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**CALIFORNIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME CELEBRATES
CLASS OF 2012 INDUCTION CEREMONY
SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

*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 (March xx, 2012) - The California Sports Hall of Fame will induct its Class of 2012 featuring six California sports legends, Anthony Munoz, Tommie Smith, John Carlos, Rick Barry, Ted Hendricks and Marcel Dionne, during its 6th annual Induction Ceremony on Sunday, April 1 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 2012 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 2012 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.

Anthony Munoz, an accomplished NFL player, Pro Football Hall of Famer and NFL commentator, was born in Ontario, CA. Tommie Smith, the 1968 Olympic Gold Medalist in the 200 metre dash, attended San Jose State University. John Carlos, the 1968 Olympic Bronze Medalist in the 200 metre dash, an NFL player, Olympic organizer and Palm Springs High School track coach, also attended San Jose State University. Rick Barry, NBA champion and notable broadcaster, played for the Golden State Warriors and San Francisco Warriors. Ted Hendricks, 4x Super Bowl champion and Pro Football Hall of Famer, played for the Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders. Marcel Dionne, NHL Hall of Famer, played for the Los Angeles Kings.

Many former inductees will be in attendance to sign autographs, meet and greet guests and welcome the Class of 2012. Past inductees that have been invited include California sports celebrities such as Earvin “Magic” Johnson, Willie Mays, Reggie Jackson, Ken Norton, Dick Vermeil, 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.

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