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Compton Community College District Inducts New Members into Tartar Athletics Hall of Fame

The Compton Community College District will induct members of the Tartar Athletics Hall of Fame's second class during a special event on May 26, 2012. The festivities will take place at the Lakewood Country Club, beginning at 5:00 p.m., and will honor the significant contributions the 2012 inductees have made to Tartar athletic history. Admission to the event is \$55, which will raise funds for the Tartar Athletic Program at El Camino College Compton Center.

Early luminaries in the Tartar Athletic Program, which dates back to 1927, were inducted into the Tartar Athletics Hall of Fame during the inaugural event in 2011. This year, 12 new members will join a prestigious group that includes Olympic gold medalists Cornelius "Corny" Johnson and Charlie Dumas, as well as pro football hall of fame running back Hugh McElhenny.

The 2012 inductees are:

- **Herschel Curry Smith**- former Compton Community College track coach and founder of the Los Angeles Invitational
- **William Kenneth "Ken" Carpenter**- 1936 Olympic discus gold medalist
- **Willie Atterberry**- member of the United States' 1956 Olympic track and field team
- **Hayes Edward "Big Ed" Sanders**- 1952 Olympic boxing gold medalist
- **Larry Hollyfield**- former Compton Community College and UCLA basketball player, as well as 1973 Portland Trail Blazers draft pick
- **George Henry Brown Jr.** - long jumper for UCLA and member of the United States' 1952 track and field Olympic team
- **Dave Nelson**- former MLB player and Milwaukee Brewers broadcaster for *Fox Sports*
- **Cornelius Robertson**- quarterback for the former Compton Community College
- **Ashlee Palmer**- NFL football player, Detroit Lions
- **Morice Frederick "Tex" Winter**- Head coach for NBA's Houston Rockets, member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame
- **Tracy McNeill**- former Compton Community College basketball coach
- **Damaine Powell**- former Compton Community College and current California State University, Dominguez Hills basketball coach

"The 12 inductees are an accomplished group, who collectively have made tremendous achievements in their respective sports," said Keith Curry, Interim CEO, Compton Community College District. "We're looking forward to celebrating the success of the El Camino College Compton Center Tartar Athletic Program."

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Intercollegiate athletics in California's community colleges have a rich history and tradition. Great athletes like Flo Hyman, Jackie Robinson, Warren Moon and Debbie Meyer all started their athletic careers at California community colleges, as well as legendary coaches such as football's Bill Walsh, John Madden and Joe Gibbs. Even the late NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, Tartar Athletics Hall of Fame 2011 inductee, was a California community college alumnus who in 1946 enrolled at the former Compton Community College and worked as the athletic news and sports information director.

The second annual Tartar Athletics Hall of Fame event will take place at the Lakewood Country Club, located at 3101 Carson Street, Lakewood, CA 90712. For more information, please contact Albert "Lefty" Olguin, Director of Athletics, at 310-900-1600, ext. 2940, or aolguin@elcamino.edu.

Ticket Information:

Tickets may be purchased by mail or in-person at the Tartar Athletic office:

El Camino College Compton Center
Tartar Athletic Department (Building W)
1111 East Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221

Please make your check payable to: Tartar Athletic Department

Tickets may also be purchased online through the Foundation for the Compton Community College District by going to www.foundation4compton.org and clicking on "Giving." If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a tax-deductible donation in support of the Tartar Athletic Program, you may do so by mail or online.

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