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Eric Brown to be inducted into coaches hall of fame

Suffolk County Community College head baseball coach Eric Brown, of Coram, has been inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The NJCAA made the formal announcement Feb. 3, and Brown will be honored at a pretournament banquet at the 2014 NJCAA Division I Baseball World Series on May 23 in Grand Junction, Colo.

Brown, according to the college's athletic director, Kevin Foley, is the longest tenured coach of any athletic program at SCCC and has led the Sharks for 25 years, amassing an overall record of 587-322-7.

He has led Suffolk to five appearances in the NJCAA Division III World Series (1998-2000, 2006 and 2011) and is a five-

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time recipient of the Region 15/District F Coach of the Year award.

"Coach Brown is an exceptional leader who sets a high bar for our student athletes not only on the field, but in the players' everyday lives," SCCC President Shaun McKay said in a press release.

Foley said in the release that this is a fitting acknowledgement for Brown's achievements: "His contribution to the college and the young men who have played for him is legendary. He is an example of how one person can make a difference in so many people's lives. I have known Eric for more than 30 years and he is truly an outstanding person and one who deserves this recognition."

A multisport star himself, Brown lettered in three sports — including baseball — as a student-athlete at Suffolk. He was hired to lead Suffolk's program in 1987 and was inducted into the Suffolk County Community College Sports Hall of Fame in 1993.

In addition to his program's success on the field, the NJCAA Region 15 Umpires Association has awarded Brown's program its annual sportsmanship award four times.

Brown is currently the president of the NJCAA Region 15 Baseball Coaches Association, a post he has held since 2000.

Brown is also a member of the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame and Longwood High School's Sports Hall of Fame.