



Northern California Chapter Eclipses \$648,000

The Northern California Chapter presented 24 high school players with \$1,000 scholarships at the Burlingame Marriott Hotel on Feb. 21, pushing the chapter's all-time award total to \$648,000.

One of the oldest chapters in the country, more than 450 people attended the group's 48th Annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet, including representatives from the San Francisco 49ers, Stanford University, the University of California, the Pac-10 Conference, and the NFL Alumni Association of Northern California.

Bob Lee, of the NFL Alumni who played a combined 14 years with the Vikings, Rams, and Falcons, gave the keynote address while 2008 scholar-athlete **William Shlieder** from Calistoga High School and former scholar-athlete award winner **Joe Vollert** also delivered remarks to the scholar-athletes who carried an average GPA of 3.8.

Three members of the College Football Hall of Fame attended: Coach **John Ralston** (Stanford, San Jose State, and Utah State), **Chris Burford** (Sanford) and Coach **Jim Sochor** (California-Davis).

Other VIP attendees included PAC-10 Commissioner **Tom Hansen**, De La Salle High School coach **Bob Ladouceur**, who led his Concord, California teams to an unprecedented 151 consecutive victories, and 1974 NFF National Scholar-Athlete **Tim Harden** from the United States Navel Academy.

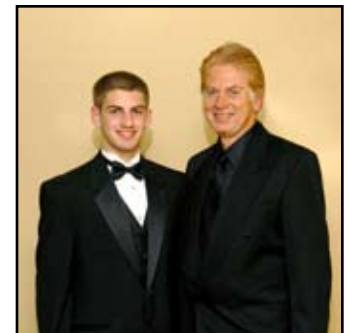
In an effort to expose younger players to the positive role models being honored, the chapter hosted freshman and sophomore Play It Smart participants from South San Francisco HS and members of the El Camino HS football team. ■



Seated: Hall of Fame Coach Jim Sochor, Adam Henderson, Scott Sabbatino, Hall of Fame Player Chris Burford, Duane Linberg. Standing: Mike Moroski and PAC-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen.



Hall of Fame Coach John Ralston and Calistoga HS Scholar-Athlete William Schlieder.



Foothill HS Scholar-Athlete John Lynn and former NFL player & Emcee Bob Lee.



South San Francisco HS Play It Smart Participants.