

## ACADEMY'S AWARDS OF SPORT

### *A Quarter Century of Paying Tribute to the Artist and the Athlete*



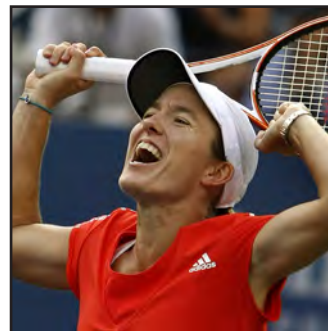
Professor Yuan Xikun, China  
Sport Artist of the Year 2008  
Sculpture



Gu Gan, China  
Sport Artist of the Year 2008  
Calligraphy



Brett Favre, United States  
2008 Male Athlete of the Year  
Quarterback, Green Bay Packers



Justine Henin, Belgium  
2008 Female Athlete of the Year  
Professional Tennis

### The Artists

Chinese calligrapher Gu Gan was named the Academy's Sport Artist of the Year 2008 in the graphics category, while Chinese sculptor Professor Yuan Xikun is the Sport Artist of the Year 2008 in the sculpture category.

Acknowledging the traditions of China, host of the 2008 Olympic Games, the Academy expanded its traditional Sport Artist of the Year award to include a graphics recipient and a sculpture recipient. The Academy will host an art exhibit honoring both winning artists, in Beijing, China, prior to the opening of the summer Olympic Games.

The Academy, home to the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA), houses what is believed to be the largest collection of fine sport art in the world. ASAMA is dedicated to the collection, display and preservation of sport history, art and literature. Since its inception, ASAMA has recognized the importance of the cultural link between of athletic competition and artistic expression.

The Sport Artist of the Year award has been presented by ASAMA for a quarter century, as part of the Academy's Awards of Sport program, honoring the artist and the athlete. Past sport artists of the year include Ernie Barnes, Charles Billich, Cristóbal Gabarrón, Hans Erni, Donald Moss, LeRoy Neiman and Mina Papatheodorou-Valyraki.

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### The Athletes

Fans picked Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre and Belgian tennis star Justine Henin for the 2007 Academy Male and Female Athletes of the Year, in a worldwide online vote presented by USATODAY.com and MSNBC.com.

Favre, who in 2007 had one of his best NFL seasons, led the Packers to a 13-3 regular season record and an appearance in the NFC Championship game. It was a season in which he broke Dan Marino's NFL record for career passing yards (61,655), the NFL record for career touchdown passes (442 and counting) and Marino's NFL record for most career passes. Favre continues to add to his NFL record 253 consecutive games played (273 counting playoffs.) The 38-year-old Favre has engineered 38 fourth-quarter rallies.

Henin was named Academy Female Athlete of the Year after winning 63 of 67 singles matches. She won 10 tournament titles in 2007, including two majors, making the 25-year-old Belgian the first player since Martina Hingis in 1997 to record double-digit victories in a season. Henin became the first woman to pass \$5 million in season earnings.

American golf star Tiger Woods finished second in the men's voting, while New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady finished third. American tennis player Venus Williams took second in the

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Monte Lorell (pg 8)  
Ronald Reagan Media Award

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Lynn Wheeler (pg 12)  
Distinguished Alum of the Year

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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich

## A Quarter Century of the Academy's Awards of Sport *A Tribute to the Artist and the Athlete*

Last year marked the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the United States Sports Academy, America's Sports University. This year, the Academy is very pleased to observe another significant arrival, the 25th year of operation of the American Sport Art Museum and Archives and the "Academy's Awards of Sport."

In the quarter century since the museum and archives, known as ASAMA, were founded, many have asked why a sports university like the Academy conducts an awards program and embraces the fine arts. The answer is, simply, historical tradition. The union of art and sport is traced to the Olympiads of Ancient Greece, art and sport comprising two of that culture's greatest legacies to Western civilization. As far back as 900 B.C., poets, musicians, and artists were honored with the same Olympic laurel wreaths placed on the heads of champion athletes. (It is by interesting chance that the Academy is headquartered in the Alabama city of Daphne, the name of a Greek goddess who was chased by the god Apollo, but was rescued by her father, appearing in the form of a river and, for her protection, turning his daughter into a laurel tree. Olympic laurels are formed of such trees' branches and leaves.)

As America's Sports University, it is nearly incumbent upon the Academy to carry on the

traditional linkage of art and athletics, and that is exactly what the Academy's Awards of Sport accomplish, as a program paying "Tribute to the Artist and the Athlete." At 25, the Academy's Awards of Sport is one of the longest running awards programs in sports. Categories in which awards are given are, of course, diverse, but every award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to sport. Over the years, the kinds of contributions recognized have expanded to include exemplary coaching, and also courage; outstanding athletic performance, and also humanitarianism; effective fitness programming, as well as media endeavors; and fine sport art. Each year's top professional athletes are also honored by the Academy's Awards of Sport program through the Athlete of the Year presented by *USA Today* and MSNBC.com.

ASAMA and the Academy's Awards of Sport program were founded just as the Los Angeles Olympic Games wound down in 1984. The Games' official fine artist had been Mr. Ernie Barnes, who became the Academy's inaugural Sport Artist of the Year. Mr. Barnes has our gratitude for participating in what proved to be such an auspicious beginning. Indeed, many persons are to be thanked for their vital support of the commitment to developing ASAMA, which today is perceived to hold

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*The 1985 Academy's Awards of Sports banquet featured (left to right) Amateur Sportsman of the Year Bo Jackson, Amateur Sportswoman of the Year Cheryl Miller, Master of Ceremonies Howard Cosell, Amos Alonzo Stagg Coaching Award recipient Eddie Robinson of Grambling State University and host Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich.*



the largest collection of sport art in the world (a collection exhibited free of charge to the public). Those persons include the Academy Board of Trustees, for a quarter century of meaningful encouragement of ASAMA's efforts; the international ASAMA Advisory Board, which features some of the greatest sport artists and sport leaders of our time; and



*The 1985 edition of the Academy newsletter featured the inaugural Awards of Sport honorees, including Sport Artist of the Year 1984 Ernie Barnes (left), Sportsman of the Year Greg Louganis (center) and Sportswoman of the Year Tracy Caulkins (right).*

the Academy's Art Committee.

We are also clearly indebted to the sport artists and other Awards of Sport honorees it has been our privilege to honor over the past 25 years. Most of our Sport Artists of the Year and honorees have in fact become friends of the Academy, and my personal friends. They have continued to make generous contributions to ASAMA and the Academy.

To all of these mentioned, thanks are due for the help they provide as the Academy—through ASAMA and the Awards of Sport program—strives to create a lasting positive influence on the world of sport and art.



*Academy Trustee and Academy Art Committee Chair Jack Scharr (right) presents the Athlete of the Year award to Brett Favre at a press conference at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.*

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women's voting, just ahead of American swimmer Natalie Coughlin, who took third.

Voting for the awards occurred 1-25 December. Overall, the ballot received hundreds of thousands of votes from sports fans world wide. The Academy Athlete of the Year presented by USATODAY.com and MSNBC.com is the culmination of the Academy's yearlong Athlete of the Month program, which recognizes the accomplishments of men and women in sports around the globe.

The Academy will present Henin with the Female Athlete of the Year award at the Sony Ericsson Open in Miami in March.

In 2006, as the leading overall vote-getter, tennis sensation Roger Federer repeated as the Male Athlete of the Year. Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova received the most votes in the women's category, earning the 2006 Female Athlete of the Year honor.

## GREEK ARTIST DONATES ORIGINAL "WOUNDED WARRIOR" PAINTING IN SUPPORT OF ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP

Academy Sport Artist of the Year 2002 Mina Papatheodorou-Valyraki, of Greece, has donated an original painting titled "The Wounded Warrior" (pictured right) to the Academy in support of the Academy's Scholarship for Wounded Warriors.

U.S. military personnel who have been wounded in combat in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hot spots throughout the world may receive full-tuition scholarships for the Academy's Bachelor of Sports Science (B.S.S.), Master of Sports Science (M.S.S.) or Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree programs.

Academy President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich personally kicked off the scholarship fundraising drive with a \$150,000 donation. The Academy is currently raising additional funds to support the scholarship. Because the Academy is a 501(c)3 non-profit institution, all donations to its general scholarship fund in support of the Academy Scholarship for Wounded Warriors may be tax deductible.

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## The Road to the Beijing Olympiad 2008 Through Art

In recognition of the 2008 Olympic Games, the Academy has organized an art exhibit titled “The Road to the Beijing Olympiad 2008 Through Art,” featuring a number of the world’s top artists. Introductions to the various exhibits and featured artists appear below.

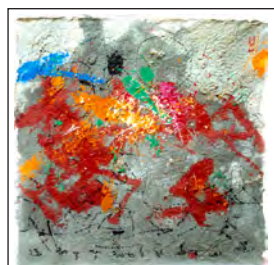


### U.S. Olympic Committee Art Competition Presentation of Entries

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC), in conjunction with the Academy, presented finalists’ entries in the 2008 Sport Art Competition. Winners in a graphic category and a sculpture category will advance to the international competition, the Olympic Sport and Art Contest, conducted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as part of its celebrations for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing. In the 2004 Athens Olympics Sport Art Competition hosted at the Academy, Sergey Eylonbekov’s sculpture “Five Continents” (pictured left) won the USOC competition and the IOC competition.

### Gu Gan

#### Sport Artist of the Year 2008 — Calligraphy



Chinese calligrapher Gu Gan was named the Academy’s Sport Artist of the Year 2008 in the calligraphy category. Gu Gan has created a series of 33 sport calligraphy paintings, including the piece to the left titled “Long Live Sports,” which depicts the five Olympic rings and commemorates the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. Gu Gan was born in 1942 in the Hunan Province of China, and he attended art school in Beijing. During the Cultural Revolution, he served in the printing industry for 10 years. He considers himself to be an “indigenous modernist.” The chairman of the Modern Calligraphy and Painting Society in China, Gu Gan was one of the forerunners of the Modernist movement in calligraphy. His works have been shown worldwide in locations such as the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, United Kingdom; the Museum for Far Eastern Art in Cologne, Germany; the Museum of the Society for the Chinese Olympic Games and the National Museum of Fine Arts, Beijing, China; the Olenska Foundation in Geneva, Switzerland; and the Estella Collection in New York City. Gu Gan studied painting and calligraphy with Ye Qianye, Huang Miaozi and Zhang Zhengyu. In addition, he has given lectures at the University of Bonn and the Fine Art Institute in Hamburg.

### Professor Yuan Xikun

#### Sport Artist of the Year 2008 — Sculpture



Professor Yuan Xikun, a Chinese sculptor, was named the Academy’s Sport Artist of the Year in the sculpture category. Known as a “portrait diplomat,” Xikun has depicted more than 200 heads of international organizations, including face-to-face renderings of political and social celebrities such as former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, former U.S. President Bill Clinton, Cuban President Fidel Castro and former South African President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. Xikun also has created sculptures of International Olympic Committee Honorary Life President Juan Antonio Samaranch and Modern Olympic Games founder Pierre De Coubertin (pictured to the left). Following the announcement that China would host the 2008 Olympics, Xikun launched a project called the 2008 Olympic Landscape Sculpture Designs Contest. The contest, in his words, would “make the Olympics more vivid and popularized in China.” Born into a well-known family of traditional Chinese painters, Xikun built the Jintai Art Museum as a venue for frequent gatherings of political visitors to China. It is a platform for bringing together Western and Chinese cultures. The museum features unique five-pyramidal roofs that symbolize metal, wood, water, fire and earth. “Painting infuses sculpture with new blood, and sculpture is a succession of painting,” Xikun believes. His sculptures resonate with classicism, romanticism and realism.

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# The Road to the Beijing Olympiad 2008 Through Art

## Wyland

### Olympic Pictographs Exhibit



World-renowned artist Wyland donated to the Academy a series of 39 original pictograms featuring the sports that make up the Olympic Games. Valued at over \$200,000, the pictograms combine the simplicity and power of Chinese brush art techniques with Wyland's personal style and vision. Wyland has been chosen as an artist for the United States Olympic team competing in the 2008 Beijing Games. It is the first time the USOC has endorsed an artist so strongly committed to nature and conservation. The Academy has worked with Wyland over the last year on several art projects relating to the 2008 Olympiad. A pictogram is a symbol representing a concept, object, activity, place or event by illustration. Pictography is a form of writing whereby ideas are transmitted through a drawing. They have been used by the ancient Chinese culture since 5000 BC and began to develop into logographic writing systems around 2000 BC.



## Charles Billich

### Bing Mah Yong Exhibit

Upon entering the Academy's main art gallery, one has the pleasure of viewing recent works by Australian artist Charles Billich. This body of work, entitled "Bing Mah Yongs," juxtaposes the sports of the modern Olympiad and the terra-cotta soldiers found in the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang (221 B.C.). In this striking display, Billich "manipulates reality" by depicting the terra-cotta soldiers of ancient China as modern Olympians.



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## Renowned Artist Wyland Creates Murals at the Academy



World-renowned environmental artist Wyland (above left) painted a 30-foot-high mural featuring three dolphins on the Academy building, as well as a painting (8 feet high and 20 feet wide) titled "Mobile Bay," which was created with help from 300 area school children (above right). The unique mural, titled "Faster, Higher, Stronger," combines the simplicity and power of Japanese Sumi techniques with Wyland's personal style and vision.

The Academy has donated the "Mobile Bay" painting to 5 Rivers – Alabama's Delta Resource Center in Spanish Fort, Ala. Valued at over \$50,000, "Mobile Bay" was donated in support of 5 Rivers' mission to conserve Mobile Bay's wetlands. The Academy also donated "Ocean



"Paradise," by Wyland and Guy Harvey, to the 5 Rivers Center to place in its newly opened Welcome Center.

The Academy has also worked with Wyland over the last year on several art projects relating to the 2008 Olympic Games.

Hailed as a "marine Michelangelo" by *USA Today*, Wyland has exhibited works in museums and corporate collections in more than 100 countries. An accomplished painter, sculptor, photographer, writer and scuba diver, Wyland has traveled the farthest reaches of the globe for more than 25 years to capture the power and beauty of the undersea universe. His efforts have been recognized by the United Nations, the Sierra Club and the Academy of Underwater Arts and Sciences.

# ACADEMY NEWS AND EVENTS

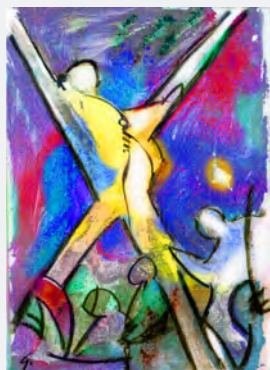
## Academy Coordinates Artists and Poet Dr. Maya Angelou



Academy artists and Academy Trustee and Chairman of the Academy Art Committee Jack Scharr (right) worked to develop an Olympic poem with Dr. Maya Angelou (center).

Dr. Angelou's poem, "Amazement Awaits," was released in January and *The Academy* has the honor of being first to publish it. Academy Sport Artist of the Year 1992 Cristóbal Gabarrón (left) and other Academy sport artists are developing artwork reflecting the poem such as Gabarrón's painting below titled "Amazement Awaits."

Dr. Angelou is hailed as one of the great voices of contemporary literature and as a remarkable Renaissance woman. In 1993, she became only the second poet in U.S. history to have the honor of writing and reciting original work at the Presidential Inauguration.



## AMAZEMENT AWAITS

by Maya Angelou

Sheer amazement awaits  
Amazement luxuriant in promise  
Abundant in wonder

Our beautiful children arrive at this Universal stadium  
They have bathed in the waters of the world  
And carry the soft silt of the Amazon, the Nile,  
The Danube, the Rhine, the Yangtze and the Mississippi  
In the palms of their right hands.  
A wild tiger nestles in each armpit  
And a meadowlark perches on each shoulder.

We, the world audience, stand, arms akimbo,  
Longing for the passion of the animal  
And the melody of the lark  
The tigers passion attend the opening bells,  
The birds sing of the amazement which awaits.

The miracle of joy that comes out of the gathering of our best, bringing their best,  
Displaying the splendor of their bodies and the radiance of their agile minds to the cosmos.  
Encouragement to those other youth caught in the maws of poverty,  
Crippled by the terror of ignorance.

They say Brothers and Sisters, Yes, try. Then try harder.  
Lunge forward, press eagerly for release.  
The amazement which awaits is for you.  
We are here at the portal of the world we had wished for  
At the lintel of the world we most need.  
We are here roaring and singing.  
We prove that we can not only make peace, we can bring it with us.

With respect for the world and its people,  
We can compete passionately without hatred.  
With respect for the world and its people,  
We can take pride in the achievement of strangers.  
With respect for the world and its people,  
We can share openly in the success of friends.  
Here then is the Amazement  
Against the odds of impending war

In the mouth of bloody greed  
Human grace and human spirit can still conquer.  
Ah ... We discover, we ourselves  
Are the Amazement which awaits  
We are ourselves Amazement.

## USOC and Academy Announce IOC Sport and Singing Contest



The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) in conjunction with the Academy will conduct the IOC Sport and Singing Contest, a cultural component of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing in 2008. The competition is a national singing performance contest inviting artists to submit original songs with a theme related to the Olympic Games. Winners of the national phase will advance to the international competition, conducted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The contest is open to performers (singers and instrumental) of any age who are U.S. citizens. Individuals or groups (up to 12 total including singers and instrumental performers) may submit an original song for consideration in the contest. All songs (acapella or composed of lyrics and music) must be original and free of third party rights. Winners of the international phase of competition will be invited to perform their winning songs at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games in August 2008. Entries for the national phase of the competition are due by 1 April 2008. For official rules and regulations, please visit: <http://art.ussa.edu>.



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS

## The Academy Has Delivered Programs in Over 60 Countries

### ACADEMY SIGNS NEW CONTRACTS IN DUBAI AND ABU DHABI

The Academy signed new agreements with the Unlimited Sport Academy and the General Authority of Youth & Sports Welfare for the United Arab Emirates, to deliver the International Certification in Sports Management (ICSM) program.

The ICSM program consists of six courses that will be delivered throughout 2008. Academy National Faculty member Dr. Dexter Davis traveled to Dubai 13–17 January 2008 to deliver the inaugural course in Sports Administration.

The Unlimited Sport Academy is an educational sector of Unlimited Technology Training Center located in the Dubai Knowledge Village, serving the United Arab Emirates.

### ACADEMY LEADS SEMINAR FOR TOP CHINESE BASKETBALL COACHES

The Academy hosted a delegation of 17 basketball coaches (pictured below) sponsored by the China School Sports Federation for a three-day series of seminars, directed by Academy faculty members, on the use of technology in coaching, fitness testing, strength and conditioning, sports medicine and speed training.

The Academy led the delegation to basketball practice sessions at the University of South Alabama, Faulkner State Community College and LeFlore High School, as well as to a high school game at UMS-Wright Preparatory School.



### ACADEMY HOSTS STUDY TOUR FOR SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THAILAND

The Academy in September hosted a study tour of American sports facilities for a group of 22 delegates from the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT). The 11-city tour was led by Academy staff members.

Beginning in Los Angeles, the delegates

## Academy Honors Qatari Crown Prince with Honorary Doctorate

Academy Vice President Dr. T. J. Rosandich (below left) presented His Highness Shaikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani (below right), the Crown Prince of Qatar, with the Academy's Honorary Doctorate on 6 January in Doha, Qatar.

Qatar made a significant commitment to sport when the Crown Prince was named the President of its national Olympic Committee in December 2000. In the years since, Qatar has emerged on the international sport scene,

thanks to effective leadership and strategic planning provided by Al-Thani, with support from the Emir of the State of Qatar.

The Crown Prince's accomplishments at home led to his appointment to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the IOC's Sport for All Commission. He also chaired the organizing committee of the 15th Asian Games–Doha 2006, which hosted a record number of countries and athletes (nearly 13,000). The Olympic Council of Asia granted its Award of Merit to Al-Thani for his role in the Asian Games–Doha.

Along with organizing the largest Asian Games in history, Qatar boasted arguably the best planned and the most widely reported Asian Games. The 15th Asian Games not only put Doha on the map in a sporting sense, but Qatar acted as flag bearer for the region.

In its 35-year history, the Academy has delivered sport programs in more than 60 countries around the world. Past recipients of the Academy's Honorary Doctorate include the Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Bahrain, His Royal Highness Salman Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, and the Governor of the Sports Authority of Thailand, Santiparb Tejavanija.



visited the Home Depot Training Center, an official U.S. Olympic training center. Before departing for the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, the group visited the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif. The study tour then traveled to the Academy for a series of educational sessions and a high school football game.

The tour also stopped in New Orleans, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and New York City.

The Academy has a long-standing relationship with the SAT. The Academy sends instructors to Thailand to teach certification courses in Sports Management and in Sports Coaching. The SAT

is Thailand's primary sports organization, and it plays a vital role in developing sport.

### ACADEMY RENEWS AGREEMENT IN THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

The Academy renewed its agreement with the General Organization for Youth and Sports (GOYS) in the Kingdom

of Bahrain to deliver the International Certification in Sports Management program. The Academy will deliver six courses in Bahrain in 2008 as part of the contract. The Academy has administered sport programs in Bahrain since 1977, when the Academy sent its first team of coaches there.

### ACADEMY'S *THE SPORT JOURNAL* TO BE TRANSLATED INTO CHINESE

The Academy and Worldteam have entered into a marketing agreement under which Worldteam will post the Academy's online refereed publication, *The Sport Journal*, in the Chinese language for the benefit of billions of readers.

Worldteam is a sports management company that has organized a wide range of sport services in China, from sporting goods to amateur basketball.

With a readership of over one million, *The Sport Journal* is believed to be the largest refereed journal in the profession. It is designed to further the knowledge of sport by publishing research.

# ACADEMY'S AWARDS OF SPORT

## A Tribute to the Artist and the Athlete

For a quarter century, the Academy's Awards of Sport program has paid tribute to individuals who have made significant contributions to sports through a commitment to academic, administrative, artistic or athletic endeavor for the advancement of the sports industry.

The 2008 Awards of Sport Medallion Series honorees and Distinguished Service Award honorees represent individuals at all levels of sport who have made a lasting impact on the world of sport.

### MEDALLION SERIES

#### THE EAGLE AWARD

**George E. Killian** is the President of the International University Sports Federation (FISU). One of the most well-known and respected leaders in international sports,

Killian has received nearly 50 international awards and honors ranging from the International Olympic Committee's Olympic Order, in 1996, to the International Basketball Federation's (FIBA) Order of Merit, in 2003.

Killian has received seven Honorary Doctorates from institutions in six different countries, in addition to three Honorary Professorships. He has served FISU (which is the international governing body for the World University Games) in various capacities since his initial 1970 appointment as the United States' Chief of Mission at the World University Games in Finland.

To briefly highlight the extensive list of Killian's awards, he has received two Commendations from the USOC, the Olympic Torch for outstanding contributions to international sports, and the Order of the Star from the Lithuanian Olympic Committee.



Academy honorees Monte Lorell (l) of USA Today, Alum of the Year Lynn Wheeler (c) and George Killian (r) from FISU, receive their awards during a ceremony at the Academy in January.

#### RONALD REAGAN MEDIA AWARD

In 2007, under the leadership of **Monte Lorell**, Managing Editor for Sports, *USA Today* was chosen one of the 15 Most Influential

Sports Education Teams in America by the Institute for International Sport. The award was given for the effective use of sport as a means to educate.

Lorell joined *USA Today* as a "founder" in 1982, beginning in the Life section. He was named Managing Editor of Page One in 1989, responsible for all stories and display on the front page. In 1996, less than three months before the Atlanta Olympics, he was named Managing Editor for Sports, responsible for shaping the direction of coverage and overseeing a staff that has grown to include the staff of *Sports Weekly* and *usatoday.com* Sports. In 1996, as part of an Olympic planning team, Lorell was among the winners of the newspaper's highest award, the Luminary.

He is also a two-time recipient (1992 and 1996) of *USA Today's* Outstanding Staffer of the Year award. Born in the shadows of Yankee Stadium, Lorell is a graduate of Hofstra University and attended Syracuse University's Newhouse School, earning a master's degree in journalism. He began his career at the *Finger Lakes Times* in upstate New York. He then joined UPI as a political reporter in Kentucky, moving after two years to the foreign desk at New York headquarters.

#### AMOS ALONZO STAGG COACHING AWARD

In 2006, Head Coach **Tony Dungy** led the Indianapolis Colts to a 29-17 victory over the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLI. Dungy became the first African-American head coach to win the Super Bowl. *Time* magazine has chosen Dungy as one of 100 top heroes and pioneers, joining leaders such as Warren Buffet and Oprah Winfrey.

In six seasons as head coach, Dungy has directed the Colts to a 73-23 regular-season record and to six playoff appearances, five AFC South titles, two AFC Championship game appearances and a Super Bowl victory.

The 2006 victory marked the Colts' fourth World Championship and the first title game appearance by the franchise in 36 years. Dungy joined Mike Ditka and Tom Flores as the only individuals to win the Super Bowl as both a player and a head coach.

Indianapolis was 10-6 in Dungy's initial season, and between 2003 and 2007 he

guided the Colts to 12-4, 12-4, 14-2, 12-4 and 13-3 division-winning seasons. The club's five-year streak of division championships is unprecedented in franchise history. In 2007, Indianapolis became the first team in NFL history to produce five consecutive seasons with at least 12 wins.

#### CARL MADDOX SPORTS MANAGEMENT AWARD

**Theo Epstein** is the Executive Vice President/General Manager of the Boston Red Sox. In 2002, the Red Sox made Epstein the youngest GM in the history of Major League Baseball, hiring him at the age of 28. In 2004 he engineered the first World Series championship by the Red Sox in 86 years, followed by a second in 2007.

The Red Sox have used a system called sabermetrics, which is the analysis of baseball through objective evidence and methods. Boston's commitment to the new wave of talent evaluation has seen the team stress on-base ability as the most important ability of a hitter; not-so-coincidentally, the 2003 Red Sox led Major League Baseball in runs scored.

#### DR. ERNST JOKL SPORTS MEDICINE AWARD

For over 28 years, **Dr. John Lombardo** has served various sports teams at the high school, collegiate and professional levels. He was the first president and a founding member of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine.

Dr. Lombardo was Medical Director of the Ohio State University Sports Medicine Center from 1990 to 2004, OSU Team Physician from 1990 to 2004 and OSU Athletic Department Head Team Physician and Medical Director from 1993 to 2004. He was a physician at the U.S. National Sports Festival in 1985, head physician for the 1986 Olympic Sports Festival, and part of the U.S. delegation to the 1987 Summer World University Games and the 1998 Winter Olympics.

From 1981 to 1990, he served as medical director of sports medicine at the Cleveland Clinic, as team physician for the Cleveland Cavaliers and as a medical consultant for the Cleveland Browns, the Cleveland Ballet, Cleveland State University and Chagrin Falls High School. Dr. Lombardo also serves as the NFL's advisor on issues concerning steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs.





## DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER FITNESS AWARD

**David Murdock**, owner of Dole Food Company, has taken numerous steps to help reverse the obesity trend in America after watching the U.S. government spend \$117 billion in 2007 on health issues related to obesity. Last year, over 400,000 Americans died from problems directly related to obesity. Murdock started the Dole Employee Wellness Program in an attempt to change the workplace environment from that of a rushed, overpriced struggle against unhealthy eating habits to a resource for healthy food choices and opportunities for exercise. Murdock has invested \$1 billion of his personal fortune into ventures that promote good health. One such project is the California Health and Longevity Institute, combining a Four Seasons luxury resort, conference center and nutrition school.



## JACKIE ROBINSON HUMANITARIAN AWARD

**Tiger Woods** and the Tiger Woods Foundation built the Tiger Woods Learning Center, a \$25 million facility in Anaheim, Calif., featuring seven classrooms, a computer lab, a student lounge and a 200-seat auditorium. The 35,000-square-foot education facility provides free training to students in grades 4 through 12 in reading, math, science and technology. While the center offers golf instruction, its primary mission is classroom education.



Woods is among the most successful golfers of all time. Currently number one in the world, he was the highest paid professional athlete in 2006, with an estimated \$100 million in winnings and endorsements. *Golf Digest* predicts Woods will become the world's first billionaire athlete in 2010.

Woods has won 13 major professional golf championships, the second-highest number for any male player, and 62 PGA Tour events, tied for fourth-highest of all time. He has achieved more career major wins and career PGA Tour wins than any other active golfer.

## JIM THORPE ALL-AROUND AWARD

Swedish heptathlete **Carolina Klüft** is the current Olympic, World (three-time) and European (twice) heptathlon champion and is regarded as one of the best female athletes in the world.

She is the European record holder for the heptathlon, with a personal best of 7,032 points. This score ranks her second on the heptathlon all-time points list, behind only Jackie Joyner-Kersey who set the



world record of 7,291 points. Klüft is the only athlete ever to win three World Championship titles in heptathlon, the most recent in 2007.

## JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH IOC PRESIDENT'S DISABLED ATHLETE AWARD

**Jessica Long** of Baltimore, Md., became the first Paralympic athlete to win the AAU James E. Sullivan Award, presented to the best amateur athlete in the U.S. Long won the award after a spectacular performance at the International Paralympic Committee Swimming World Championships in South Africa, where she won nine gold medals and set five world records. Long has also been honored as the U.S. Olympic Committee's 2006 Paralympian of the Year and *Swimming World* magazine's 2006 Disabled Swimmer of the Year.



Long was one of 15 finalists for the Sullivan award, along with Joey Cheek, Candace Parker, Michael Phelps and Troy Smith.

Adopted from Russia at 13 months of age, Long's legs were amputated at 18 months of age.

## MILDRED "BABE" DIDRIKSON ZAHARIAS COURAGE AWARD

There is no right place to begin when talking about North Carolina State University's head basketball coach, **Kay Yow**. Her accomplishments extend beyond the basketball world, but it is within that world that she has become so accomplished.

Beginning her 37th year as a college coach in 2007-08, Yow has achieved what most coaches only dream of. She is one of the most admired and respected coaches on the national and international scenes.

In her 36 years as a head college coach, she has led her teams to a combined record of 708-324, becoming one of only six NCAA Division I women's basketball leaders to achieve 700 career victories. Yow missed 16 games during the 2006-07 season to receive treatment for cancer that was first diagnosed in 1987. Upon her return to the team in 2007, she led the Wolfpack on an inspirational run to the ACC Championship game and to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament.



## C. VIVIAN STRINGER COACHING AWARD

In collegiate gymnastics, no program boasts more excellence, consistency and rich tradition over a span of a quarter century than the University of Georgia. The woman behind the success is Coach **Suzanne Yoculan**, entering her 25th year at the helm.

No other program in the country has been

able to maintain so long the level of success that Yoculan has produced, claiming two NCAA titles in the 1980s, three in the 1990s and three so far in the 2000s. The Gym Dogs have won back-to-back-to-back NCAA titles in 2005, 2006 and 2007. In 2008, UGA opened the Suzanne Yoculan Gymnastics Center, part of its new Coliseum Training Facility.



## THEODORE ROOSEVELT MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

U.S. Representative **Heath Shuler** was elected to North Carolina's 11th Congressional District in 2006. Prior to launching his Congressional bid, Congressman Shuler had been a successful entrepreneur and small business owner.

Congressman Shuler is also widely known for his success on the football field. As a student-athlete at Swain County High School, he set every passing record in school history, while leading the Maroon Devils to three North Carolina state championships and being named North Carolina High School Player of the Year.

From Swain County it was a short trip over the Great Smoky Mountains to the University of Tennessee. While at UT, Congressman Shuler set numerous passing records, was selected to multiple All-America teams, was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and was named NCAA Male Athlete of the Year.



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Ed Aston

Swimming Coach, Cheshire (CT) High School  
Two-Decade-Long Winning Streak

### Mike Candrea

Head Softball Coach, University of Arizona  
2007 NCAA Champions  
U.S. Olympic Team 2004 Gold Medal

### Mike Haynes

NFL Vice President of Player Development  
Pro Football Hall of Fame Inductee

### Chet Simmons

Inaugural President of NBC Sports  
Founding President and CEO of ESPN

### Wyland

Renowned Environmental Artist  
2008 Beijing Olympics Artist

## TEAMS OF THE YEAR

**Male: Iraqi National Soccer Team**  
2007 Asian Cup Champions

**Female: Auburn Swimming and Diving**  
2006 and 2007 National Champions

# ACADEMY'S AWARDS OF SPORT

## Appalachian State Wins Academy's College Football Game of the Year

Appalachian State University's win over the University of Michigan on 1 September was named the 2007 College Football Game of the Year by the Academy.

The Academy will honor ASU's dramatic win with several awards, including a \$5,000 General Scholarship Award, a gold medallion incased in a shadow box, and an artists proof #1 of a painting by foremost college football artist Daniel A. Moore depicting ASU's historic upset win.

In perhaps the biggest upset in football history, Appalachian State became the first NCAA Division I-AA team to defeat a ranked Division I school. When Julian Rauch kicked a 24-yard field goal with 26 seconds remaining, Appalachian State took a 34-32 lead over fifth-ranked Michigan. However, Michigan stormed down the field and set up a game-winning field goal with 6 seconds remaining. It was blocked by Corey Lynch, who ran the kick back to the Michigan 5 yard line as time ran out.

The voting committee for the College Game of the Year reads like a Who's Who of college football. It includes the Executive Director of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, Mike Cleary; Boston College Director of Athletics Gene DeFlippo; Temple University football coach and current Alabama State Director of Athletics Ron Dickerson; University of Georgia football coaching and administrative great Vince Dooley; legendary broadcaster Keith Jackson; Marshall University football coach and U.S. Naval Academy Director of Athletics Jack Lengyel; University of Washington Director of Athletics Mike Lude; Moore; Georgia Tech Director of Athletics Homer Rice; Alabama Coach Gene Stallings; Missouri Director of Athletics and All American football player at Michigan State Dick Tamburo; and longtime Oklahoma State Director of Athletics Dr. Richard Young, who played defensive back at Ohio State under Woody Hayes.

## Academy Presents Rolf Deyhle with Honorary Doctorate

The Academy announced that one of the world's most influential entrepreneurs, Rolf Deyhle (pictured below) of Stuttgart, Germany, will receive the Academy's Honorary Doctorate during a ceremony at the Academy. Deyhle's career has followed a fairy-tale script that most would envy. During the years 1977 to 1994, Deyhle established the global commercialization and merchandising of the World Cup and FIFA (in collaborative work with Horst Dassler of Adidas, son of the company's founder, Adi Dassler; in this partnership, Deyhle was involved in the marketing of the World Cup 1994 in the United States). Deyhle personally designed the official

FIFA logo and created the FIFA Fairplay Trophy encouraging fair play among World Cup participants.

After he had built his international reputation in sport, Deyhle moved into stage and film production. He founded the production company Stella AG, which became Germany's leading producer of stage musicals. He also belonged to the partnership that built the largest German cinema chain, CinemaxX, which has modernized German theater culture. Deyhle has worked closely with renowned German and American movie producers on such major Hollywood films as "JFK" and "Carlito's Way," starring Al Pacino.

Never one to slow down, Deyhle has joined with the Chinese government, the Abbot of the Shaolin Temple, and the Academy to develop a big-top show that will bring the spirit of the Shaolin Temple and its famous monks to all major world capitals to demonstrate the mystic art of kung fu and the culture of China. Over 1,500 years old, the Shaolin Temple is the birthplace of the Asian martial arts kung fu, tai chi and qi gong. Deyhle, the Abbot and the Academy are also developing a certification program in kung fu that will be delivered through the Academy's distance learning program.



## 2007 ALABAMA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



San Diego Padres pitcher and Mobile native Jake Peavy (above) was named the Academy's 2007 Alabama Athlete of the Year after an online fan vote presented by al.com.

The Alabama Athlete of the Year award is given to an athlete beyond the high school level who was born in Alabama, is currently playing in the state, or has previously participated in sports at any level within Alabama. The Academy's Alabama Athlete of the Year ballot is the culmination of its yearlong Alabama Athlete of the Month program, which recognizes the accomplishments of Alabama men and women in any sport.

Peavy was the unanimous selection for the National League's Cy Young Award. He is the second player in 22 years to lead the league in wins, earned run averages and strikeouts, going 19-6 with a 2.54 ERA and 240 strikeouts. It was the 12th time the choice for the National League's best pitcher has been unanimous.

Pat White, the 2006 Alabama Athlete of the Year, finished second behind Peavy. As a junior, White already holds the Big East Conference and West Virginia rushing records for a quarterback and is in the top-10 on the NCAA list.

In third place, Wes Byrum was named as a Lou Groza Collegiate Place Kicker Award Star of the Week three times this season. One award came following Byrum's 43-yard field goal as time expired that lifted Auburn to a 20-17 victory over No. 4 Florida.

Past Academy Alabama Athlete of the Year winners include Vonetta Flowers, Cornelius Bennett, Shaun Alexander, Charles Barkley, Davey Allison and Tim Hudson. For a complete list, please visit <http://www.asama.org>.



# THE COLLEGE CONNECTION

## Associate's to Bachelor's Degree Program

### ANDREW COLLEGE LATEST SCHOOL TO JOIN ACADEMY'S ASSOCIATE'S TO BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

The Academy and Andrew College in Cuthbert, Ga., signed an associate's to bachelor's articulation agreement that allows students the opportunity to complete an associate's degree at Andrew College and then enroll at the Academy, with the guarantee that their courses will transfer and be credited toward a bachelor's degree. Academy Director of Continuing Education and Special Projects Betsy Smith (below left) met with Andrew College Academic Dean Vann Newkirk, Ph.D. (below right), to sign the agreement.

### HIWASSEE COLLEGE JOINS ACADEMY'S EXPANDING DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

Hiwassee College in Madisonville, Tenn., joined over 30 other community colleges in the Academy's expanding associate's to bachelor's program. Founded in 1849, Hiwassee College is the oldest private two-year institution in Tennessee. Hiwassee offers a program of study in sports medicine and exercise science designed to prepare students in the field of sports medicine and athletic training. The school is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### ACADEMY'S ASSOCIATE'S TO BACHELOR'S PROGRAM A GOOD FIT FOR JEFFERSON DAVIS C.C.

The Academy and Jefferson Davis Community College (JDCC) in Brewton, Ala., entered into an associate's to bachelor's articulation agreement.

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## Articulation Agreements Allow Associate Degree Graduates to Remain on Community College Campus While Taking Bachelor's Courses Online at the Academy.

The Academy offers upper-division, degree completion Bachelor of Sports Science (B.S.S.) degree programs in sports coaching, sports management and sports studies.

Each program consists of the final 60 semester hours of 120 hours required for the bachelor's degree.

Community and junior colleges not only serve communities with education

and continuing education, they act as a feeder system to four-year institutions. The Academy has developed a process of entering into agreements with community colleges through which their students can easily enroll at the Academy.

The Academy's agreements with other schools benefit students. The application fee is waived for students transferring from an agreement school, the Academy

guarantees acceptance of credit from the institution with which an agreement is in place, and students can complete degrees with the Academy through online distance learning either from home or from the campus of the community college where they received the associate's degree. Currently, the Academy has articulation agreements with 30 community and junior colleges.

- Alabama Southern CC
- Andrew College
- Barstow College
- Bishop State CC
- Camden County CC
- City College of San Francisco
- Columbus State CC
- Consumnes River CC
- Cuyahoga CC
- Dakota County Technical College
- Dallas County CC
- East Mississippi CC
- Eastern Oklahoma State College
- Eastern Iowa CC
- Faulkner State CC

- Gadsden State CC
- Herkimer County CC
- Hillsborough CC
- Hiwassee College
- Hudson Valley CC
- Jamestown CC
- Jefferson Davis CC
- Jefferson State CC
- Jones County JC
- Manatee CC
- Monroe CC
- Northern Virginia CC
- Ocean County CC
- Pensacola JC
- Suffolk County CC



# THE ALUMNI NETWORK

## Academy Alumni News

### 2008 DISTINGUISHED ALUM OF THE YEAR



Lynn Wheeler, Associate Athletic Director at the University of Texas, was named the Academy's 2008 Distinguished Alum of the Year. Wheeler received the award during a ceremony on 18 January at the Academy.

For the past two decades, Lynn Wheeler has been a part of building a model athletic program at the University of Texas. Prior to joining Texas, Wheeler was the head women's basketball coach at St. Mary's University for five seasons.

At Texas, Wheeler's duties include serving as tournament manager for all Big 12 and NCAA championship events held on UT's campus for women's sports, men's swimming and diving and men's tennis. She also serves on the NCAA softball rules committee.

Wheeler was the department liaison for construction of UT's Red and Charlie McCombs Field, a \$4.5 million state-of-the-art softball stadium that opened in 1998. This came at a time when 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 the state's scholastic extracurricular governing body, the University Interscholastic League. McCombs Field hosts the Texas high school championships every year and has played host to NCAA regional tournaments.

Wheeler was also instrumental in the construction of the Texas Rowing Center, which was completed in 2007. Wheeler graduated from the Academy in 1986 with a master's degree in sports management.

**Ryan Hogue, Senior Manager of Sales and Corporate Accounts at the Kansas Speedway** in Kansas City, Kansas, is responsible for managing corporate accounts such as AAA, Bank of America, Kansas Lottery, Ford and Office Depot, among others. His other duties include creating and implementing ticket sales strategies and hospitality packages for large groups, corporations and businesses.

The 82,000-seat Kansas Speedway hosts the NASCAR Sprint Cup and Nationwide and Craftsman Truck Series events, along with IndyCar Series and ARCA RE/MAX Series races. Before moving to the Kansas City area in fall 1997, Ryan completed a season-long internship with the Mobile Baybears professional baseball club.

In 1997, Ryan graduated from the Academy with a master's degree in sports management. In 1995, he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas. While at Arkansas, he spent three seasons as a student manager for the Razorbacks basketball team, including the 1994 NCAA National Championship season.



**Joe Esposito is the Director of Basketball Operations at the University of Minnesota**, under Head Coach Tubby Smith. He handles all administrative duties of the Golden Gophers basketball program. Esposito spent the past season as the head coach at The Villages Charter High School in Florida, where he recorded the best record in school history and advanced the Villages school to the Class 3A District 7 Final Four. In addition, Esposito was a computer science teacher at the school.



Esposito's relationship with Coach Smith dates back to his tenure as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Tennessee State University. For three seasons (1995–98), Esposito was responsible for recruiting three Ohio Valley Conference freshmen of the year to TSU,

and both his 1996–97 and 1997–98 recruiting classes were ranked among the top 30 in the nation by Hoop Scoop. A native of New York, Esposito earned a master's degree in sports administration and coaching from the Academy in 1990.

**Academy Alum China Leigh Jude was named Athletic Director at Cheyney University** of Pennsylvania in 2007. Jude has served as assistant athletic director and senior woman administrator at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C. She was also the head women's volleyball coach, ending her UDC career with a record of 19-11. Jude had a brief stint at the University of West Florida as the assistant women's volleyball coach, and she assisted the Argos to a 23-7 record and worked with a number of All-Conference Players.

Between 2001–2005, Jude moved from head volleyball coach to assistant athletic director and senior woman administrator to the director of compliance at Baltimore's Coppin State University.



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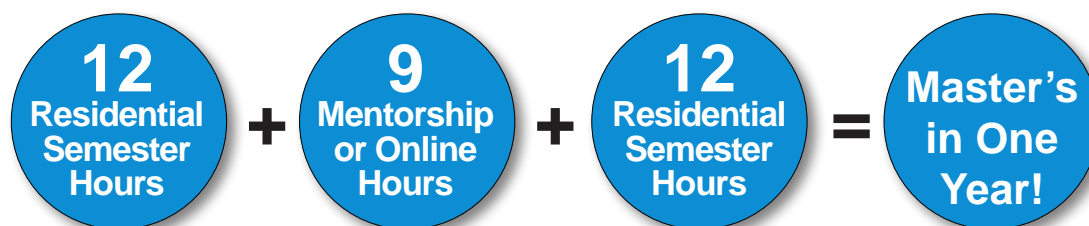


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# ACADEMY NEWS AND EVENTS

## ACADEMY PROGRAMS APPROVED BY SPORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REVIEW COUNCIL

The Academy's bachelor's, master's and doctoral (Ed.D.) degree programs in sports management are on the approved list of the Sport Management Program Review Committee (SMPRC), a joint committee of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) and the North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM). The Academy is one of three programs in the United States with approval at all three degree levels.

## ACADEMY TRUSTEE CAFARO INDUCTED INTO ARMY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Academy Trustee Thomas R. Cafaro, a legend in lacrosse as an attackman, was inducted into the Army Sports Hall of Fame by U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck.

The Academy hired Cafaro in the 1980s as a sports education specialist, to deliver a physical fitness and sport contract for the Royal Saudi Air Force in Saudi Arabia.

Cafaro is currently with Nichols College, where he began his career in 1987 as director of men's athletics. First appointed vice president in 1998, Cafaro currently oversees the areas of enrollment and marketing. The Academy has an agreement with Nichols College to deliver a master of business administration degree with an emphasis in sports management.

Cafaro is a two-time first-team All-American. He was elected into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1988. He was a member of the NCAA's Silver Anniversary lacrosse squad and was a vital contributor to Army's 1969 national championship team. In 1971, Cafaro won the Lt. Ray Enners Award as the nation's most outstanding player and the Jack Turnbull Award as the country's top attackman.

Cafaro graduated with six U.S. Military Academy records and still holds four of them: points in a single season (85), goals in a single season (51), points in a

## First Ever U.S. Olympic Luge Medalist Discovers Gold in Academy Scholarship

The pressure of an entire nation was lifted when the Olympic silver medal was placed around the neck of U.S. luge star Chris Thorpe during the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Thorpe and his teammate, Gordy Sheer, became the first athletes from the U.S. to medal in the luge.



Almost a decade later, Thorpe is in the midst of his second career as a stay-at-home dad taking care of his two daughters and as a student at the United States Sports Academy.

Thorpe is taking advantage of the Academy's scholarship program for U.S. Olympians and U.S. Paralympians, which provides past and present athletes with full tuition scholarships for the Academy's bachelor's degree program.

"I am so thankful that there are institutions out there like the Academy that have a desire to help Olympic athletes," said Thorpe from his home in Gainesville, Fla.

There are very few athletes in history who can match the credentials or longevity

of Thorpe. A veteran of four Olympic Games ('02, '98, '94, '92), Thorpe's trophy case includes an Olympic bronze medal, an Olympic silver medal and a host of World Cup and National Championship hardware gathered over his 17-year career.

"Earning the first medal in luge for the U.S. was a long, hard battle," said Thorpe. "To finally win the medal in Japan was huge. *Sports Illustrated* named my team one of the favorites to win in Japan so there was a lot of pressure."

In all, Thorpe has received 31 international medals - the most ever by an American. He's also the first American ever to win the World Cup Championship in luge.

The Academy's bachelor's degree in sports coaching, sports management or sports studies is offered entirely online, which suits Thorpe.

"Throughout my competitive years, I earned college credit at several institutions around the U.S. because my training constantly took me to a new place," he said. "The Academy's online program is extremely convenient because you can study from any location in the world."

The scholarship covers all tuition toward a Bachelor of Sports Science (B.S.S.) degree, including a waiver of application and transcript evaluation fees. To be eligible, students must meet the requirements for full admission into the Academy's bachelor's degree program. To view admission requirements, download the Academy's bachelor's degree catalog at [www.ussa.edu](http://www.ussa.edu) or call (800) 223-2668.

The deadline for applications is 30 December 2008. The Academy is offering a limited number of tuition scholarships.

postseason (18) and goals in a postseason game (7). He ranks sixth all-time in scoring (167), ninth in goals (96) and seventh in assists (71). He scored seven goals against Cornell University in the 1971 semifinals, which remains a record for goals in an NCAA semifinal and the third-best single game performance in Army history.

## ACADEMY MOURNS PASSING OF FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION

The Academy mourns the loss of Olympic discus legend Al Oerter, Olympic 800-meter gold medalist John Woodruff, British sculptor John Robinson and Academy Trustee Emeritus Herman Maisel.

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### Final Fall Standings (2007–2008) Division I

1. California .....	370.0
2. Southern California.....	343.0
3. Stanford.....	315.0
4. Oregon .....	304.0
5. Penn State .....	303.0

### Final Fall Standings (2007–2008) Division II

1. Grand Valley State (Mich.).....	404.0
2. Tampa (Fla.).....	316.0
3. Massachusetts–Lowell .....	251.0
4. Abilene Christian (Tex.).....	222.0
5. West Texas A&M.....	214.0

For complete standings, visit [www.ussa.edu/directors-cup](http://www.ussa.edu/directors-cup)

### Final Fall Standings (2007–2008) Division III

1. Washington (Mo.) .....	322.0
2. Amherst (Mass.).....	291.0
3. Williams (Mass.).....	286.0
4. Calvin (Mich.).....	285.0
5. New Jersey .....	254.0

### Final Fall Standings (2007–2008) NAIA

1. Azusa Pacific (Calif.).....	333.5
2. Simon Fraser (B.C.).....	300.5
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### **Continuing Education**

The Academy's continuing education programs serve many sport associations, such as the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), the National Strength and Conditioning Association, and U.S. Track and Field. We can customize a certification program for your organization, or you can take individual courses **online**.

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