

years (2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012) under head coach John Speraw. Additionally, the Anteaters have been ranked in the nation's top 10 for 118 consecutive weeks, including No. 1 for 26 of those weeks.

UCI ended the year 26–5 overall, which ties Lewis (26–11) for the most wins in the country this season. The Anteaters finished in a tie for second in the MPSF with a 17–5 record. The 26 wins is the fourth most in school history, while the 17 MPSF wins were tied for third most in school history. UCI was 9–4 at home, 12–1 on the road and 5–0 on neutral courts. They also ranked fourth in the country in attendance with 1,224 fans per match.

Furthermore, UCI captured the 2012 MPSF title with back-to-back 3–2 victories over No. 1 USC and second-seed Stanford. UCI topped fifth-seed UCLA, 3–1 in the quarterfinals. Senior Carson Clark was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, while Kevin Tillie and Dan McDonnell were selected to the all-tournament team. It was the second time in program history (2007) that UCI won the MPSF Championship title.

Carson Clark and Kevin Tillie were named first team American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America. It is only the second time in program history that UCI has had two players on the first team in the same season. UCI ranked first in the country in hitting percentage (.354), assists (13.32) and win/loss percentage (.839). The Anteaters ranked second in kills (14.0) and aces (1.67). Carson Clark was third in the nation with a 0.55 ace average. Jeremy Dejno was ranked 11th nationally with a 0.38 mark. Kevin Tillie ranked third in the country in hitting percentage (.387), while Dejno is sixth (.347) and Clark was 13th (.324). Tillie was also 11th in kills per set (3.80) and Clark is 12th (3.73).

Additionally, Carson Clark became the first player in MPSF history to be named to the league's first-team all four years. He also made UCI history becoming the first Anteater to earn AVCA All-American all four years. Clark was named first team All-American as a senior and sophomore, while garnering second team as a freshman and junior. Kevin Tillie and Jeremy Dejno joined Clark on the All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation first-team, while Dan McDonnell was a second team All-MPSF honoree. It is the first time in the program's history that three Anteaters have been selected to the MPSF first team in the same year. UC Irvine joins UCLA as the only two teams to have three first-team MPSF honorees. This is the first MPSF honor for Tillie, Dejno and McDonnell.

Senior Carson Clark left his mark in the UCI record books. This season he became UCI career leader in kills (1,861), attack attempts (4,042) and aces (183). He recorded 61 service aces this season, bettering his previous school mark of 50 set in 2010.

Kevin Tillie was the last Sports Imports/AVCA National Player of the Week (Apr. 24) honoree after his 20-kill performance against UCLA in the MPSF quarterfinals. It is Tillie's second national award this year, taking the honor on Jan. 31 as well. Carson Clark was named Sports Imports/AVCA Men's Division I–II National Player of the Week on Mar. 19. UCI players have been named a Sports Imports/AVCA Player of the Week 20 times overall with Clark also garnering the award on Apr. 4, 2011 and Apr. 12, 2010. This year, Clark was named MPSF Molten Player of the Week

on Mar. 12, while Tillie earned it on Mar. 5 and Jeremy Dejno was recognized on Jan. 9.

Congratulations to head coach, John Speraw, and the men's volleyball team of the University of California, Irvine, for winning the 2012 NCAA Division I Men's Volleyball National Championship. I am proud to recognize the achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and staff who were instrumental in helping the University of California, Irvine win the national title.

It is an honor to represent UC Irvine, under the leadership of Chancellor Michael V. Drake, M.D., as it continues to establish itself as a world-class research university, and as one of the top universities in the Nation.

CONGRESSWOMAN HONORS THE CAREER OF CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOHN A. ELDER, RETIRING FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary career of Chief Master Sergeant John A. Elder, a great military leader in the United States Air Force. After thirty years of exceptional service to the Air Force, we celebrate Chief Elder's retirement and reflect back on a career of distinguished accomplishments.

Originally from South Boston, Virginia, in July 1982, Chief Elder enlisted in the Air Force and reported for Basic Military Training to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. After graduating from the Biomedical Equipment Maintenance Technician (BMET) course and completing his first operational assignment at Blytheville Air Force Base, Arkansas, he relocated to the Department of Defense's largest contingency hospital located at Royal Air Force Little Rissington in England. There, he played an integral role in establishing the first Contingency Medical Equipment Repair Center which serviced all contingency hospitals in Europe.

In 1990, Chief Elder was selected as an Air Training Command technical training instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. There, he taught basic and advanced BMET courses before being selected as a curriculum developer. Chief Elder was then selected as the Air Force representative for tri-service consolidation of BMET training. He was instrumental in the successful consolidation of Army, Navy and Air Force BMET training and the design and construction of a new, first of its kind, \$16 million Department of Defense BMET training facility.

During his assignment at Sheppard Air Force Base, Chief Elder received several honors including Air Education and Training Command READY Augmenter of the Year, 882d Training Group NCO of the Year, 384th Training Squadron NCO of the Year, and DoD Biomedical Equipment Technician of the Year. Additionally, Chief Elder earned his international certification as a Biomedical Equipment Technician and was awarded the Airman's Medal for heroism for his lifesaving actions during an off-base house fire.

After serving in Alabama and Virginia, in 2007, Chief Elder arrived at Fairchild Air Force

Base in Spokane, Washington to serve as the 92d Medical Group superintendent. One of Chief Elder's most notable achievements was during his time as superintendent of the 332d Expeditionary Medical Group, Joint Base Balad, Iraq, where he led 357 members at the Air Force Theater Hospital to a 98% survival rate during combat operations. His leadership and dedication was instrumental to unit moral and the medical care rendered to our wounded warriors.

Additionally, since his arrival at Fairchild Air Force Base, the 92d Medical Group has been recognized with numerous Air Force, Command and individual awards. Chief Elder also provides strategic guidance, direction and leadership on all issues affecting the professional development, mentorship, and proper utilization of assigned enlisted personnel in support of 30,000 beneficiaries in the greater Spokane area.

So, today I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Master Sergeant John A. Elder for his service and celebrating his lifelong commitment to the United States Air Force and the 92d Medical Group at Fairchild Air Force Base. We are all grateful for John's unwavering dedication to our country and for all of his accomplishments—he is a true American patriot.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SUFFIELD HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations to the six distinguished graduates of Suffield High School who were inducted into the Suffield Foundation for Excellent Schools' 2012 Hall of Honor on May 18, 2012. The Hall of Honor is a highly competitive program established to put the spotlight on graduates of Suffield High School who have achieved noteworthy success in their careers in very diverse endeavors. It is no coincidence that such an impressive group came from Suffield High School, a school that actively recruits high quality teachers and staff members. The town of Suffield itself has a proud tradition of supporting the high quality learning environment at Suffield High School, which has been essential to its success. The Hall of Fame is a part of that effort. It seeks not only to celebrate past graduates but also seeks to give students who are presently enrolled or who will be enrolled, inspiration and role models for their own studies and future careers.

Mr. Charles R. Waterman is a nuclear power and turnaround expert, who served as President of Electro Mechanics, Sensor Engineering, and Delas-Weir. Ms. Robbi Gorman D'Allessandro is a writer of stage and screen plays, and founded the Artist's Donor Initiative to encourage artists to donate blood and bone marrow. Mr. James Remington currently serves as the Lieutenant Commander of the U.S. Navy and has supported U.S. missions in Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Mr. Toby J. Moffett, Jr., served four terms as Congressman for Connecticut's Sixth District and now serves as chairman of