



## Kelly Wong Named 2015 CCCAA Female Scholar Athlete of the Year

Wong is first-ever CCSF athlete to receive honor

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Kelly Wong in action and with coaches (left to right) Eric Love, Monique Calvello, and Derek Lau

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The California Community College Athletic Association named CCSF Women's Basketball's sophomore Kelly Wong its 2015 Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. Wong is the first-ever CCSF Athlete to receive the highest student achievement honor awarded by the CCCAA.

Wong, who accumulated a 3.92 GPA for the 2015 school year, said it took her a while to process the magnitude of her achievement.

"I feel like I haven't really realized the scope of it all, but when people congratulated me and told me how big of an honor it is and how it's for the whole state and for all sports -- it's the biggest award I ever won," Wong said.

Although the sophomore standout's modest view towards the honor speaks volumes about her character, her head coach Derek Lau was forthright in praising her accomplishment.

"We are extremely proud of Kelly, she has definitely earned the honor of being the CCCAA Female Scholar Athlete. Kelly works extremely hard on and off the court. She is the true definition of a student-athlete," Lau said.

Wong, who is a San Francisco native and Lowell High School alum, is a full-time student majoring in computer science, and is an active member within the CCSF community. She works part-time at CCSF's

Admission & Records Department, serves as the president of CCSF's intercollegiate sports club "Ram Zone," and participates in a number of campus-wide activities within the athletic department and throughout the college.

The sophomore's tireless work ethic that she shows in the classroom and within the community has also translated to a litany of success on the basketball court: CCCAA Third Team All-State Selection, two First Team Coast-North Conference Selections, three all-tournament selections, and two years as team captain.

Like every student-athlete, Wong's schedule is a juggling act between academics, sports, and work -- and for Wong she wouldn't want to have it any other way.

"I got use to the workload early because I've played sports for a long time. I feel like having a lot of things to do is kind of easier to balance because when you have so much free time you might procrastinate. It's kind of good having things to do," Wong said.

When Wong received the news through the mail that she had won the CCCAA Female Scholar Athlete of the Year, the first person she told was Athletic Advisor/Academic Counselor Petrina Chi, who has helped Wong and countless other CCSF student-athletes in their academic planning process.

"I'm so excited for Kelly. The award speaks volumes about her character and diligence. We all are looking forward to seeing continued success from her in the future," Chi said.

Wong's plans after CCSF are to transfer to a four-year university to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and continue her collegiate basketball career. She hopes to transfer to University of California Berkeley, University of California San Diego, or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Wong will be honored along with other athletes at the Celebration of Scholar Athletes Luncheon, during the 19<sup>th</sup> annual CCCAA Convention on Wednesday Mar. 30 in Ontario, CA

#### Additional Kelly Wong Biography Notes

Started basketball at the age of seven and played in several leagues including Asian League, CYO, AAU, AAA, and CCCAA. Kelly played both basketball and softball for Lowell High School and led both teams to four consecutive AAA Championships (2011-2014). She was named to the AAA Women's Basketball All-League First Team her junior year, and received the AAA's All-City Player of the Year during her senior year.