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Cuesta's Former Athletic Director Inducted into National Hall of Fame

Cuesta College's former athletic director will be honored with an induction into a national hall of fame for collegiate athletic directors today for his 36 years of service to Cuesta College athletics.

Warren Hansen worked for Cuesta College from 1965 to 2001 and began as one of the original faculty members when the college first opened. He will be inducted into the national hall of fame by the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA), a subset of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). The induction will happen today at NACDA's annual conference in Dallas, Texas.

Hansen joined the Cuesta College staff in 1965 as the assistant football coach and head wrestling coach. Over the next five years, he also worked as the head football coach and cross country coach. In 1970, he was named the director of athletics and served in that position until his retirement in 2001. During his career at Cuesta College, Hansen also served as the Physical Education Division Chair and served a term as the NATYCAA president from 1998-99.

"The athletic support staff and coaches worked diligently on their responsibilities which resulted in our athletic program receiving a great deal of respect from members at the conference, state and national levels," Hansen said. "Cuesta's athletic program was modeled from the principles emphasized by NATYCAA, which include development of the student/athlete and the spirit of fair play. I was always humbled by the accomplishments espoused by athletic directors from around the country and many of their ideas found a place in Cuesta's program. I feel very honored to receive this award."

In honor of his service to the college, the Warren Hansen Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award was created in 2002. To qualify for the award, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA and demonstrate excellence based on the student's citizenship and athletic performance.

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