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Former CFL great Angelo Mosca has been selected the first ever CFL inductee into the Gridiron Greats Hall of Fame.

Mosca will join fellow inductees, including former NFL stars Barry Sanders, Billy Sims and Dan Dierdorf and be honoured at the Hall of Fame Dinner on May 18, 2012 at Novi, Michigan.

"The Hall was started about six years ago by a bunch of former players including Gale Sayers, Mike Ditka and others," said Mark Lewis, Director, Detroit Chapter of the Gridiron Greats Hall of Fame. "There are about 40 players inducted and we thought this would be a good fit with us having a close proximity to the CFL through Detroit and Windsor. We look for players who had an outstanding football career and gave back to the community at large, or even a mediocre career who gave back to the community."

All profits from the event go to the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund to support former players who have fallen upon hard times. The Fund is supported through numerous donations and fundraising activities throughout the year including special events, auctions of memorabilia, autograph events, corporate and public donation drives, sponsorships and special Super Bowl related events.

"It's a great honour," said Mosca. "My wife says they keep re-inventing me. It's a nice award and I appreciate it, that it acknowledges what you have done away from the game."

Mosca was selected for the honour by the Board of Directors of the CFL Alumni Association. "The criteria is really more to do with post career contributions than with his actual football career; his support to the CFL Alumni Association; the local Alumni Association, the CFL and the local club, as well the support to the community in which he lives," says Leo Ezerins, Executive Director of the CFLAA. "Angelo has been a huge ambassador for the CFLAA not only at high profile events such as the Grey Cup but throughout the year at many fundraising events and appearances. He is especially committed to helping out the CFLAA Dire Needs Fund. A fund to support former players and/or their families who require financial support for medical challenges.