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## ELAC Men's Basketball Star Announces Transfer to University of Southern California

MONTEREY PARK, CA – East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Men's Basketball standout forward Kealen Allen announced he will be continuing his college playing career at the University of Southern California (USC). In the one season Allen spent at ELAC he helped the team set their best records with 29 wins and 1 loss. Allen will be joining a USC team that finished with 22 wins and 9 losses in 2019-20 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> best Pac 12 conference record of 11 wins and 7 losses.

Like many other collegiate sports teams, the ELAC Huskies had to cut their season short due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Kealen and his teammates last game of the 2019-2020 year was a win over Allan Hancock College in the California Community College Athletic Association State Championship tournament which advanced them to the final eight teams in the state. ELAC ended the year with best record ever in school history and a historic 25-game win streak. They also had their highest ever state ranking at #2.

Kealen Allen was on of the best community college players in the nation and received the South Coast-North Men's Player of the Year award. Allen finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the state in field goal percentage (67.4%), 13<sup>th</sup> in rebounds per game (9.3), and 15<sup>th</sup> in scoring per game (18.5). Allen draw motivation from off the court to push him to be better.

"What motivates me is my family; [they] makes me go harder every day so my younger siblings don't have to struggle in life. I just want the best for them and that really gives me a push," said Allen.

Kealen Allen is another elite basketball to transfer out of ELAC and will joined the long list of players who have continued their careers at mid major or better basketball programs. Almost all of these student-athletes have sung the praise of head coach John Mosley and how he has helped to not only shape their basketball career but also their academic career.

Coach Mosley finished his 8th season in 2019-20 leading the men's basketball team and has a 189-50 career record. The Huskies have made the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) state playoffs in each of those 8 seasons and appeared in ELAC's only championship game in the 2014-2015 season. He won the South Coast-North Men's Coach of the year for the 5th time in 2020.

"Kealen is more than just the points and rebound and basketball stats, he is a good person. Whenever one of your best players has a great attitude, great spirit, unselfish, that is why you go 29-1 in a season. All the other guys like it and they feed each other the ball and play well together," said Mosley.

To learn more about the basketball program at ELAC please visit their website.

ELAC is in its 75<sup>th</sup> year as an academic institution and continues to serve the Los Angeles area with education needs. This academic year is a celebration of our past and an excitement for our future. To learn more about some of the key alumni in our 75 years of history please <u>click here</u>.