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Athletic Hall of Fame: Santa Ana College Athletic Hall of Fame To Welcome Nine New Members

SANTA ANA, CA – On Sunday, September 26, Santa Ana College will induct nine new members into the Santa Ana College Athletic Hall of Fame. The second annual induction ceremony, which is free and open to the public, will be held on the steps of Cook Gymnasium on the campus of Santa Ana College located at 1530 W. 17th St. in Santa Ana, CA.

Headlining the Santa Ana College Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2004 are former football coaching legend Homer Beatty, national track & field star Bill Swisshelm and former California state basketball player of the year Alonzo Jamison.

Beatty compiled an overall record of 29-7-1 (.791) over four seasons while guiding the Dons to two conference titles and the college's third national football title in 1962 while Swisshelm set one new national junior college record, in the 220-low hurdles (23.1), and tied another as a member of the shuttle hurdle relay (56.9) on the Santa Ana College men's track & field team in 1955. Despite playing just one season for Santa Ana, Jamison scored 650 points and earned Orange Empire Conference and State Player of the Year honors before transferring to the University of Kansas to play for Roy Williams in 1988.

"The Santa Ana College Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2004 continues to reflect the rich heritage of the athletic program at Santa Ana College," said Don Andersen, chairman of the Santa Ana College Athletic Hall of Fame selection committee. "This year's class includes recognition of players who played at the college more than 50 years ago in Bill Gulley and Ray Willsey to the more modern athlete with the accomplishments of Sandra Arledge and Mike Schwabe."

Joining Beatty, Swisshelm and Jamison as members of the Class of 2004 are Duane Allen (football), Sandra Arledge-Compton (softball), Frank Gonzales (wrestling), Bill Gulley (football), Mike Schwabe (baseball) and Ray Willsey (football).

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Following the induction ceremony Ed Arnold, Santa Ana-alum and master of ceremonies, and the Santa Ana College Athletic Hall of Fame committee will unveil the new athletic hall of fame wall that is being installed in the foyer of Cook Gymnasium to honor those who have excelled in the area of athletics at Santa Ana College.

Last year the Santa Ana College Athletic Hall of Fame included 12 members in its inaugural class, which included Corie Blount (basketball), Bill Cook (football coach), Al Carmichael (football), Paul Cleary (football), Estrus Crayton (football), Ed Caruthers (track & field), Bob Hamelin (baseball), Dolly Kaawa Bartlett (women's volleyball), Keith Luhnnow (football), Larry Stuart (track & field), John Ward (track & field coach) and Bob Webster (swimming & diving).

The Santa Ana College Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2003 to celebrate, recognize and honor the accomplishments of individuals who have made significant contributions as a student-athlete, coach or friend to the rich tradition of the Santa Ana College athletic program.

The Santa Ana College Athletic Hall of Fame, an affiliate organization of the Santa Ana College Foundation, is dedicated to preserving the college's athletic history while providing new opportunities to transferring student-athletes through scholarships.

For more information on the Santa Ana College Athletic Hall of Fame, contact Dean Hopkins, Santa Ana College sports information coordinator by telephone at (714) 564-6934 or by email (hopkins_dean@sac.edu).

About the Rancho Santiago Community College District

Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College are public community colleges of the Rancho Santiago Community College District, which serves the residents of Anaheim Hills, Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park. Both colleges provide education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, and customized training for business and industry.

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