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**CALIFORNIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME CELEBRATES  
CLASS OF 2011 INDUCTION CEREMONY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

*California sports celebrities to sign autographs, meet and greet fans, auction off rare sports memorabilia, with proceeds to benefit thousands of at-risk youth*

**ONTARIO, CA (February xx, 2011)** - The California Sports Hall of Fame will induct its Class of 2011, featuring California sports legends Dick Vermeil, Mike Haynes, Ken Norton, Tony Lopez and Bob Miller, during its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Induction Ceremony on Sunday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m., at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, CA. Many former inductees and sports celebrities have been invited to attend, meet and greet guests, sign autographs and participate in an auction featuring rare sports memorabilia. Proceeds will benefit thousands of underprivileged youth.

"We are proud to continue our tradition of recognizing incredible Californians who have made outstanding contributions at the highest level in sports," said Christian Okoye, Founder, California Sports Hall of Fame. "The Class of 2011 truly embodies what sports is all about and we are excited to honor them during this special evening, which will also benefit at-risk youth across our state."

The Class of 2011 was selected by a special committee, comprised of past California Sports Hall of Fame inductees and celebrity athletes, for their outstanding contributions to the world of sports in California and/or for their ties to the state.

Dick Vermeil, an NFL Super Bowl Champion with the St. Louis Rams, attended San Jose State University and was born in Calistoga, near Napa Valley. Mike Haynes is an NFL Hall of Famer with the Los Angeles Raiders. Ken Norton, a WBC Heavyweight Champion and World Boxing Hall of Famer, was born in San Diego. Tony Lopez, a three-time World Boxing Champion, was born in Sacramento. Bob Miller is a recognized Play-by-Play Announcer and known as the "Voice of the LA Kings."

Many former inductees will be in attendance to sign autographs, meet and greet guests and welcome the Class of 2011. Past inductees that have been invited include California sports celebrities such as Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Willie Mays, Reggie Jackson, David "Deacon" Jones, Eric Dickerson, Tommy Lasorda, Dan Fouts, Dave Winfield, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Mike Powell, Tom Flores, Marcus Allen, Cheryl Miller, Karch Kiraly and many more.

Plus, guests will have the chance to win rare sports memorabilia during silent and live auctions, with proceeds to benefit thousands of at-risk California children.

The California Sports Hall of Fame provides scholarships to disadvantaged student athletes and hosts free athletic clinics for underprivileged youth, featuring active and retired professional athletes and Olympians. Through clinics and mentorship, the California Sports Hall of Fame hopes to foster a goal-setting spirit in each child to continue their education and succeed in life.

Each ticket, including the induction dinner and ceremony, costs \$260. One ticket, including the induction reception, dinner and ceremony, costs \$400.

To purchase tickets and for more information, please contact the California Sports Hall of Fame at (909) 481-3541, e-mail [support@californiasportshalloffame.org](mailto:support@californiasportshalloffame.org) or visit [www.californiasportshalloffame.org](http://www.californiasportshalloffame.org).

#### **About California Sports Hall of Fame**

The California Sports Hall of Fame, founded in 2006, has a mission to capture the passion children and young adults have for sports and direct that energy to enhance their educational and personal goals. Through the organization's efforts and resources, the California Sports Hall of Fame supports and promotes education and sports for underprivileged children and young adults throughout California.

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