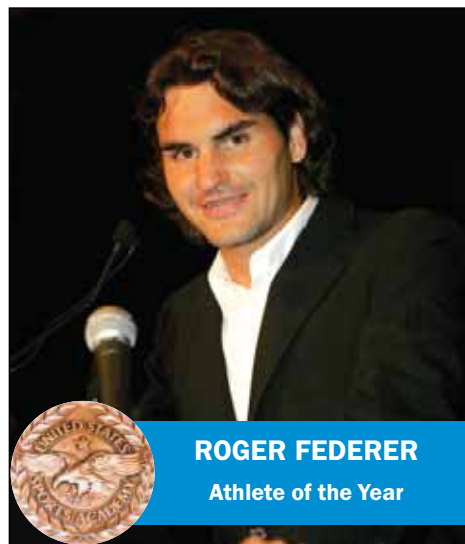
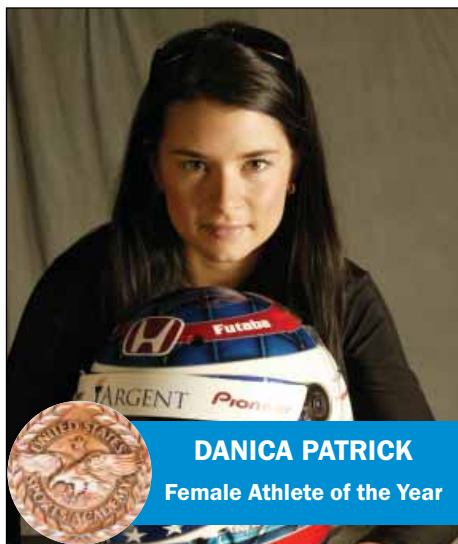


USSA ACADEMY AWARDS OF SPORT A TRIBUTE TO THE ARTIST AND THE ATHLETE



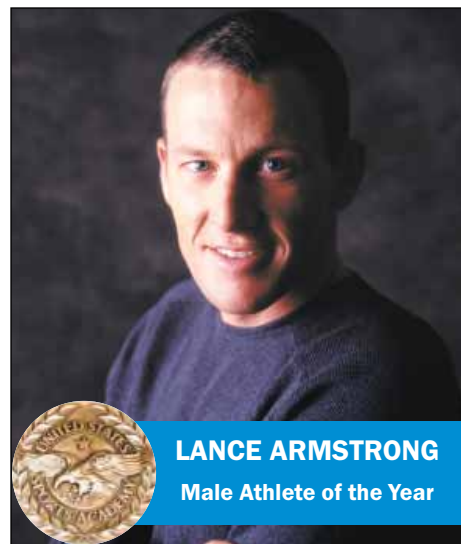
ROGER FEDERER
Athlete of the Year

Photo: Michael Newman & Andy Rading Langdon



DANICA PATRICK
Female Athlete of the Year

Photo: Getty Images



LANCE ARMSTRONG
Male Athlete of the Year

Photo: courtesy of Capital Sports & Entertainment

Following a worldwide vote conducted via the web, the United States Sports Academy announced the winners of its Athlete of the Year competition. The ballot, run in conjunction with USATODAY.com, attracted hundreds of thousands of votes from sports fans around the globe.

As the overall vote leader in the male and female categories, tennis star Roger Federer is the Outstanding Athlete of the Year. Federer was the first man in the Open Era to win the U.S. Open and Wimbledon in back-to-back years, with the Open being his 10th tournament title of the 2005 season.

IndyCar Rookie of the Year Danica Patrick received the most votes in the women's category to take home Female Athlete of the Year honors. Patrick was the highest starting and finishing woman in the 89-year history of the Indianapolis 500. She placed fourth in both the race and the time trials.

Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, who has helped revitalize the greatest race in cycling, won the men's category and title of Male Athlete of the Year. A two-time winner of the Academy's Outstanding Athlete of the Year Award, Armstrong is no stranger to success or this competition.

"The Athlete of the Year ballot was extremely competitive. We received a record number of votes this year from fans from around the world," said Gene Policinski, Executive Director of the First Amendment Center and Chair of the Academy's balloting committee. "I want to thank our international ballot committee, which is comprised of former athletes and representatives from the media and sports organizations."

Tennis star Kim Clijsters finished second in the women's balloting, followed by LPGA golfer Annika Sorenstam. PGA golfer Tiger Woods finished second for Male Athlete of

the Year, followed by San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan.

"USSA's goal is to recognize the great diversity and achievement inherent in sports. As sports groups around the world invite their fans to join in the voting, that diversity is encouraged," Policinski said.

Since 1984, the Academy has recognized outstanding athletes in all sports through its Awards of Sport program themed "A Tribute to the Artist and the Athlete." The Academy also presents awards each year to recognize those who have made significant contributions to the profession of sports, in several categories. For more information on the Awards of Sport, visit www.asama.org.



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IOC PRESIDENT JACQUES ROGGE

INTERNATIONAL HONORARY DOCTORATE



USSA President Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich (l) presents the International Honorary Doctorate to IOC President Jacques Rogge.

United States Sports Academy President Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich presented International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Jacques Rogge with an honorary doctorate during a visit to Switzerland in January.

Rogge, an orthopedic surgeon with a degree in sports medicine, became the eighth IOC president on July 16, 2001 during the 112th IOC Session in Moscow. Since his election, Rogge has been instrumental in the implementation of the global anti-doping code, which was enacted prior to the 2004 Athens Games to help control drug use among athletes and maintain the purity of athletic competition on a worldwide stage.

As the IOC president, Rogge presides over all activities of the IOC, acting as its permanent representative. The decision to award the honorary doctorate to Rogge was made in late 2004, after he masterfully managed the size and complexity of the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, the largest Olympic Games ever, while maintaining a high level of the quality in the presentation of the ceremonies and sporting events.

Rogge has also served as President of the European Olympic Committees since 1989. He previously served as the Vice President of the Association of National Olympic Committees; President of the Belgian National Olympic Committee (1989-1992); chef de mission of the Belgian team at the Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck (1976) and Calgary (1988); chef de mission at the Summer Olympic Games in Moscow (1980),

Los Angeles (1984) and Seoul (1988); chairman of the medical commission of the International Sailing Federation.

Rogge has been an IOC member since 1991 and a member of its executive board since 1998. He was Chairman of the Coordination Commissions for the 2000 Summer Olympics from 1995-2000 and for the 2004 Summer games from 1998-2004. He was also a member of the Olympic Movement Commission from 1990-'99, Olympic Solidarity Commission, the Olympic Program Commission, and the Olympic Medical Commission, of which he served as vice chairman.

Rogge was himself an Olympian, competing in Mexico City (1968), Munich (1972) and Montreal (1976) in yachting, and 16-time Belgium champion. Rogge is a former member of the Belgian national rugby team.

The U.S. Sports Academy has been presenting honorary doctorates since 1985. Past recipients include luminaries such as President George H.W. Bush, Ted Turner, and Kofi Annan.

The IOC is the supreme authority of the Olympic Movement. Its role is to promote top-level sport as well as sport for all in accordance with the Olympic Charter. It ensures the regular celebration of the Olympic Games and strongly encourages, by appropriate means, the promotion of women in sport, that of sports ethics, and the protection of athletes.

The IOC is composed of a maximum of 115 co-opted members who meet in session at least once a year. The IOC session elects a President for a term of eight years, which are renewable once for four years. Executive Board members are elected for four years.

By retaining all rights relating to the organization, marketing, broadcasting and reproduction of the Olympic Games, the IOC ensures the continuity of a unique and universal event. The Olympic Movement receives most of its funding from the Olympic Games rights bought by broadcast networks. However, it also benefits from The Olympic Partners world-wide sponsorship program comprising multinational companies.

Future Olympic sites include the XX Olympic Winter Games 10-26 February 2006 in Turin, Italy; Beijing in 2008; Vancouver in 2010; and London in 2012.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR RUNNERS-UP

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FEMALE



Second Place
Kim Clijsters, Tennis



Third Place
Annika Sorenstam, Golf

MALE



Second Place
Tiger Woods, Golf



Third Place
Tim Duncan, Basketball

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD



Photo: Baylor Athletic Media Relations

The Baylor University women's basketball team celebrates winning the 2005 NCAA Championship. USSA named the Lady Bears the Women's Team of the Year for their cinderella performance.



Photo: 2005 Chicago White Sox/Ron Neasey

The Chicago White Sox defeated the Houston Astros in the 2005 World Series and were named the USSA Male Team of the year. It was the White Sox's first World Series title since 1917.

ACADEMY AWARDS OF SPORT HISTORY



President Reagan presents the 1989 Ronald Reagan Media Award.



Arnold Schwarzenegger receives the Eagle Award in 2002.



In 1984, Ernie Barnes became the first Sport Artist of the Year.



In 1984, Greg Louganis won the first Athlete of the Year Award.

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AMERICAN SPORT ART MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

OPIE OTTERSTAD — SPORT ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2006

Opie Otterstad took another step in his mission to “quell the ill will between sport and fine art” by being named the 2006 Sport Artist of the Year by the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA), a division of the United States Sports Academy.

Otterstad was among hundreds of sports artists from around the world nominated for this prestigious annual award. The ASAMA Art Committee, which consists of respected national artists and curators, votes annually to decide the world’s top sport artist.

Otterstad, a painter from Austin, Texas, travels frequently and stays busy accepting numerous commissions to create depictions of sporting events and sportsmen. His works include assignments to paint pictures honoring Houston Astros’ pitcher Roger Clemens and former Astro Nolan Ryan; the Boston Red Sox 2004 World Series championship (a collage); and tributes to San Francisco Giants manager Felipe Alou and the 20th anniversary of the Los Angeles Lakers’ 1985 championship series with the Boston Celtics.

Otterstad, the official artist of the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame, earned a bachelor’s



The American Sport Art Museum & Archives awarded Opie Otterstad with the Sport Artist of the Year 2006 .

degree in studio art from St. Olaf College and a master’s in psychology from the University of Houston. He has been painting since he

was three years old. He learns as much as he can about the background of his subjects and tries to incorporate the significance of them into his paintings.

A constant work ethic for his passions has created a painter who would be considered prolific by any standards. With over 1,100 works to his credit since 1993, his friends and peers tease him about his prolificacy. He feels that it is this consistency and growth that allows him extended vision in his work.

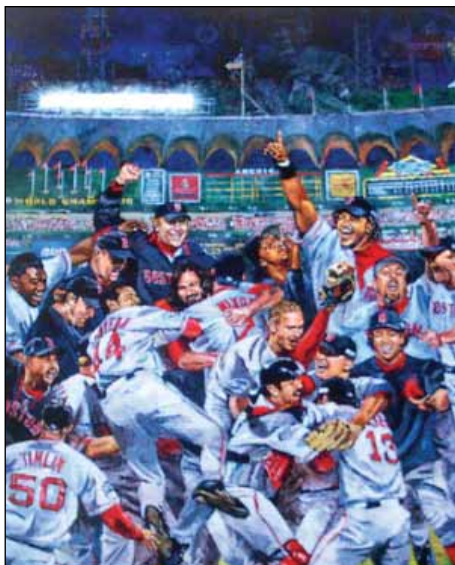
His desire to unite the worlds of sport and art has led to some unique projects, including Strike 1-2-3. In this project, he sets up canvases the size of strike zones and has Major League pitchers throw a paint-covered ball at the canvas. He claims many pitchers have requested to take part in the project.

The Sport Artist of the Year award has been presented by ASAMA since 1984 as part of the Sports Academy’s Awards of Sport program, honoring the artist and the athlete.

ASAMA houses what is believed to be the largest collection of fine sport art in the world and is dedicated to the collection, display and preservation of sports history, art

Below : “The Ghostrunners” — Many times in baseball there just weren’t enough players to fill the field so you needed a little imaginary assistance from a readily available group of players. There could be up to three of these players on the field at any one time, but they were all known by the same name...“Ghostrunner on 1st, 2nd and 3rd.” How many ghostrunners do you see in the painting? The ghostrunner on first base is Ty Cobb, second base is Walter Johnson and third base is Tristram E. Speaker. Visit the ASAMA website to view Opie’s complete bio and art (www.asama.org).





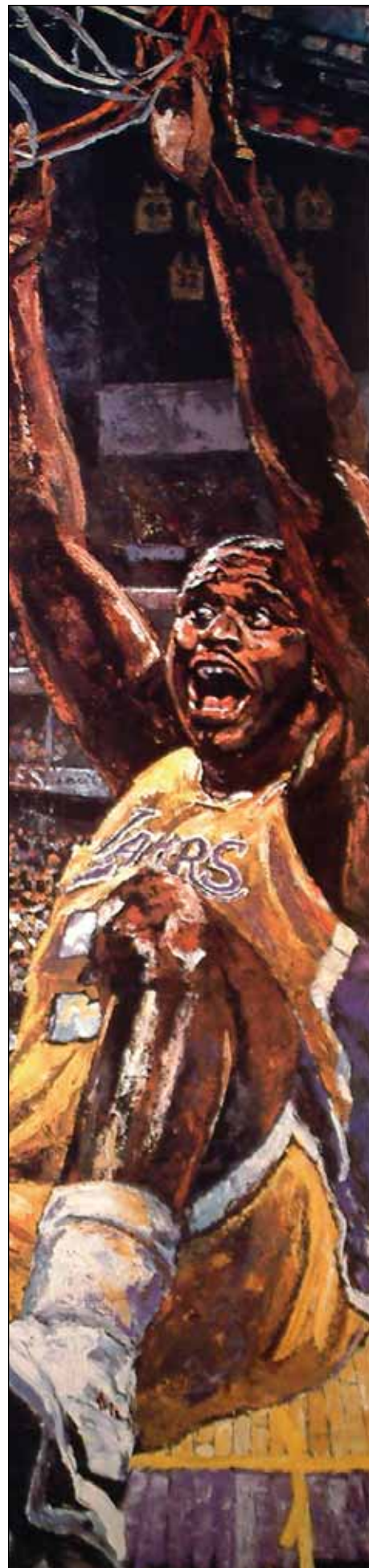
(Left to Right): *"The Batboy"* — The trust of picking a good stick is placed on the shoulders of youth; Opie produced the Boston Red Sox official 2004 World Series team painting; and has been commissioned by hundreds of sports stars including Shaquille O'Neal.

and literature. The museum exhibits world-renowned sport artists Hans Erni, Charles Billich, Ernie Barnes and the famed Spanish artist Cristóbal Gabarrón.

Past recipients of the Sports Artist of the Year include Daniel Moore, Daniel You, Stephen Holland, Charles Billich, Ernie Barnes, James Rizzi and Mina Papatheodorou-Valyraki. To learn more about the Sport Artist of the Year, please visit <http://www.asama.org/awards/sportartists>.

Since its inception, ASAMA has recognized the importance of the cultural connectivity

of athletic competition and artistic expression. The tradition of artistically rendering the human expression that is sport, provides the focus for ASAMA. This is embodied by the Sport Artist of the Year. The award is presented annually to an individual who captures the spirit and life of sport so that future generations can relive the drama of today's competition. Recipients have used a variety of art media including oil and canvas, photography, illustrations, sculpture, assemblage and more to depict the breadth and scope of both the agony and ecstasy in sport.



INTERNATIONAL CHILD ART FOUNDATION

The American Sport Art Museum & Archives, a division of the United States Sports Academy, is proud to be an educational partner with the International Child Art Foundation (ICAF). ICAF's mission and vision is to prepare children for a creative and cooperative future and to nurture the innate creative and cooperative spirit in every child on the planet. It serves as the leading national art and creativity organization for children in the United States. It is also the only international children's art and creativity organization in the world.

ICAF Event

What: The European Childrens Festival

When: 26 May to 9 June 2006

Where: Munich, Germany

Why: In conjunction with the 2006 FIFA World Cup this exhibition will show how children interpret and share their culture to gain an understanding of others.

Highlights: USSA Sport Artists of the Year Opie Otterstad and Charles Billich will serve on the committee for this event.



By Dylan Bradford (age 8) of Maryland. This work was produced as part of the Arts Olympiad of the International Child Art Foundation.

For more information on ICAF: www.icafe.org • (202) 530-1000 • childart@icafe.org



USSA MOURNS THE PASSING OF LONGTIME FACULTY MEMBER

Dr. A.W. Faris, Chair of Fitness Management at the Sports Academy, passed away in late November. Faris worked with USSA President Thomas P. Rosandich when the Academy was first moved from Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the Mobile area in 1977. Among their collaborative efforts was the founding of Operation Bounceback, which was the first and the largest cardiac rehabilitation project in Mobile, Alabama.

Faris received his Bachelor of Science degree (1963) and Masters of Arts (1965) from East Carolina University before earning his Ph.D. in 1970 from Florida State University.

Faris was a longtime faculty member at the University of South Alabama and USSA. He was the Professor and Director of the Human Performance Laboratory at South Alabama from 1970-1995. Faris served as the Director of Exercise Science Research for the Academy from 1978-1982. He served many years on the distance learning faculty with the Sports Academy before returning to the USSA resident faculty in 2004 to take over the Fitness Management program.



(Left to Right): USSA President Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich presents the 2005 Eagle Award to James Kimsey.

USSA President Thomas P. Rosandich presented James Kimsey, founder of America Online, with the Academy's 2005 Eagle Award during a trip to Washington.

As part of the Sports Academy's Awards of Sport, the Eagle Award is presented annually to a world leader in sport, recognizing that individual's contributions in promoting international harmony, peace and goodwill through the effective use of sport.

As a member of the Washington Baseball Club, Kimsey successfully helped relocate the Montreal Expos to Washington, D.C., giving the nation's capital a franchise in our national pastime for the first time since the Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers in 1972. In their first year in D.C., the Washington Nationals averaged 33,651 fans, placing 11th in Major League Baseball and fifth in the National League. The players responded by improving their record by 14 games, from 67-95 to 81-81.

A veteran, Kimsey, was recently inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was formed to honor and preserve the spirit and contribution of America's most extraordinary Rangers. He commanded the first company of the 82nd Airborne Division to arrive on the ground during combat operations in the Dominican

Republic in 1965. On his second tour in Vietnam, Kimsey guided Regional Force/Popular Force units in the organization of the defense of their cantonments. Kimsey established an orphanage in Vietnam and supported it financially for 38 years.

In 2001, Kimsey was named chairman of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP). His work with ICMP has taken him to Iraq and the Balkans to negotiate the release of information on the location of mass graves, their exhumation and the identification process to provide peace and reconciliation. Kimsey traveled twice to the rebel-held Colombian village of Los Pozos to meet Manuel Marulanda, the chief of the powerful Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known for earning huge profits from illegal drug trade and kidnapping. These discussions boosted fledgling peace talks.

In 1985, Kimsey, a native of Washington, transformed Quantum Computer Services into America Online, Inc., the nation's leading independent provider of interactive online services to consumers. His contribution to internet technology through this company was a key reason for his receiving an award from the Sports Academy, the world's largest online graduate school, itself an innovator in online education. Eleven years later, he became the company's chairman emeritus and turned his energies to new challenges in business, philanthropy and diplomacy.

He founded the Kimsey Foundation, an organization to benefit area communities in the arts and education. While its overall mission is to level the playing field for disadvantaged youth through education and technology, the foundation also serves to promote international cooperation to reduce human suffering through intercultural communication and by providing humanitarian relief in underdeveloped countries. Kimsey also served President Clinton, accompanying him on a trip to Vietnam, and former Secretary of State Colin Powell, who appointed him chairman of the International Committee for Missing Persons.

2006 GRADUATION
commencement exercises



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U.S. SPORTS ACADEMY NEWS AND EVENTS



(Left to Right): Rene Stiegler of ShipCom; Coast Guard Admiral R.T. Helwitt; and USSA Trustee Dr. Robert S. Block.

Block and Stiegler were honored by the U.S. Coast Guard for the operation of ShipCom, the only U.S. privately owned HF and VHF radio facilities that provides voice and data services to ships at sea, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. When virtually all other communications were knocked out throughout the Gulf Coast, ShipCom continued to maintain contact between the Coast Guard's ships, aircraft and helicopters that were picking people off roofs in New Orleans. ShipCom operators maintained communication between elements of the Coast Guard and monitored the emergency channels for all the ships at sea for 48 hours after Katrina hit, saving countless lives.



(Left to Right): USSA President Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich; Jan Eliasson, President of the General Assembly from Switzerland; and Kofi Annan the Secretary General of the United Nations. All the children pictured attend the UN school.

Dr. Rosandich participated in the events surrounding the UN's 60th Anniversary. The theme was the UN declaration of 2005 as the International Year of Sport and Physical Education. As part of the anniversary, Annan and Eliasson participated in the ringing of the "Harmony Bell." The Harmony Bell was on loan for the day from the World Harmony Foundation (WHF). Mr. Frank Liu, President of the WHF, honored Dr. Rosandich with the first annual Award from the World Harmony Foundation recognizing the Academy's work in international sport and art.



(Left to Right): USSA Trustee Randy Smith; Major Isa Hassan Al-Qattan, Chief of Police in the Kingdom of Bahrain capital of Manama; Captain Khalid Al-Khayyat, Director of Sport in the Ministry of Interior; and USSA Trustee Dr. Charles J. Henson of Bishop State Community College.

USSA President Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich and his wife, Sally, hosted a reception to honor visitors from the Kingdom of Bahrain. In January, the Sports Academy began a sports and fitness program for the Middle Eastern nation's Ministry of Interior Department of Public Security. Sports Academy faculty are developing programs to provide fitness training to more than 25,000 officers of the Department. The program is part of a major undertaking by the Kingdom of Bahrain's to use sport as a community outreach tool.

UVA ADMINISTRATOR EARNS FIRST NACDA CERTIFICATION FROM USSA



Mike Frederick has an MBA and six years of professional football on his resume and the Sports Academy has helped him create a perfect blend of his passions for business and football.

Frederick, the Associate Director of the University of Virginia Athletics Foundation, has found a link between the principles of business and the unique characteristics of

the sporting industry, thanks to a program certified by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and delivered online by the Sports Academy.

"What I liked best was the sport-specific nature of the course work," said Frederick, the first graduate of the NACDA Graduate Certification Program in Sports Management at USSA. "In the McIntire School of Commerce, we use a lot of case studies from the Harvard Business School. A lot of business elements in that program are similar to what I learned in this program but they were sport specific."

The Sports Academy and NACDA developed the NACDA Graduate Certification Program

in 2004 for college graduates pursuing careers in intercollegiate athletics. The program is designed to establish standards for intercollegiate athletics. Certification requires completing six courses, including Sports Business and Personnel Management, Sports Marketing, Sports Law and Risk Management, Sports Facilities, Sports Administration and Student Life Skills.

Frederick graduated from Virginia in 1994 and obtained an MBA from North Carolina in 2002. Between graduations, he had a six-year career in the NFL as a defensive end, including an appearance with the Tennessee Titans in Super Bowl XXXIV.

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ACADEMY AWARDS OF SPORT

2006 MEDALLION SERIES HONOREES

The Academy's Awards of Sport program pays tribute to individuals who have made significant contributions to sports through a commitment to academic, administrative, artistic or athletic endeavors for the advancement of the sports industry.

With the theme of the artist and the athlete in mind, the American Sport Art Museum and Archives, a division of the Academy, annually recognizes these men and women through its Honorary Doctorates, Athlete of the Year competition and Medallion Series Awards. Since its inception in 1984, the Awards of Sport program has expanded over the years to include honoring exemplary achievement in all-around athletic performance, coaching, fitness, humanitarian efforts, media, the arts and more.

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THE EAGLE AWARD

U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning (R-Ky.), whose threat of congressional intervention led to a stronger stance against drugs in Major League Baseball, has been named the

2006 Eagle Award winner.

In early November, Bunning and U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) re-introduced bipartisan legislation that would

impose tough new drug testing policies and penalties on professional athletes. Bunning, a founding member of the Major League Baseball Player's Association and a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, was dissatisfied with efforts by unions and management in professional sports to work

out agreements on stronger drug testing policies. He and McCain believed legislation was necessary. Less than two weeks later, the Major League Baseball Players Association and management reached their own agreement for a stronger drug testing policy. Recent publicity about widespread use of steroids in baseball had prompted the threat of congressional action.

AMOS ALONZO STAGG COACHING AWARD

Amid a lengthy winning streak, defense of one Bowl Championship Series National Title and



two Associated Press National Titles, University of Southern California head football coach **Pete Carroll** won the

2006 Amos Alonzo Stagg Coaching Award.

This honor comes after three straight BCS bowl berths, two AP national championships and last year's BCS National Championship, when USC capped off an undefeated season with a 55-19 victory over Oklahoma in the FedEx Orange Bowl. USC has produced three Heisman Trophy winners in the past four years.

CARL MADDOX SPORTS MANAGEMENT AWARD

University of California-Santa Barbara Athletic Director **Dr. Gary Cunningham** was named the 15th recipient of the



Carl Maddox Sports Management Award. Cunningham is in his 11th year as athletic director at Santa Barbara, where he has received numerous national honors. In 2003, the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA)

presented Cunningham the James J. Corbett Award for devotion to collegiate athletics. He was twice recognized as NACDA's Division I-AA/I-AAA Athletic Director of the Year before receiving the NACDA/NIT Athletic Director Award in 2000. Cunningham was the first recipient of the NCAA Division I-AAA Lifetime Achievement Award. Cunningham has been a collegiate athletic director for 26 years since serving as head basketball coach at UCLA.

RONALD REAGAN MEDIA AWARD

ESPN analyst and women's basketball pioneer **Ann Meyers-Drysdale** earned the **Ronald Reagan Media Award.** Meyers-Drysdale began her career as a color commentator for

the NBA's Indiana Pacers in 1979. She joined ESPN in 1983 as an analyst



for various events, including men and women's college basketball. A member of the basketball Hall of Fame, she has also covered the Olympic

Games for ABC and NBC. As a player, Meyers-Drysdale was the first woman ever to try out for an NBA team when she signed as a free agent with the Indiana Pacers in 1979.

JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH IOC DISABLED ATHLETE AWARD

Sir Philip Craven, president of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and inventor of wheelchair basketball, earned this year's



Juan Antonio Samaranch Disabled Athlete Award. After a 22-year career in sports for the disabled, mostly in wheel-

chair basketball, Craven has served in administration for paralympic sports for 11 years. He has served as president of the IPC since 2001 and has also served as president and chief executive officer of the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation. Last year, Craven was a recipient of the Knight Bachelor for services to Paralympic Sport by the Queen Elizabeth II.

BABE DIDRIKSON ZAHARIAS COURAGE AWARD

For returning to the New England Patriots lineup eight months after suffering from a stroke, NFL linebacker **Tedy Bruschi** has been honored with the



Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Courage Award. The 10-year veteran recorded 54 tackles in his first nine games back in the lineup. He sacked Tampa Bay Buccaneer quarterback Chris Simms twice on

Dec. 17 in a 28-0 victory over the Bucs, making it the first two sacks since his return. In September, Bruschi told the *Boston Globe* that he suffered a stroke in his home following his return from the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. Originally, Bruschi ruled out a return to football during the 2005 season.

JACKIE ROBINSON HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Andre Agassi, who has been playing professional tennis since he was a teenager and dedicated his life to helping children who

are not as fortunate, has been recognized as the winner of the 2006 **Jackie Robinson**



Humanitarian Award. Agassi, winner of eight men's singles titles in Grand Slam events, is honored for the accomplishments of the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation.

The Las Vegas, Nev.-based philanthropic organization has provided educational, recreational and humanitarian help to underprivileged youth in the Las Vegas area. Funding is provided through direct contributions from Andre Agassi and through donations made to the Foundation. To date, the AACF has raised more than \$42 million. This amount is more than the prize money he earned in his 19-year professional career.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

United States Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.), an active advocate of sports reforms in recent years, has been honored with the **Theodore Roosevelt Meritorious Award.**



Senator McCain was rewarded for his work in passing a law that created the United States Boxing Commission, an entity set up to impose federal reforms on professional pugilism. He also has been

the legislative driving force behind recent changes in the drug testing policy in Major League Baseball. In May, Senator McCain and two congressmen introduced the "Clean Sports Act of 2005," which called for a two-year ban for athletes who test positive for steroids the first time, and a lifetime ban for second-time offenders. Senator McCain also has co-sponsored a bill that would ban gambling on all amateur sports.

DR. ERNST JOKL SPORTS MEDICINE AWARD

Noted soccer physician **Dr. Bert Mandlebaum** has been honored with the **Dr. Ernst Jokl Sports Medicine Award.** Mandlebaum, who practices in Santa Monica, Calif., has worked at Pepperdine University for the past 15 years. He has been medical director for Major League Soccer since its debut in 1996.



He was chief medical officer for the United States women's World Cup soccer teams in 1999 and 2003 and has been team physician for all of the U.S. men's national soccer teams since 1991. Mandlebaum has also served on the editorial board of the *American*

Journal of Sports Medicine and The Physician and Sports Medicine as well as an executive board member for the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine. Mandlebaum has been featured in and helped produce the video: "Ready, Set and Play: Injury Care and Prevention in Youth Soccer," which received an award from the International Medical Film Society. He was the orthopedic surgical consultant to the CBS television drama "Chicago Hope" from 1997-2001.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER FITNESS AWARD

U.S. Surgeon General **Richard Carmona** was honored with the **Dwight David Eisenhower Fitness Award** for his campaign against obesity. Carmona, a native of New York City, has served as Surgeon General for the United States since 2002.



He has been active in fighting obesity as part of the "Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity." The

action was a result of studies that showed 30 percent of U.S. adults age 20 years and older - over 60 million people - are obese (having a body mass index - BMI - of 30 or higher). He dropped out of high school and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967, where he earned his GED, joined the Army's Special Forces and became a combat-decorated Vietnam Veteran. After Vietnam, he attended Bronx Community College of the City University of New York (CUNY), where he earned his Associate of Arts. Dr. Carmona earned his bachelor's degree and medical diploma from the University of California-San Francisco.

JIM THORPE ALL-AROUND AWARD

Hunter Kemper, the first American man ever to be recognized as the world's No. 1 triathlete, was honored with the **Jim Thorpe All-Around Award.** Kemper, a two-time Olympian, four-time U.S. Pro champion and two-time International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Cup winner, reached the top of the rankings after a second place finish in Honolulu, Hawaii.



The 29-year-old continued his hold on the top ITU ranking throughout 2005. In his eight years as a professional triathlete Kemper, who is originally from Florida, has been named U.S. Olympic Committee Triathlete of the Year twice, USA Triathlon Pro Rookie of the Year (1998) and Central Florida Male Athlete of the Year. He is the only American triathlete to win a gold medal at the Pan American Games (2003).

C. VIVIAN STRINGER COACHING AWARD

Bloomsburg (Penn.) University softball/women's field hockey head coach **Jan Hutchinson** won the 2006 **C. Vivian Stringer Coaching Award.** Hutchinson has won more



than 2,000 games in softball and field hockey, and is the third NCAA coach to do so. She is the first woman to ever win more than 1,000 games in combined sports.

The 28-year college coaching veteran won 12 national championships in Division Two field hockey, including three straight from 2002-'04. Her softball team won the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national championship in 1982 before making 22 straight appearances in the NCAA tournament. Her record in field hockey is 1,441-280-22 (.833 winning percentage) and she is 958-216-2 (.815) in softball for a combined record of 2,399-496-24 (.828).

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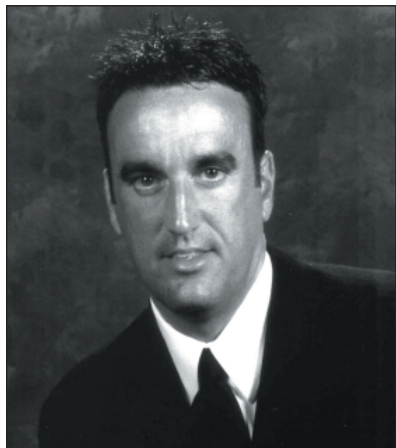
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NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
PRESIDENT & COMMISSIONER

**USSA MASTER'S DEGREE
SPORTS MANAGEMENT '89**

For decades North American teenagers pinned their hopes of a National Hockey League (NHL) career on success in the Canadian junior hockey program or looked to college programs as a training ground for the NHL.

However, the North American Hockey League (NAHL), a league directed by USSA graduate Michael Santos, allows North American hockey players to use both junior hockey and college to pursue their NHL dreams (www.nahl.com).

Santos is in his second year as the NAHL President and Commissioner, which is the latest stop in a 16-year hockey management career that has ranged from NHL intern to assistant general manager of the New York Islanders.

While attending the U.S. Sports Academy, Santos began a public relations mentorship with the NHL, which led to a full-time position. After that, he worked for the New Haven Nighthawks of the American Hockey League for two years. He followed that up by working in arena operations for special events at the NHL's front office. Santos, who has a bachelor's degree in communications and English from Boston College and a jurist doctorate from St. John's (N.Y.) University, also spent five years with the Islanders as well as two years as director of hockey operations and legal counsel for the Florida Panthers.



Photo: TCU Athletics Media Relations

JEFF MITTIE
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (TCU)
HEAD COACH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**USSA MASTER'S DEGREE
SPORTS MEDICINE '92**

**ACHIEVEMENT:
2001-02 C-USA COACH OF THE YEAR**

The 21st century has been a major turning point in the women's basketball program at Texas Christian University (TCU), starting with the arrival of head coach and 1992 USSA graduate Jeff Mittie, who promoted the Lady Frogs as Fort Worth's women's basketball team.

Prior to the arrival of Mittie, who obtained a master's in sports management at USSA, the Lady Frogs played 17 years without a winning record and 18 years without a 20-win season. Most importantly, the team had not appeared in the NCAA Tournament during its 22 seasons before Mittie took charge. The Lady Frogs broke the winning record drought with a 16-14 mark in Mittie's first year. They won the Western Athletic Conference tournament and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament his second year. What transpired were five straight 20-win seasons and five straight NCAA Tournament appearances. During TCU's four years as a member of Conference USA (they began play in the Mountain West Conference in 2005), the Lady Frogs won the conference postseason tournament twice.

"It was a combination of two things: the administration making a commitment

to women's basketball and me taking over a group of up and coming talent while adding some top players from this area," Mittie said. "We made it more attractive for recruits because we increased attendance, to where we were among the top 30 in the country, and built a new practice facility."

Another milestone in Mittie's career occurred in Honolulu last season, when the Lady Frogs defeated a team ranked in the top five for the first time ever (No. 3 Georgia) then defeated No. 13 Michigan State (who would advance to the NCAA finals later that season) to win the Rainbow Wahine Classic. After the season ended, Sandora Irvin, now with the Phoenix Mercury, became the first TCU player selected in the WNBA draft.

"We changed the expectations," Mittie said. "We weren't just here to win a few games. We wanted to be in the top 25."

The fans in Fort Worth have taken notice. More than 250,000 attended Lady Frog games in Mittie's six seasons, compared to 100,000 in the 17 prior seasons. Attendance has shot up from 600 per game before Mittie to 2,500 during the Mittie era, including more than 3,400 per game the past two seasons.

"We became very involved with Fort Worth and its youth basketball community," Mittie said. "We wanted to become Fort Worth's women's basketball team. The city has embraced us and our team has done an excellent job of giving back to the city, not just by playing on the court but with trips to elementary schools and through community events like the 'Character Counts' program."

In the Character Counts program, players visited 35 middle schools to talk to students about character issues and the importance of getting an education. Schools who participate are given free tickets to select games.

"During the sports marketing classes I took at the Academy, there was discussion about the importance of being invested in your area and the different ways to involve different people in your program," Mittie said. "Winning helps, but people want to know who they are watching on the floor."

The sports management education came into play many times, including March of 2004 when Mittie played a large part in hosting the Conference USA women's basketball tournament. An attendance total of 22,031 fans shattered a record of 10,966 set at DePaul two years earlier.



JOSEPH W. UNDERWOOD
MIAMI HIGH SCHOOL, MIAMI, FLORIDA
TEACHER

USSA MASTER'S DEGREE
SPORTS MEDICINE '87

ACHIEVEMENT:

USA TODAY 2005 ALL-USA TEACHER TEAM

United States Sports Academy graduate Joseph Underwood has become the ultimate Renaissance Man in education.

He graduated from USSA in 1987 with a master's degree in sports medicine, while working as head athletic trainer at Miami High School in Miami, Fla. He parlayed that education and experience into state and national recognition as a trainer and he is now pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at Nova Southeastern University. However, his most recent honors, being named to the All-USA Teacher Team by *USA Today* in 2005 and Disney Teacher of the Year in 2004, were mainly for his work as an educator in the area of drama, moviemaking, television production and entertainment law.

"It's not been easy," Underwood said about his workload. He was being interviewed by telephone while directing a student production at Miami High School on his first

day back from Christmas vacation.

His accomplishments in athletic training alone are noteworthy. He was head athletic trainer at Miami High for 16 years before scaling down that side of his responsibilities to become assistant athletic trainer. He was named Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Athletic Trainers Association of Florida (ATAF) in 1995. He was honored by the same organization in 1999 for service to athletic training. He was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush in 2002 to serve on the state board of athletic training.

"I had been out of school a long time when I started at the Academy," Underwood said about his experience as a student at USSA. "Working on my master's degree got me back into the education mode. It was a catalyst to me becoming a nationally certified teacher. Preparation for my master's also helped me in my pursuit of a doctor of educational leadership degree."

Underwood's athletic trainer and media instructor skills do combine at times. He was editor of the ATAF newsletter for seven years. He also had student trainers produce videos commemorating Athletic Training Month and promotional pieces for the student athletic training program at the high school.

The *USA Today* All-USA Teacher Team was selected by a panel of judges from nominees across the country. Teachers could be nominated by school administrators, past or present students, students' parents, colleagues or family members. Criteria were developed in consultation with co-sponsors: the National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Middle School Association, National Association of Elementary School Principals, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and the National Education Association.

USA TODAY's All-USA Teacher Team honors individuals and instructional teams throughout the country. Team members receive trophies and share \$2,500 with their schools, with each teacher receiving \$500. Visit <http://mhs.dadeschools.net>.



LYNN WHEELER
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
ASSOCIATE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR
FOR SPORTS PROGRAMS

USSA MASTER'S DEGREE
SPORTS MANAGEMENT '86

When Lynn Wheeler completed a five-year run with a 70-38 record as head women's basketball coach for St. Mary's University in Minnesota, who knew she would be a facilitator in the growth of softball?

However, that is one of many accomplishments for the Associate Athletic Director at the University of Texas. Wheeler's duties include: tournament manager for Big 12 and NCAA championship events for women's sports and men's swimming and diving and tennis. She also serves on the NCAA Softball rules committee.

Wheeler was the department liaison for construction of Red and Charlie McCombs Field, a \$4.5 million softball stadium in 1998. This came at a time when the state of Texas was experiencing a growth spurt in softball. The sport had more than doubled in the number of high schools adopting it as a varsity program in 1996, the second year it was a varsity sport under Texas' scholastic extracurricular governing body.



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U.S. SPORTS ACADEMY NEWS AND EVENTS



USSA President Thomas P. Rosandich (back center) happily surveys a large donation of toys made to the Toys for Tots program by second grade children at the Chi Alpha Academy in Spanish Fort. Teacher Beth Pinyerd (back right) worked with room mom Sabrena Flowers to help organize the toy donation.



Former NFL quarterback Zeke Bratkowski loads a van with clothing bound for Bayou La Batre. The clothing was part of a donation by the Sports Academy. Bratkowski is part of a delegation from St. Rita's Catholic Church in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. helping hurricane Katrina victims in Bayou La Batre, Alabama.



University of Hawaii Athletic Director and USSA National Faculty member Herman Frazier presents Bethany Hamilton with USSA's Mildred "Babe" Didrikson-Zaharias Courage Award. Hamilton won the Open Women's competition on the HNSS circuit a year following a near fatal shark attack that took her left arm.



USSA National Faculty member Dr. Bill Bankhead (pictured above with his class in Bahrain) returned to the U.S. after teaching Sports Public Relations and Fund Raising, which was the culminating seminar of the 2005 International Certification at the General Organization for Youth and Sport in the Kingdom of Bahrain.



NASCAR star Jimmie Johnson (L) receives the USSA Distinguished Service Award from Mr. Herb Appenzeller, long time member of the Academy's National Faculty. The presentation was made at the Hendrick Motorsports racing complex in Charlotte.



(Left to Right): Atlanta Falcons Director of Player Programs Billy "White Shoes" Johnson met with USSA Vice President T.J. Rosandich recently to discuss the value of the Sports Academy's online bachelor's degree program. Johnson envisions the online degree program fitting the lifestyle of today's NFL player.

U.S. SPORTS ACADEMY DIRECTORS' CUP 2004-05 WINNERS



Photo: David Gonzalez, Stanford Athletics

Stanford University Division I

(Left to Right): Dr. Ted Leland, Stanford University Director of Athletics; USSA founding Trustee Robert Block; former Stanford quarterback John Brodie and Debi Gore-Mann, Senior Associate Athletics Director.



Grand Valley State University Division II

(Left to Right): National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Membership Coordinator Brian Horning; Grand Valley State President Mark Murray and Grand Valley State Athletics Director Tim Selgo.



Photo: Kris Dufur, Williams College

Williams College Division III

(Left to Right): Lee McElroy of NACDA; Williams College President Morty Schapiro; Williams College Athletics Director Harry Sheehy and USSA Trustee Tom Cafaro.



Azusa Pacific University NAIA

Student athletes from Azusa Pacific University accept the 2004-05 U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup.

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Division I

2005-06 Final Fall Standings

January 12, 2006

1. Notre Dame
2. Penn State
3. Stanford
4. Duke
5. Wisconsin



Division II

2005-06 Final Fall Standings

January 12, 2006

1. Grand Valley State (Mich.)
2. Colorado School of Mines
3. Nebraska Omaha
4. Adams State (Colo.)
4. Cal State Chico

Division III

2005-06 Final Fall Standings

January 12, 2006

1. New Jersey
2. Messiah (Penn.)
3. Calvin (Mich.)
4. Tufts (Mass.)
5. Trinity (Tex.)



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NAIA

2005-06 Final Fall Standings

January 12, 2006

1. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)
2. Simon Fraser (B.C.)
3. Lindenwood (Mo.)
4. Graceland (Iowa)
5. Lee (Tenn.)

ART SHOW



The Sports Academy will host an art show to honor Opie Otterstad as the Sport Artist of the Year 2006. The art show will also feature artwork from the International Child Art Foundation (ICAF). The ICAF named Otterstad as the art director for the First International Cultural Figurines and Children's Puppets Exhibition in Munich, Germany. Before the artwork travels to Germany it will be on the Sports Academy campus.

DATE: 9 March 2006

LOCATION: Daphne, Alabama

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USSA INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

The United States Sports Academy has developed a set of sport-specific educational programs that are now available for online study. The Academy's International Certification programs are designed to provide training for students, sports professionals, coaches, sport organizations and federation personnel. Each certification program consists of six courses and is designed to provide students with a sound background in their particular area of interest. All certification programs are widely recognized both internationally and nationally.

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- International Certification in Sports Management (ICSM)
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- International Certification in Sports Studies (ICSS)

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The International Sports Diploma program (ISD) is a more advanced course of study involving an additional two (2) courses, an approved mentorship (200 hours), and a 10-page, double-spaced project paper detailing the mentorship experience. Prerequisite: completion of one of the Academy's International Certification programs.

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