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Preparing Coaches
and Athletic
Administrators for
service in the
21st Century***

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A Note from Our Director

I hope that this edition of the MCAA Newsletter finds you well. The MCAA Faculty and Staff continue to work hard to provide you with the very best educational experience. Please take the time to review our Fall News. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Please enjoy a wonderful Fall Term.

We had a great summer, during which we offered 46 classes to MCAA students as well as non-degree students. We were blessed to host the inaugural California Coaches Conference featuring nationally recognized leaders in our field. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for a recap of our conference and be sure to take a look at the photos and student reviews of the event.

The MCAA Fall I term is off to a great start with 94 new students, 582 total students and 28 courses being offered. Although we just began the Fall I term, don't forget to register for Fall II. It's just around the corner, with our next session beginning on November 14th.

Our program initiatives for the 2011-2012 Academic Year include:

- Enhancing Technology Infrastructure and Student Experience
- MCAA 595 & MCAA 595 E Culminating Project
- MCAA 510 Improvements
- WASC Program Assessment
- Expanding and Enhancing our Sport Specific Course offerings
- Expanded Marketing for the MCAA Program
- Preparing for the California Coaches Conference – July 9-13, 2012

Don't forget to utilize the approved APA format in all of your work. A special thanks to MCAA 595 Team Leaders Chelsea Rhodes and Rose Imbriano for their efforts to improve the communication process involving Professional Portfolio requirements. All students should remember the sooner you do it right, the quicker it gets done.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of Hurricane Irene. Several current MCAA students and program alumni have been affected by this tragic event. Rest assured that the MCAA Team wants to reach out to you and help you in every way possible.

Wishing you the very best of everything,

-Tom

California Coaches Conference July 11-15, 2011



To view more photos and reviews of the California Coaches Conference, please take a look at the Conference Recap on our website: www.cui.edu/mcaa

California Coaches Conference in Review

We were privileged to hear the following outstanding **Keynote Speakers** throughout the week of the inaugural **California Coaches Conference**.

- MONDAY** **Grant Teaff**, Executive Director, American Football Coaches Association
"Leadership in American Sport Today"
- TUESDAY** **Vern Gambetta**, President, Gambetta Sports Training
"Training Stuff and the Stuff of Training"
- WEDNESDAY** **Sue Enquist**, 11-Time NCAA National Champion and Olympic Gold Medal
Winning Softball Coach
"Excellence"
- THURSDAY** **Dr. Ken Ravizza**, Professor of Applied Sports Psychology, Cal State
University Fullerton
"Coaching the Mental Game"
- FRIDAY** **Norm Chow**, Offensive Coordinator/ Tight Ends Coach, University of Utah
"Successful Coaching at All Levels"

Save the Date for the 2012 California Coaches Conference
July 9-13, 2012



Chelsea's Corner

If you are planning to be finished with your classes this Fall, you will need to apply for Fall 2011 graduation. You are required to apply even if you are not planning to attend the ceremony in May 2012.

The application is posted in MCAA 595 and MCAA 595E Blackboard courses or you may request one from Chelsea Rhodes. Please scan your application to Chelsea.rhodes@cui.edu or fax it to me at 949-214-3261.

The Deadlines to submit the Graduation Application are below:

\$125 by Sept. 30 \$150 Oct. 1-Dec. 9 \$200 after Dec. 9

-Chelsea Rhodes

2011-2012 Program Calendar

August	22	Fall I Term Begins
	26	Last day to Add/Drop classes without penalty
September	5	Labor Day
	30	First Deadline to apply for Graduation
November	4	End of Fall I Term
	14	Fall II Term Begins
	18	Last day to Add/Drop classes without penalty
	24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
December	9	Second Deadline to apply for Graduation
	25	Merry Christmas!
February	10	End of Fall II Term
	20	Spring Term Begins
	25	Last day to Add/Drop classes without penalty
May	4	End of Spring Term

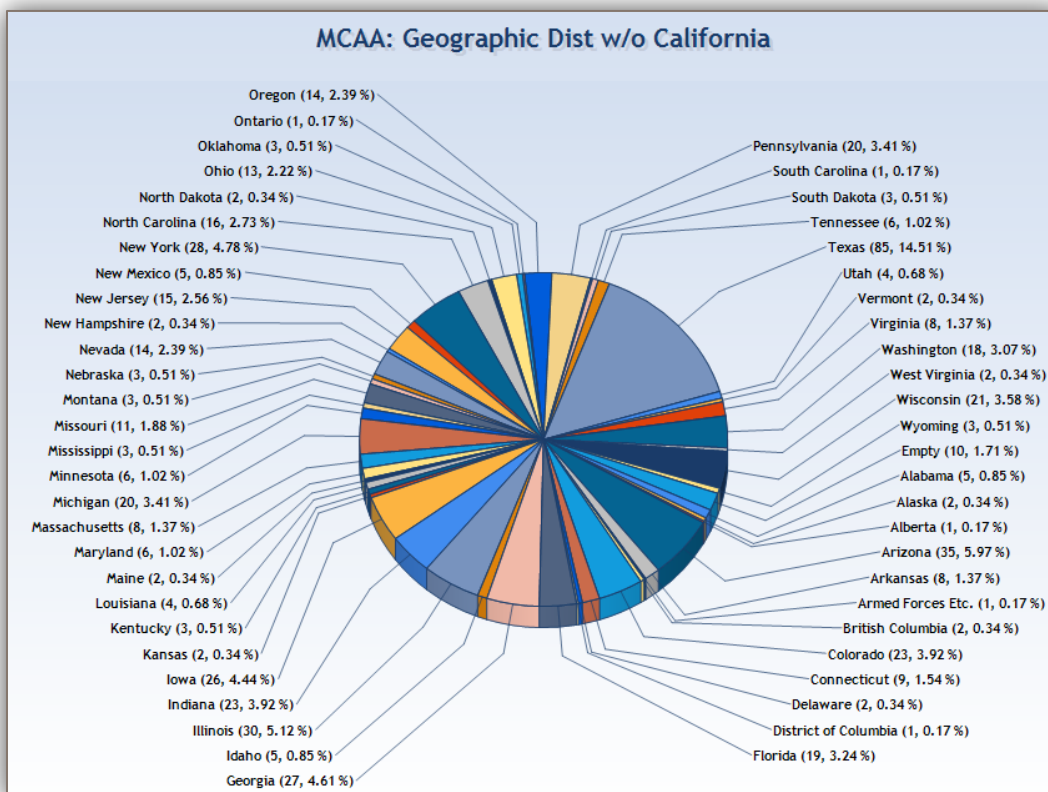
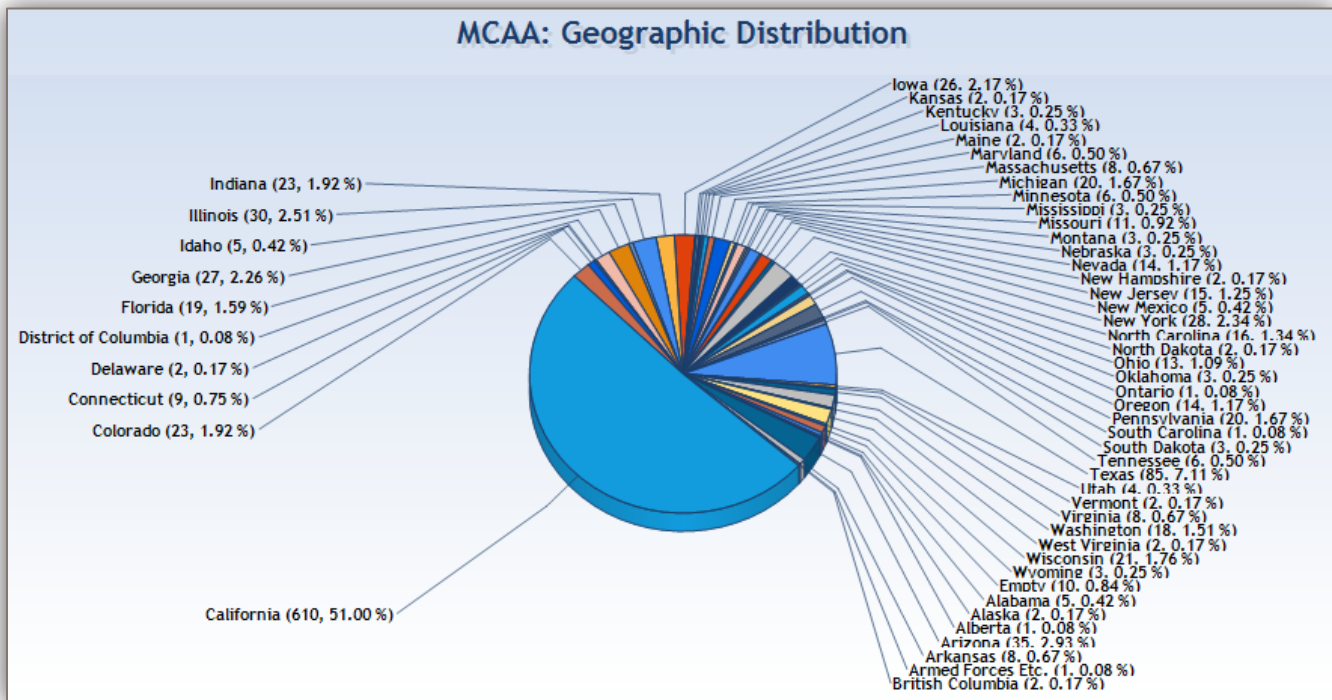
MCAA Admissions

Greetings from the Admissions Office. I hope that you are all enjoying your classes and taking full advantage of everything that the MCAA program has to offer. Don't forget to let me know if you have any friends or colleagues that you think might benefit from the MCAA program. I would be happy to assist them in the admissions process the same way that I assisted you. Also, feel free to call or e-mail me to let me know how things are going and how you are doing in the program. I am always interested in keeping up with the students that I help to admit and encourage your feedback about how we can improve the admissions process or the MCAA program in general. I look forward to hearing from you.

-Chris Lewis



MCAA Students Around the USA



MCAA Student Testimonials

"The MCAA program brought me more than just a degree. The development of relationships with fellow coaches and administrators was one of the most valuable parts of my 2 years in the program. In addition, the Portfolio option allowed me to be more prepared for college coaching interviews than any of my competitors in the field." *-Assistant Men's Basketball Coach, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD*

"I thoroughly enjoyed the Master's program in Coaching and Athletic Administration through Concordia University. I found the classes to be very up-to-date, informational, with content that was useful and applicable in the current realm of coaching and athletics. The instructors were knowledgeable and at times, very inspirational. The hours and pace of the program were perfect for the working professional and provided an opportunity to learn from not only the instructors but from other professionals in the field as well. The convenience of on-line classes was definitely a plus. I would highly recommend this program to anyone pursuing a Master's Degree." *-Physical Education Teacher, Head Girls' Varsity Tennis Coach Martin Luther King High School, Riverside*

"I felt the MCAA program was extremely beneficial. It was a great opportunity to network with and get to know other coaches and see the learned principles applied through different sports at both the high school and college levels. It was also very interesting to get a variety of thoughts from different people on different issues facing coaches today. The Legal Aspects class was one of the most helpful classes I have ever taken! I would recommend the MCAA program to any coach considering a master's degree." *-Boys Volleyball Coach, Calvary Chapel High School, Santa Ana*

"The MCAA Program provided me a great opportunity to further my education and gain valuable knowledge that I am able to utilize to help better work with student-athletes. The online forum made it easy for me to find time when it fit into my schedule to complete the assignments. The professors were very supportive and the assignments within the classes allowed me to explore learning within the context of my sport. The assignments were practical and I could utilize them within my program. I highly recommend this program to any high school or college coach." *-Math Teacher, Head Boys and Girls Golf Coach, Long Beach Wilson Classical High School*

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