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CIF ANNOUNCES 15 RECIPIENTS OF 2006-07 MODEL COACH AWARD

ALAMEDA – Fifteen (nine men, six women) coaches statewide have been selected as 2006-07 CIF Model Coach Award winners. The CIF Model Coach Award program, now in its sixth year, is designed to recognize coaches who have served as positive role models in their schools and communities, and who have exhibited the traits apparent in the 16 principles of Pursuing Victory With Honorsm.

Winners, nominated through their local CIF Section office, will be awarded a plaque and honored at their sport’s state championship or at an event of the recipient’s choosing.

A model coach demonstrates and teaches the six core ethical values: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship (the “Six Pillars of Charactersm”). The CIF believes that the highest potential of sports is achieved when teachers/coaches consciously Teach, Enforce, Advocate and Model (T.E.A.M.) these values and are committed to the ideal of Pursuing Victory with Honorsm.

“This is the highest and most prestigious award the CIF bestows upon its coaches,” said CIF Executive Director Marie M. Ishida. “We are honored to be able to recognize coaches throughout our state who are dedicated to impacting the lives of high school student-athletes by not only teaching them the values of Pursuing Victory with Honor and the Six Pillars of Character, but also that there is more to participating in sports than just winning and losing.”

2006-07 CIF Model Coach Award Winners (alphabetical order)

Name	School, City (Section)	Sport(s)
Rob Brenner	Clovis HS (CS)	Cross Country
Amin Denny	Castlemont HS, Oakland (OS)	Football
Linda Desimone	College Prep HS, Orinda (NCS)	Volleyball
Steve Filios	St. Francis, Mountain View (CCS)	Basketball, Track and Field
Becky Gagnon	Martin Luther King HS, Riverside (SS)	Tennis
Glory Jue	Reseda HS, Los Angeles (LAS)	Softball, Volleyball
Dan Kiely	Colusa HS (NS)	Soccer
Jack McCrory	Bear River HS, Grass Valley (SJS)	Basketball, Track and Field
Manny Myers	Acalanes HS, Lafayette (NCS)	Track and Field, Cross Country
Brian Ota	Bravo Medical Magnet HS, Los Angeles (LAS)	Basketball
Carter Paysinger	Beverly Hills HS (SS)	Football
Lisa Shrock	Sierra HS, Manteca (SJS)	Cross Country, Track and Field
Ben Villanueva	Chula Vista HS (SDS)	Field Hockey
Kathy Waite	Fallbrook HS (SDS)	Field Hockey
Pam Zielazowski	Leigh HS, San Jose (CCS)	Tennis, Track and Field

-- bios on all recipients to follow --

ROB BRENNER (Clovis HS)

Cross Country

Brenner has coached cross country at Clovis for more than 20 years. In that time, his boys' teams have won six Valley Championships, with one of the boys winning an individual state title, while the girls have also earned six league titles, and one team state title. He has proven a role model by taking students from diverse backgrounds and extracting nothing but the best from them in performance, attitude and commitment. His athletes know that participation is a privilege and not a right, and they have the utmost respect for him.

AMIN DENNY (Castlemont HS)

Football

Denny, the head football coach for the last four years at Castlemont, has coached at the high school level for 12 years. Last season, he led the school to an 8-3 record and a berth in the OAL playoffs for the first time in school history, while having each and every one of his athletes raise their GPA. He created a "Football Family" to engage the coaches, students and parents. He was able to instill a "can do" attitude in his athletes. Denny has proven even more of an inspiration as he continues to lead his team while fighting colon cancer.

LINDA DESIMONE (College Prep HS)

Volleyball

Desimone has coached girls' volleyball for 15 years and has compiled a 177-113 win-lose record in that time. She has led her girls' teams to three league titles and her boys' teams to five league crowns. She began her coaching career in 1980, but left in 1992 to concentrate on being an athletic director. She later returned to the court in 2003. Desimone has been very involved in the growth of club volleyball in Northern California as well as the Special Olympics. She was selected as the NCS Athletic Director of the Year in 2000-01.

STEVE FILIOS (St. Francis HS)

Basketball, Track and Field

Filios has coached basketball for 29 years, serving as the head coach at St. Francis for 15. His basketball teams have won five section titles, and reached three state championship finals, winning the state crown in 1995. He was named State Coach of the Year in 1995 and CCS Honor Coach for basketball in 1996. Filios was also the head track coach for 13 years and is a member of the CIF State Track Advisory Committee. He is one of the most respected administrators on campus and is regularly sought out by students for his counsel and guidance.

BECKY GAGNON (Martin Luther King HS)

Tennis

Gagnon is the girls' tennis coach at Martin Luther King, with a lifetime record of 268-84. Her teams have won nine league championships and made 14 straight section playoff appearances. She excels at developing dignity, sportsmanship and fair play in her student-athletes. She and her athletes show sportsmanship, work ethic and positive behavior every time they toe the mark. Gagnon is genuinely interested in her athlete's best interests and strives to make a difference in both their personal and athletic lives.

GLORY JUE (Reseda HS)

Softball, Volleyball

Jue has been coaching sports at Reseda for 29 years. In 1978, she became the girls' softball coach and assumed the reins of the girls' volleyball program in 1984. In her time at the school, she has served in numerous other positions including cheerleading sponsor, assistant drill team sponsor, and girls' basketball coach. Jue is a founding member of Reseda High Athletic Booster Club which began in 1987. Since 1993, she has served as a Los Angeles City Volleyball Coordinator and is a former member of the CIF State Volleyball Advisory Committee.

DAN KIELY (Colusa HS)

Soccer

Kiely has been coaching boys' soccer for 11 years at Colusa, his alma mater. His teams have amassed a record of 116-43-22 with one Northern Section title, one Section runner-up and three league titles. Throughout his 26 years of coaching youth soccer, he has given so much more than just knowledge of the game. Kiely requires his students to participate in a study session three days a week, and often uses this time to detail positive choices and good judgment that will affect his students throughout their life.

JACK McCRORY (Bear River HS)

Basketball, Track and Field

McCrory has been a coach and teacher for 33 years, the last 21 at Bear River where he has been the athletic director, boys' basketball coach and an assistant track coach. He is an advocate for student-athletes and works with them when they are having difficulties so they learn from character-building experiences. McCrory has made it a point to teach his athletes about responsibility, respect for others and being fair and consistent. He has worked with the Special Olympics, directing a local event for students not physically able to compete in the regular Special Olympics.

MANNY MYERS (Acalanes HS)

Track and Field, Cross Country

Myers is currently a PE teacher as well as cross country and track & field coach at Acalanes. He is the Meet Director of the Bob Warren Relays which helps fundraise for the school's track program. Myers models virtue, integrity and work ethic, and believes that developing these characteristics is more important than winning. A friend to everyone, he maintains the highest ideals of sportsmanship, integrity and cultivates a supportive team environment. He is always willing to help any athlete who wants to put in extra work.

BRIAN OTA (Bravo Medical Magnet HS)

Basketball

Ota is currently the basketball coach, softball coach and athletic director at Bravo Medical Magnet. He has been coaching for 29 years and at Bravo since 1991. Ota doesn't just provide a distraction from the negative influences that surround the school; he provides students a sanctuary, a place to want to belong. Many players have referred to him as their father figure. Players are expected to perform to their capabilities and conduct themselves with dignity and show respect for others at all times.

CARTER PAYSINGER (Beverly Hills HS)

Football

Paysinger has been at his alma mater for 27 years, serving as a PE teacher, football coach and athletic director. He's led the team to five league titles and 13 section playoff berths since 1990. Paysinger shows students how to live their lives with respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Recently, he helped develop, implement and monitor an intervention plan which has improved the environment on campus. When dealing with any issue, his first concern always is, "What's best for our students and their learning?"

LISA SHROCK (Sierra HS)

Track and Field

Shrock has been a cross country and track & field coach for a decade. She encourages her athletes to do their best, even if that means not winning a race. She guides her athletes and instills self-discipline and motivation to shape their lives using sport as a catalyst toward life's successes. Shrock has been involved with USA Track and Field for the last eight years as an official and also a volunteer at the Olympic Trials. She also has been the race director for several local area runs. She was named the 2006 *Modesto Bee* Coach of the Year.

BEN VILLANUEVA (Chula Vista HS)

Field Hockey

Villanueva is the varsity girls' field hockey head coach, junior varsity girls' soccer coach, and assistant junior varsity baseball coach at Chula Vista. He teaches character, respect and the importance of being a good citizen to all his athletes, and is committed to instilling the attributes of academic standards as part of his formula for success. He is a rare coach who oversees teams during each season of sport, something he has done for the last five years. This year, 11 of his field hockey players possess a 3.0 or higher grade-point average.

KATHY WAITE (Fallbrook HS)

Field Hockey

Waite has been coaching field hockey at Fallbrook for 26 years. She has instituted a sportsmanship award where at the end of each game, her players select an opposing player who best exemplified the core ethical values. She is in charge of the junior high field hockey program where she handles all the scheduling of fields and games, while encouraging her high school athletes to become assistant coaches at the junior high level. Kathy's participation doesn't stop there; she regularly attends former player's games at the college level.

PAM ZIELAZOWSKI (Leigh HS)

Tennis, Track and Field

Zielazowski has served as Leigh's athletic director and girls' tennis coach since 2000 and the track coach since 2003. She is totally dedicated to her athletes and has created an environment where they know that playing their best with a positive attitude is of paramount importance. Her athletes play to have fun, and in doing so, end up playing their best. Pam won the Norm Mackenzie Award for California Athletic Directors in 2004. She is on the BVAL Executive Committee and a member of the CCS Board of Managers.