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## SACRAMENTO

The California Community College Academic Senate has awarded Los Medanos College Athletic department the **2003 Exemplary Program Award Honorable Mention** for their **SPORT (Support Players Offering Resources to Transfer)** Program at a ceremony in Sacramento on January 12, 2004. The Exemplary Program Awards were established in 1991 by the Board of Governors to recognize outstanding community college programs. Each year two California Community College programs receive cash awards of \$4,000 and four programs receive honorable mention plaques. Each of the over 100 community colleges in California can nominate one program. Focus should be on programs that respond to the Basic Agenda of the Board of Governors in the areas of transfer and general education, economic development, vocational education and student services.

This is the second year in a row that LMC has received the award for one of their programs. LMC's Title III Developmental Education's Teaching and Learning Center received the 2002 Exemplary Program Award Honorable Mention.

The LMC SPORT Program offers the student athlete the opportunity to succeed both academically and athletically by providing the following activities and services:

- Assessment – Reading, writing and math assessment for entrance to LMC can be provided for student athletes at East County high school sites.
- The First Semester – Each incoming athlete is advised on an individual basis to plan his/her first semester's courses based upon assessment results and high school grades.
- Orientation – Every athlete is invited to an orientation of LMC's services, policies and procedures. This orientation covers athletic requirements and demonstrates how these relate to other college components.
- Course – Human Services 100, Educational Strategies and Services, provides the student athlete with information and teaches skills to succeed both academically and athletically.
- Continuous Academic Monitoring – Confidential academic progress of each athlete is checked at least twice a semester in order for the coach and advisor to be current on each player's academic standing and to assist those who may be struggling.
- Tutoring – Tutorial assistance can be provided, at no cost, to those athletes in need.
- Educational Plan – By the end of the student athlete's first semester, the player will have an educational plan on file.

- NCAA Workshops – Workshops are held for LMC athletes, parents, and community high schools to give information on what is needed to play college ball.
- The Next Level – Sessions are held for the second year player to assist the prepared athlete to go on to the next level, be it out into the working world of transferring on to a four year institution.

The other 2003 Exemplary Program Awards Winners were:

Santa Barbara City College

Santa Ana College

Los Angeles City College

Reedley College

Sierra College

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