar-Athlete Committee
- Been part of the CIF Southern Section Girls Basketball Championships Staff for many years
- Served on the CIF State Basketball Championships Staff for many years, Toki Ochi

Steve Simpson

- In 2002 – Came to Fox Sports West, served as Vice-President and General Manager – 14 years
- Instrumental in establishing a home for Southern Section regular season and playoff games, expanding coverage and creating sponsorship opportunities for both organizations
- In 2005 – Entered into the first full-time agreement directly with the CIF-SS to televise 16 live events and also implemented a revenue sharing system with our participating schools
- In 2010 – Began shared partnership relationship where both organizations work together. Over the last 5 years, over 1 million dollars has been generated, including our section's title sponsorship with the Ford Motor Company
- In 2011 – Launched the Prep Zone webcasting platform, with more than 100 live events a year in virtually every one of our 24 sports for Boys and Girls at locations all over our section. Prep

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Steve Simpson (Cont.):

Zone now averages over 300,000 viewers each school year

- A leader, innovator, advocate and true friend of the CIF Southern Section, Steve Simpson

Carl Sweet

- 37 Years in Education

- Began in 1972 at El Dorado High School – Football, Baseball, Head Golf Coach

- 1980 – Became Head Football Coach at Hart High School, 1983 – Southern Section Champions

- 1984 – Returned to El Dorado as Head Football Coach for – 5 years

- Served on the CIF-SS Football Advisory Committee and CIF-SS Golf Advisory Committees

- 1989 – Named Athletic Director at El Dorado – 20 years

- League President 3 times

- Orange County Athletic Directors Association – President – 2 years, Board Member – 20 years

- 2003 – Southern Section Athletic Director of the Year – CSADA

- 2009 – Orange County Athletic Directors Association – Distinguished Service Award

- 2013 – Southern California Interscholastic Football Coaches Association – Distinguished Service Award

- The Voice of the Southern Section – Served as public address announcer for Southern Section Baseball and Football Championships for over 30 years, CIF State Football – 9 years, Carl Sweet

Reggie Thompkins

- Graduate of Cajon High School in San Bernardino

- Began teaching at San Andreas Alternative High School, then moved to San Geronimo High School, where he became Head Basketball Coach – 5 Years

- Became a Dean, Assistant Principal and Principal of Eisenhower High School

- Principal, Santiago High School/ Corona, before Corona-Norco Unified School District Office

- Now, Deputy Superintendent, Oceanside Unified School District

HALL OF FAME AWARDS – 2016

John Barnes

- 41 years in education

- In 1978, began his career as a Head Football Coach at Magnolia High School – 1 year

- In 1979, became Head Football Coach at Los Alamitos High School – 36 years

- Overall Record – 324-100-6; retired as the 5th winningest coach in California and the winningest coach in Orange County

- 4 CIF Southern Section Championships, 7 CIF Southern Section Finals appearances

- 17 League Championships

- 31 CIF Southern Section Playoff Appearances

- 47 consecutive games unbeaten streak

- Hall of Fame – Los Alamitos High School, City of Los Alamitos, Long Beach City College

- Coach of the Year – California State Coach of the Year (1993), West Region National Coach of the Year (2002), CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 4 times; LA Times, Orange County Register, Long Beach Press-Telegram

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Dick Bruich

- 43 years in education
- In 1966, began his career at Cantwell High School, then Pius X HS and St. Paul HS
- 32 Years – Head Football Coach
- Fontana High School – 22 years, Kaiser High School – 10 years
- Overall record – 292-84-4
- 4 CIF Southern Section Championships, 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 20 League Championships
- 30 CIF Southern Section Playoff appearances
- Long-time Member – CIF Southern Section Football Coaches Advisory Committee
- Also, had over 400 wins as Head Softball Coach at Fontana and Kaiser
- Hall of Fame – California Coaches Association, Southern California Interscholastic Football Coaches Association, City of Fontana Wall of Fame
- February 18, 2003 was proclaimed Dick Bruich Day in the City of Fontana
- Coach of the Year – California State Coach of the year (1989), CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 4 times; San Bernardino Sun, Riverside Press-Enterprise
- Son Kurt is the Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Redlands East Valley High School and daughter Kristen is the Athletic Director at Jurupa Hills High School

Bob Burt

- 54 years in education
- In 1962, began his career at St. Paul High School, then Head Coach at Pater Noster High School and Santiago High School of Garden Grove
- In 1975, began 20 years as a college coach by starting as Head Coach at United States International University, then an assistant at UCLA, Hawaii and Cal. State, Fullerton, before becoming Head Coach at Cal. State, Northridge
- In 1994, returned to high school as Head Coach at Temescal Canyon High School – 10 years
- Overall Record – 90-30, 1 CIF Southern Section Championships, 3 League Championships
- 8 CIF Southern Section playoff appearances
- Also, served as Athletic Director at Temescal Canyon High School – 9 years
- After retiring from Temescal Canyon, coached at 4 more high schools and continues to coach at Fallbrook High School in San Diego
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year – 2 times
- In 2003, Southern California Interscholastic Football Coaches Association Lifetime Contribution to High School Football Award
- In 2005, CIF State Model Coach of the Year
- In 2007, CIF Southern Section Champion for Character Award
- In 2013, American Football Coaches Association “Power of Influence” Award

Dave Kurrle

- 37 years in education
- In 1969, began his career at Westminster High School – 14 years, Science teacher, coaching Track and Field and Football
- 2 Years – Huntington Beach High School, Science teacher, coaching Track and Field and Football
- 21 Years – Laguna Hills High School, Science teacher, coaching Track and Field, Cross-Country and Football

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Dave Kurrle (Cont.):

- 1 CIF State Cross-Country Championship, 2 CIF State Cross-Country Runner Ups
- 3 CIF Southern Section Cross-Country Championships, 1 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up
- 26 League Championships (14 in Cross-Country and 12 in Track and Field)
- Founded Students Mentoring for Character Club at Laguna Hills High School
- In 2003, Teacher of the Year at Laguna Hills High School

Shelly Luth

- 32 years in education
- In 1984, began as an assistant softball coach at Marina High School – 7 years
- In 1991, became Head Softball Coach at Marina High School
- Overall Record – 476-250-3 – 23 years
- 3 CIF Southern Section Championships, including back-to-back (1994 and 1995)
- 11 League Championships
- 22 CIF Southern Section playoff appearances
- In 1999, became Athletic Director at Marina High School
- Coach of the Year– CIF Southern Section – 3 times, Orange County Register
- In 2013, elected to the inaugural class of the Orange County Softball Hall of Fame
- Coach Luth states, “My philosophy is to teach kids to compete at the highest level with intensity, integrity and character. We try to teach sportsmanship, good attitude, personal responsibility which are all important life skills.”

Mike Marrujo

- 41 years in education
- In 1975, began at Pius X High School as Head Baseball Coach – 2 years
- In 1977, became Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Pius X High School – 3 years
- In 1981, became Head Football Coach at Valencia High School – 35 years
- Overall Record – 305-148-7; 284-131-6 at Valencia High School
- One of only 3 Orange County coaches with over 300 career wins
- 3 CIF Southern Section Championships, 3 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 15 League Championships
- 33 CIF Southern Section playoff appearances
- Coach of the Year – CIF Southern Section – 3 times; Orange County Register – 2 times, including the most recent award (2015), LA Times
- In 2015, received the Southern California Interscholastic Football Coaches Lifetime Contribution to High School Football Award

Scott Muckey

- 39 years in education
- Began his coaching career at Pepperdine University as an Assistant Baseball Coach – 7 years, then 5 years at LA Valley College, four of them as Head Baseball Coach
- In 1987, became a teacher and Head Baseball Coach at Crespi High School – 27 Years
- Overall record – 502-257-12
- Retired as the winningest CIF Southern Section coach in the San Fernando Valley
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships, 1 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up
- 11 League Championships

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Scott Muckey (Cont.):

- Coach of the Year – CIF Southern Section – 2 times; Cal-Hi Sports – 2 times, LA Times
- Long-time Member – CIF Southern Section Baseball Coaches Advisory Committee

John Stoney

- 37 years in education
- In 1961, began as an Assistant Football Coach at San Marcos High School in Santa Barbara
- In 1964, became Head Football Coach – 5 years
- Head Golf Coach – 11 Years; Overall Record – 212-38
- 1 CIF State Championship
- 4 CIF Southern Section Championships, 3 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 9 League Championships
- In 1980 – CIF State Coach of the Year
- In 1984 – National High School Coach of the Year
- Member, CIF Southern Section Golf Coaches Advisory Committee – 10 years
- Served as Athletic Director at San Marcos High School – 9 years
- Also, an accomplished official with 25 years officiating Football and Basketball, 15 years umpiring Baseball and Softball
- Worked 7 CIF Southern Section Football Championship Finals and 2 CIF Southern Section Basketball Championship Finals

George Terzian

- 42 years in education
- Head Basketball Coach, Pasadena High School – 17 years
- Overall Record – 404-93
- 2 CIF Southern Section Championships, 2 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 10 Consecutive League Championships
- 15 CIF Southern Section playoff appearances
- Coach of the Year – CIF Southern Section – 2 times; San Gabriel Valley Coach of the Year, Pasadena Star News Coach of the Year
- Also coached at Pasadena City College – 25 years
- Elected to the Pasadena Sports Hall of Fame

Billy York

- 27 years, Cross-Country/ Track and Field
- In 1986, began as Head Cross-Country at Woodcrest Christian High School – 27 Years
- Boys – 6 CIF State Championships, 2 CIF State Runner-Ups, 6 CIF Southern Section Championships, 1 CIF Southern Section Runner-Up
- Girls – 4 CIF State Runner-Ups, 2 CIF Southern Section Championships, 4 CIF Southern Section Runner-Ups
- 45 League Championships in Cross-Country (25 Boys and 20 Girls)
- Won the League Sportsmanship Award – 36 times
- In 1992, started the Woodcrest Christian High School Track and Field program and was Head Coach – 22 Years
- 20 League Championships
- Hall of Fame –Mt. SAC Cross-Country Invitational Hall of Fame (2009), Riverside Sports Hall of Fame (2012)

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