Outstanding Alumni

*In 1932, Edwin Salisbury ('30) won an Olympic gold medal as the stroke of the 8-oared shell with coxswain.
*In 1935, Lou Nova ('34) won the U.S. and world amateur heavyweight boxing championships. In 1941 he lost to Joe Louis in front of 56,873 fans in Yankee Stadium.
*In 1935 Tom Moore ('34) tied the world record in 120 yard high hurdles.
*In 1936, Eugene Berkenkamp ('34) was the stroke of California’s national championship crew team.
In 1936, Jack Parker ('36) won a bronze medal in the decathlon at the Olympic Games. He was listed as representing Sacramento Junior College.
*In 1937 Perry Schwartz ('34) was a football all-American for California’s national championship team. In 1939 he was 2nd in NFL in receptions and receiving yards and was named all-Pro for the first of 3 straight years.
*In 1945, Bill Putnam ('42) was named 2nd team all-American in basketball for UCLA.
*On April 15, 1947, John “Spider” Jorgenson ('41) started at third base in Jackie Robinson’s first major league game.
*In 1948, John Stanich ('46) was the leading scorer for the U.S. National team which placed second in the first World Championships.
*In 1948, George Stanich ('47) won an Olympic bronze medal in the high jump. He was a 1st team basketball all-American at UCLA in 1950.
*In London in 1948, John “Jac” Stack ('43) won an Olympic gold medal in the 8-oared shell with coxswain.
*On September 1, 1961, Cuno Barragan ('52) hit a home run in his first major league at-bat. He never hit another.
*In 1960, Tommy Kono (Fall '48) won the last of his 3 Olympic medals (2 golds and a silver). Overall, he was a world champion for 8 straight years and set 26 world records in 4 weight classes (148 to 198). He was a 3-time Mr. Universe, the National and the Olympic coach for 3 countries (including the U.S. in 1976).
*In 1966, Pete Peletta ('47) resigned as head basketball coach at the University of San Francisco after leading his teams to 3 NCAA tournaments (twice to the Elite 8) and compiling a record of 114-51 in 6 seasons.
*In 1966, Kenny Graham ('61) was an AFL all-Pro for the first of 3 straight years.
*In 1969, Bill Ogden ('47) competed on the PGA tour.
*In 1972, Henry Hines ('69) won his second straight NCAA indoor national championship in the long jump. He later was the professional world champion 3 times.
*On April 7, 1979, Ken Forsch ('66) threw a no-hitter for the Houston Astros, the earliest no-hitter in National League history. His younger brother, Bob ('68) had thrown one 1 season earlier for the St. Louis Cardinals. They are the only two brothers in MLB history to do so.
*In 1983, Gino Petralli ('78) and Buck Martinez ('67) played for the Toronto Blue Jays.
*In 1984, Albert Miller ('81) competed in the Olympic decathlon for his native Fiji. He would compete again in ’88 & ’92.
*In 1986, Chenita Rogers ('85) was an all-American softball player for Cal State Fullerton, which won the national championship. She repeated the honor a year later and was named to the NCAA Team of the Decade for the 1980s.
*In 1986, John McNamara ('51) managed the Boston Red Sox to within 1 out of a World Series championship. He was named AL Manager of the Year.
*In 1986 Larry Bowa ('65) retired with the major league record for highest fielding percentage for a shortstop.
*In 1987, Robert Awalt ('84) was named NFC Rookie of the Year by the UPI.
*In 1987, Jeff Kubiak ('84), the 2-time NCAA Division II Swimmer of the Year, was the Pan-Am Games champion in the 200m breaststroke. He was the top ranked swimmer in the world in the event in 1987 and 1988.
In 1989, Kenny Drummond (’86) was the NAIA national basketball player of the year for High Point College (N.C.).

In 1989, Fernando Vina (’89) was a member of the U.S. national baseball team that competed in the Pan-Am Games as well as in a 6 game series against the Cuban national team in Havana.

In September of 1990, Chris Bosio (’82), Greg Vaughn (’85), Kevin Brown (’86), and Randy Veres (’85) played for the Milwaukee Brewers at the same time.

In the early 1990s, James Campen (’84) was named the NFL’s strongest man 3 years in a row.

On April 22, 1993, Chris Bosio (’82) walked the first 2 batters he faced and then threw the second no-hitter in Seattle Mariners history, becoming the third former SCC student to do so.

In 1993, former SCC teammates Greg Vaughn (’85) and Jeff Blauser (’84) competed in the MLB all-star game.

In 1995, Alex Van Dyke (’93) set NCAA single season records for receiving yards and receiving yards per game.


In 1996, Sheila Hudson (Fall ’85) competed in the finals of the triple jump at the Olympic Games, where she finished 10th. The U.S. national record holder, she was the top rated US triple jumper for the 8th straight year. She was a 4-time national champion, 5-time indoor national champion, and 3-time NCAA champion in the event.

In 1998, Greg Vaughn (’85) and Fernando Vina (’89) competed in the MLB all-star game.

In 2001, Larry Bowa (’65) and Buck Martinez became major league managers for the Phillies and Blue Jays.

In 2003, Mike Neu (’98) became the 33rd former Panther to play in the major leagues. He made 32 appearances with the American League Western Division Champion Oakland A’s.

In 2003, Jamie Nieto (’96) won the U.S. Outdoor Championship in the high jump.

In 2003, Beyonka McDowell, after winning the long jump and 100m hurdles at the state meet, competed in the United States Outdoor championships in the long jump. She was the only community college athlete in the field.

In 2004 Jamie Nieto won the high jump at the Olympic Trials and place fourth at the games. It was his second consecutive national championship.