Alumnus Trevor Hoffman to be Honored as the Americana Awards ‘Man of the Year’ on Saturday

Cypress College alumnus Trevor Hoffman — who retired from the San Diego Padres as Major League Baseball’s all-time saves leader — is being honored by the Cypress College Foundation as the Man of the Year at the 38th Annual Americana Awards. The Americana Awards, sponsored by Union Bank, N.A., will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 in the Disneyland Hotel’s Grand Ballroom.

Hoffman is being recognized along with Citizens of the Year from the eight communities in Cypress College’s primary service area. They are: Becky Areias (Anaheim); Dale Eichman (Buena Park); Haze Saliture (Cypress); Bill Dalton (Garden Grove); John Alvis (La Palma), Theresa Murphy (Los Alamitos/Rossmoor); Esther Cummings (Seal Beach); and David Ronnenberg (Stanton).

Kaiser Permanente will be honored as the Foundation’s Distinguished Business Partner.

During his 18-year MLB career, Hoffman was selected for the All-Star team seven times and twice he was the runner-up for the National League Cy Young Award. He retired with Major League Baseball records of fifteen 20-save seasons, fourteen 30-save seasons and nine 40-save seasons. He also retired with the highest career strikeout rate of any reliever. In addition, he was the first player to reach the 500 and 600-save milestones and was the all-time saves leader from 2006 to 2011.

While he works hard to help others, Hoffman puts his family first. He and his wife, Tracy, enjoy the outdoors and playing baseball, basketball, beach volleyball as well as surfing with their three sons: Brody,
16, Quinn, 14, and Wyatt, 12.

“Trevor is truly a special person on and off the field, and will definitely be a Hall of Famer in baseball and truly is Hall of Fame caliber as a person. If you talk to any of his teammates, they have glowing reviews of him as a man,” said his friend and Cypress College coach, Scott Pickler.

Born in Bellflower and now a resident of Rancho Santa Fe, Hoffman has been heavily involved in the local community since joining the Padres in 1993. Due to his own history of kidney problems, he has worked extensively with the National Kidney Foundation as well as with the Rady Children’s Hospital, where he has visited the children for decades and helped raise funds to improve the facility.

Hoffman also donates his time and resources to the Padres Scholars program, the San Diego Family Justice Center and numerous military outreach programs. He is especially involved in raising funds to provide scholarships to local kids through the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund.

His efforts in the community as well as for baseball have brought him several honors. Trevor was the recipient of the Padres Chairman’s Award in 1999, given to the player who best exemplifies the community spirit of the club chairman, John Moores and his family. On six different occasions, he was named the local recipient of the Roberto Clemente Award. This award is given annually to a player who demonstrates the values displayed in his commitment to community and understanding the value of helping others.

He was honored in 2006 with the Teammates for Kids Award as well as with the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award, presented annually to the Major League baseball player who both on and off the field best exemplifies the character of Lou Gehrig.

In 2008, he received the Branch Rickey Award for humanitarian efforts. Created by the Rotary Club of Denver, the award is a nationally prestigious and coveted honor that recognizes professionals in Major League Baseball for exceptional community service.

About the Americana Awards:

Tickets for the Americana Awards are available from the Cypress College Foundation for $225 per person with various sponsorship levels also available. Information is available by calling (714) 484-7126 or (MORE)
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at http://www.CypressCollege.edu or http://www.Facebook.com/AmericanaAwards. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with no-host cocktails and a silent auction. Dinner is served at 7 p.m.

In July, 2010, Union Bank, N.A., strengthened its partnership with Cypress College, agreeing to serve as the title sponsor of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Americana Awards. At the 2011 awards, Union Bank extended its sponsorship through 2015. Union Bank has a long-standing leadership role at the college with representation on the Cypress College Foundation Board of Directors. Union Bank’s five-year commitment to Cypress College totals $125,000.

For more information about the Americana Awards, please call the Cypress College Foundation office at (714) 484-7126 or visit: http://www.cypresscollege.edu/about/Foundation/.

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Cypress College is one of three campuses in the North Orange County Community College District and a member of the 110-campus California Community College System. The college primarily serves the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Stanton. Bob Simpson is the president.
Located at 9200 Valley View Street in Cypress, the college is easily accessible from several Southern California freeways, including the 5, 91, 605, 22 and 405. The campus is just a stone's-throw from Downtown Disney and Knott's Berry Farm.

More information about Cypress College is available by calling (714) 484-7000 or by visiting the campus Web site at http://www.CypressCollege.edu.

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