

## ACADEMY'S AWARDS OF SPORT TWO OLYMPIC LEADERS EARN HONORARY DOCTORATES



*The Academy's 29th annual Awards of Sport featured the university's President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich (center) bestowing Honorary Doctorates to Dr. Ching-Kuo Wu (left), the International Boxing Association president widely credited for cleaning up corruption, and Dr. Norbert Müller, world renowned for his research on the Olympics and Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the Modern Games.*

The United States Sports Academy bestowed Honorary Doctorates on two leaders in the Olympic Movement during its 29th annual Awards of Sport celebration at the Daphne, Ala., campus.

Honored for their achievements were: Dr. Ching-Kuo Wu, who successfully reformed the International Boxing Association (AIBA) and is widely praised for transforming boxing; and Dr. Norbert Müller, who is recognized around the world as the leading expert on the founder of the Modern Olympic Games and the Olympics.

Wu said during his acceptance of the Honorary Doctorate that he his biggest motivation for everything he does is the children of the world.

"My inspiration is the youth," said Wu, an International Olympic Committee (IOC) member since 1988 and executive board member since 2012 who was an IOC presidential candidate this year. "I've tried to do everything that was in the

best interest of the youth and the future."

Müller's honor comes on the 150th anniversary of the birth of French baron Pierre de Coubertin, who organized the first Modern Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, in 1896. The 66-year-old Müller, professor emeritus at Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz where he has taught since 1976, said one of his passions has been celebrating the life and works of Coubertin (1863-1937).

"We have an opportunity and duty to preserve the Olympic Movement according to Coubertin's ideals and ethics, not only for sport, but also for life in the world of the 21st century and for generations to come," Müller explained.

Wu, a 66-year-old world-renowned architect from Taiwan, also conceived, founded and designed the \$61 million Juan Antonio Samaranch Memorial Museum in Tianjin, China, to commemorate former IOC president from 1980 to 2001. It opened in April 2013.

As the AIBA president since 2006, his boxing reforms led to arguably the most successfully Olympic boxing competition ever at the 2012 London Games. Some reforms include installing scoreboards to allow fans to see how judges score fights in real time and requiring the training of judges.

Müller has served as the president of the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee since 2002. Müller has published several publications about Coubertin, including "Olympism" that features his writings.

Müller, has conducted research since 1968 on the Olympic Games and done field research at all Olympic Games since 1984. Plus, he has led more than 2,500 students to Olympia and the Olympic Games.

Both Wu and Müller serve on the IOC's Commission for Culture and Olympic Education with Academy President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich.



**Rafael Nadal**  
2013 Athlete of the Year

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**Yuna Kim**  
2013 Athlete of the Year

# GABARRÓN INTERNATIONAL AWARDS NAMES ACADEMY FOUNDER AS SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



*Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich (left), Academy President and CEO, is presented the Sportsman of the Year Award at The Gabarrón International Awards by New York Road Runners President and CEO Mary Wittenberg.*

United States Sports Academy President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich became the first American to earn the Sportsman of the Year award from The Gabarrón International Awards in New York City.

Dr. Rosandich, who was born and raised in Sheboygan Falls, Wis., was chosen for the honor for his “nearly 60 years of continuous dedication and contributions to the creation of several generations of athletes, educators and sports managers in the five continents.” The prestigious award, which he received Nov. 8, was first won by the late International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch.

For nearly 60 years, Dr. Rosandich, who founded the United States Sports Academy, has been a major figure in sport around the world as a coach and as an educator. As a U.S. Marine Corps infantry officer, he served as the track and field coach for the U.S. armed services.

He later was the national track and field coach for various Southeast Asia and Middle East nations for Olympiads from the 1956 Games in Melbourne to the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. He even served as U.S.

Team Handball president at the 1996 Centennial Atlanta Olympic Games.

Throughout his career, Dr. Rosandich has built and established many sports programs, events and facilities. He founded and directed the Marine Corps Relays in Quantico, Va.

In the early 1960s, Dr. Rosandich was directly responsible for bringing the Peace Corps—which he turned into the Sport Corps—to Indonesia. During the same era, he played a central role in the founding of the South East Asia (SEA) Games.

In 1966, he founded Olympia Sport Village in northern Wisconsin, which was used for winter sports training by Olympic athletes from all over the world. Dr. Rosandich also established the Paavo Nurmi Marathon in 1971, which is still run to this day.

After serving as the Director of Athletics for University of Wisconsin–Parkside and University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee for nearly 10 years, he founded the United States Sports Academy, “America’s Sports University.”

Established to upgrade the profession of sport, the Academy has remained the only free-standing school of sport in America since its inception in 1972.

Today, it is the largest graduate school of sport education in the world. It offers regionally accredited sport degree programs at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels.

In 1984 as part of the Academy, Dr. Rosandich founded the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA), located on the Academy campus. Today, it is arguably the largest collection of sport art in the world with more than 1,700 pieces. Also in 1984, he established the Academy’s Awards of Sport, which annually honors people who have made significant contributions to sport in various fields.

Dr. Rosandich holds some 40 decorations of merit from a wide-range of groups. Among them are the highest distinctions awarded by the IOC and United States Olympic Committee (USOC). The IOC presented the Olympic Order to Dr. Rosandich in 1997 and the USOC presented its President’s Medal to him in 2000. He has served on the IOC Culture and Olympic Education Commission since 1999.

In 2008, Dr. Rosandich received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor from NECO (formerly the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations). The nonprofit annually honors U.S. citizens of various ethnic backgrounds in homage to the immigrant experience. Others who have received the Ellis Island Medal include six U.S. Presidents, Nobel laureates, business leaders, and sports figures such as Muhammad Ali and Arnold Palmer.



*Cristóbal Gabarrón, the Academy’s 1992 Sport Artist of the Year, talks about the award winners at the show in the Spanish painter’s name.*

## GABARRÓN INTERNATIONAL AWARDS 2013 WINNERS

Visual Arts – Richard Meier  
Performing Arts – Berklee College of Music  
Science and Research – Luis Rojas Marcos  
Sports Award – Thomas P. Rosandich  
Economic Award – Abhijit Banerjee  
Literature Award – Fernando Arrabal  
Thought and Humanities – Donald Kuspit  
Restoration and Conservation – Michael Duffy  
Lifetime Achievement Award - El Diario/La Prensa

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# MOBILE ARTS COUNCIL HONORS ROSANDICH FOR LONGTIME INVOLVEMENT IN SPORTS ART

Academy President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich received the Art Patron Award at the 10th Annual Greater Mobile Arts Awards.

Dr. Rosandich was recognized for his work in establishing the American Sports Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA) in 1984, which has grown into arguably the largest sport art museum in the world. He also started the Sport Sculpture Park on the campus grounds that feature many large sculptures done by Fairhope, Ala., found object artist Bruce Larsen, the Academy's 2009 Sport Artist of the Year.

In addition, the Academy annually holds its Awards of Sport celebration that is a tribute to "the Artist and the Athlete." This year's Sport Artists of the Year are the talented Charles Billich, an Australian painter who is a two-time winner of this award, and California sculptor Edward Eyth, whose piece "Balance," won the 2008 United States Olympic Committee (USOC) Sport and Art Contest.

Mobile Arts Council Executive Director Robert Burnett said he could not think of a more deserving winner of the annual award.

"What he has created and done here is truly amazing and, if you are unaware of him or his sports art museum, you have to go see it," Burnett said at the award presentation held at the Saenger Theatre in Mobile, Ala.

Dr. Rosandich said he was honored to be recognized as the Art Patron

of the Year. This year alone he has commissioned or donated three major works of art to ASAMA, including: an oil painting "Off Back Shot" by B'Beth Weldon of Fairhope, Ala.; the "Olympic Spirit" sculpture by Edward Eyth, the 2013 Sport Artist of the Year, from Pacific Grove, Calif.; and a sculpture of a cyclist being done by Larsen.

"I am very grateful and pleased to receive this award," said Dr. Rosandich, who serves on the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Culture and Olympic Education Commission. "I've recognized the importance of

cultural connectivity between athletic competition and artistic expression since its inception. I have had a long commitment to the arts that continues to this day."



*Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich is presented the Art Patron Award by Mobile Arts Council's Hillary Anaya in September in Mobile, Ala.*

## 2013 DONATIONS TO ASAMA BY ROSANDICH



*The sculpture, "Olympic Spirit," by Edward Eyth, the 2013 Sport Artist of the Year, depicts a male and female athlete elevating the five rings that symbolize the Olympics. A similar large outdoor sculpture received the Olympic Rings Award and was selected for inclusion in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Landscape Sculpture Design Exhibition.*



*Painter B'Beth Weldon's vibrant oil on canvas, "Off Back Shot," brings to life a rider swinging his mallet as his horse gallops at high speed. Weldon was selected as the official artist of the 25th annual Polo at the Point and serves on the Academy's Art Committee.*

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*Pictured (left to right) are: Former Texas A&M President Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, Daniel A. Moore, 2005 Sport Artist of the Year, Jack Lengyel, College Football Game of the Year Chair, and Texas A&M Director of Athletics Eric Hyman.*

## 2012 COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME OF THE YEAR TEXAS A&M DEFEATS ALABAMA, 29-24

Nationally acclaimed painter Daniel A. Moore did this official painting for the United States Sports Academy's 2012 College Football Game of the Year, which was won by Texas A&M for its shocking, 29-24, upset on the road of top-ranked Alabama in the Aggies' first Southeastern Conference showdown.

The painting, "Turning the Tide," features Texas A&M Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Johnny Manziel bursting into daylight. He's eluding three defenders from Alabama's top-rated defense who are left in the shadows. The painting symbolizes the breakout year Manziel had as a redshirt freshman. The clock reads 12 to symbolize the 12th man—the fans.

The dynamic pose of Manziel slicing and dicing the Alabama defense was a "no-brainer," says Moore, who is the Academy's 2005 Sport Artist of the Year. The Academy commissions Moore to create the artwork honoring the Game of the Year selection and then donates it along with \$5,000 to the winning school's general scholarship fund.

Moore presented the 2012 Game of the Year award to Texas A&M along with Jack Lengyel, who is the chair of the Game of the Year committee. The awards ceremony was held Friday, Sept. 13 at the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas. The presentation came the day before the Aggies' rematch this season with Alabama.

Manziel, at the helm of the nearly 14-point underdog Texas A&M Aggies, stayed cool under fire against Alabama's top-rated defense. He staked the No. 15 Aggies to a 20-0 lead in the first quarter and the Aggies escaped a last-ditch, fourth-and-goal effort by the Crimson Tide to pull out the victory in Week 11 of the 2012 college football season.

Manziel completed 24-of-31 passing for 253 yards and two touchdowns and led the team in rushing with 18 carries for 92 yards. Nicknamed "Johnny Football," he went on to win the Heisman and help Texas A&M finish the season 11-2 overall and ranked No. 5 in the country.

The College Football Game of the Year Award was developed in 2005 to pay tribute to a team whose efforts in a game exemplify the spirit and principles of athletic endeavor, dedication and teamwork. The College Football Game of the Year Award is a part of the Academy's Awards of Sport series. Each week the committee selects a Game of the Week with the weekly winners then qualifying for consideration for selection as the Game of the Year at the end of the season.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**2006: Rutgers University**  
Rutgers 28, Louisville 25

**2009: University of Alabama**  
Alabama 32, Florida 13

**2007: Appalachian State University**  
Appalachian State 34, Michigan 32

**2010: Auburn University**  
Auburn 22, Oregon 19

**2008: Texas Tech University**  
Texas Tech 39, Texas 33

**2011: University of Alabama**  
Alabama 21, LSU 0



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### AWARD-WINNING OLYMPIC ARTISTS NAMED ACADEMY'S 2013 SPORT ARTISTS OF THE YEAR



*Pictured left to right are: 2013 Sport Artist of the Year Charles Billich, painter, Academy Board of Trustees member Jack Scharr, 2013 Sport Artist of the Year Edward Eyth, sculptor, and Academy Art Committee Chair Nancy Raia.*

The American Sport Art Museum and Archives' (ASAMA) 2013 Sport Artist of the Year are two world-renowned artists who have both created award-winning Olympic art.

American sculptor Edward Eyth and Australian painter Charles Billich were honored at the Academy's Awards of Sport annual event, "A Tribute to the Artist and the Athlete," Nov. 14 at the university's Daphne, Ala., campus. Both honorees received medals and plaques at the celebration.



*"Sochi 2014" by Charles Billich*

"Billich is recognized as one of the world's best sport artists to date," said United States Sports Academy President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich. "He continues to create art and is prolific as ever."

Billich's art has been featured in popular venues such as the White House, the United Nations (UN) Headquarters and the Vatican. A Yugoslavia ballet student until he fled his home in the 1950s, Billich used dance as an inspiration for his most recent featured paintings.

In May, Billich traveled to paint the principals of Beijing's ballet and opera. The Billich Gallery, one of Australia's leading contemporary art galleries and a premier venue in Sydney, features his paintings in the exhibit "A Collection of Dance & Art." From there, the ballet paintings are set to tour London, Los Angeles and Switzerland.

Beijing is a familiar city for Billich, as he created the "Beijing

Millennium Cityscape," a painting that helped China win its bid to host the 2008 Olympics. Billich's artistic involvement with sport spans over the course of five Olympiads.

Billich was previously named Sport Artist of the Year in 2000 and joins Ernie Barnes as the only artist to receive the honor twice. Barnes earned the honors in 1984 and 2004.

Inspired by the beauty and eloquence of the human form, many of Eyth's sculptures have been recognized internationally. The artist's sculpture, "Balance," which features a gymnast gracefully poised on a balance beam, was selected as winner in the sculpture category at the 2008 United States Olympic Committee (USOC) Sport and Art Contest. The sculpture was then a finalist at the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Sport and Art Contest in Lausanne, Switzerland.

"It's an outstanding honor and career highlight to receive this award," Eyth said about becoming a Sport Artist of the Year. "I'm genuinely grateful to ASAMA for this recognition, and for their exceptional efforts in supporting athletic achievement, culture and the arts."

A graphic works finalist in the 2012 national Olympic contest for American artists, Eyth submitted "Olympic Spirit," a painting that depicts a male and female athlete elevating the five rings that symbolize the Olympics. He did a similar large outdoor sculpture that received the Olympic Rings Award and was selected for inclusion in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Landscape Sculpture Design Exhibition.

Eyth's sculptures have won multiple other awards and are featured in select private collections around the globe and as part of the permanent collection at ASAMA.

The museum holds arguably the largest collection of sport art in the world and is open free to the public weekdays. For more information, visit the ASAMA website at [www.asama.org](http://www.asama.org).



*"Balance" by Edward Eyth*

# THE ACADEMY'S AWARDS OF SPORT

## 2013 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



**Rafael Nadal**

Opens, and South Korea's Yuna Kim, who also won the award three years ago for winning gold at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, earned the awards decisively in online voting conducted worldwide in December.

Despite returning from a seven-month layoff because of a left knee injury, Nadal won two Grand Slam victories, beating Serbia's Novak Djokovic both times. The wins catapulted him to No. 1 over Djokovic.

Kim returned to the world stage in figure skating after a two year layoff following the 2010 Winter Olympics. The 22-year-old picked up where she left off earning the gold medal in the women's 2013 World Figure Skating Championships by earning a total of 218.31 points.

The world's No. 1-ranked men's tennis player and the world champion women's figure skater earned the United States Sports Academy's 2013 Male and Female Athletes of the Year award.

Spain's Rafael Nadal, who won the French and U.S.

Nadal and Kim dominated the voting in the 29th year of the program, which took place online from Dec. 1-20 and is done in conjunction with NBC Sports.

The Athlete of the Year ballot is the culmination of the Academy's yearlong Athlete of the Month program, which recognizes the accomplishments of men and women in sports from around the globe. The monthly winners become eligible for the prestigious Athlete of the Year honor.

In 2012, the Male Athlete of the Year was Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, who was the 2012 London Olympic gold medalist in the 100 and 200. The Female Athlete of the Year was American tennis player Serena Williams, who took gold in singles and doubles at the 2012 Games.



**Yuna Kim**

### ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Greg McDermott  
Men's Head Basketball Coach  
Creighton University

### NATIONAL HONORARY DOCTORATE

Bud Selig  
Major League Baseball Commissioner

### INTERNATIONAL HONORARY DOCTORATE

Dr. Norbert Müller  
President, International Pierre de Coubertin Committee  
Professor Emeritus at Mainz University

### INTERNATIONAL HONORARY DOCTORATE

Ching-Kuo Wu  
President, International Boxing Association  
Executive Board Member, International Olympic Committee

### DR. ZHENLIANG HE CULTURE AWARD

2013 Sport Artist of the Year  
Charles Billich  
World-Renowned Australian Painter  
2000 Sport Artist of the Year

### DR. ZHENLIANG HE CULTURE AWARD

2013 Sport Artist of the Year  
Edward Eyth  
2008 U.S. Olympic Sport and Art Sculptor Winner

### EAGLE AWARD

Scott Blackmun  
CEO  
U.S. Olympic Committee

### AMOS ALONZO STAGG COACHING AWARD

John Harbaugh  
Head Coach, Baltimore Ravens  
2013 NFL Super Bowl Champions

## AWARDS OF SPORT 2013 HONOREES

### C. VIVIAN STRINGER COACHING AWARD

Sylvia Hatchell  
Women's Head Basketball Coach  
University of North Carolina

### CARL MADDOX SPORT MANAGEMENT AWARD

Mal Moore  
Late Director of Athletics  
University of Alabama

### DR. ERNST JOKL SPORTS MEDICINE AWARD

Dr. Cindy Chang  
Chief Medical Officer, USA Team  
2012 London Olympic Games

### DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER FITNESS AWARD

Greg Glassman  
Founder of CrossFit Inc.  
International Fitness Training Program

### JACKIE ROBINSON HUMANITARIAN AWARD

R.A. Dickey  
Bombay Teen Challenge Supporter  
Toronto Blue Jays Knuckleball Pitcher

### JIM THORPE ALL-AROUND AWARD

Jessica Ennis  
2012 London Olympic Heptathlon Gold Medalist  
and World Record Holder

### JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH IOC DISABLED ATHLETE AWARD

Tatyana McFadden  
2012 London Paralympic Wheelchair  
Race Gold Medalist

### MILDRED "BABE" DIDRIKSON ZAHARIAS COURAGE AWARD

Anna Rose "Rosie" Napravnik  
First Female Jockey to Ride in all Triple Crown Races in Same Year

### RONALD REAGAN MEDIA AWARD

Dick Enberg  
Sportscaster, San Diego Padres  
13-Time Sports Emmy Award Winner

### THEODORE ROOSEVELT MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Kevin Johnson  
First African-American Mayor,  
Sacramento, Calif.  
Three-Time NBA All-Star

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS:

Roy Griak  
50 Years of Service, Track and Field Coach  
University of Minnesota

Laszlo Jurak  
1972 USA Team Handball Olympic Coach  
15-Time USA Team Handball National  
Championship Coach

Randy Patrick  
Sports Director, WKRG News 5 Mobile, Ala.  
11-Time TV Broadcaster of the Year

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### 2012 COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME OF THE YEAR

Texas A&M 29, Alabama 24  
Southeastern Conference Game



## HONORARY DOCTORATE



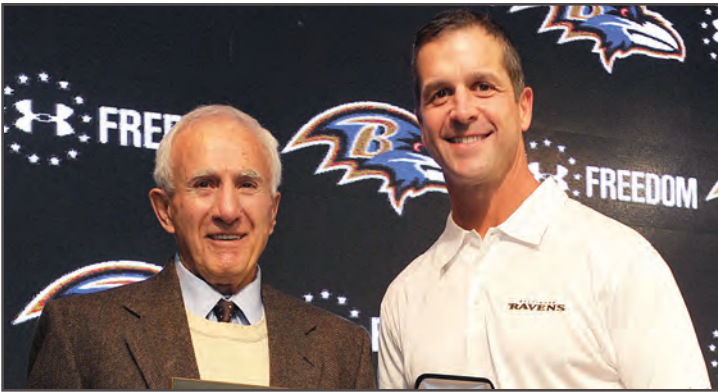
*Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig (left) earned an Honorary Doctorate from the Academy that was presented by Board of Trustees member Jack Scharr at Selig's Milwaukee office Dec. 13. Selig has guided baseball through the "steroid era," overseen revenue sharing and introduced interleague play since becoming commissioner in 1992.*

## EAGLE AWARD



*U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Scott Blackmun (left) received the Academy's Eagle Award, its highest honor, from Dr. Gary Cunningham, an Academy Board of Trustees member, at a ceremony Oct. 21 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Blackmun negotiated a landmark revenue-sharing agreement in 2012 with the International Olympic Committee (IOC).*

## AMOS ALONZO STAGG COACHING AWARD



*Baltimore Ravens head football coach John Harbaugh (right), who led his team to a Super Bowl victory, accepted the Amos Alonzo Stagg Coaching Award. It was presented on Nov. 11 by Al Cantello (left), a longtime Academy national faculty member and Navy cross country coach. Harbaugh guided the Ravens to a 34-31 Super Bowl victory over the San Francisco 49ers, which were coached by his brother, Jim.*

## DR. ERNST JOKL SPORTS MEDICINE AWARD



*Dr. Cindy Chang (left), the first woman to be chief medical officer for the USA Olympic Team at the 2012 London Olympics, received the Dr. Ernst Jokl Sports Medicine Award from Dr. Robert Block, a founding Board of Trustees member. Chang also served as the head team physician for the University of California, Berkeley's 27 athletic teams from 1995 to 2008.*

## DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER FITNESS AWARD



*Dr. Robert Block (right), the Academy's first Board of Trustees chairman, presented the Dwight D. Eisenhower Fitness Award to CrossFit Founder and CEO Greg Glassman at the opening of the CrossFit Games in Carson, Calif. Glassman, an athletic trainer, created an open-source fitness program that has spawned over 7,000 affiliated gyms across the world. He opened his first CrossFit gym in 2001 in Santa Cruz, Calif.*

## RONALD REAGAN MEDIA AWARD



*Dick Enberg (right) received the Academy's 2013 Ronald Reagan Media Award from Judy Sweet (left), a Trustee Emerita and former longtime University of California, San Diego, director of athletics. The presentation was made before a June 20 game between the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers at Petco Park. Enberg remains the only sportscaster to win Emmys in three categories—broadcasting, writing and producing.*



## THE ACADEMY'S AWARDS OF SPORT (*continued*)

### JACKIE ROBINSON HUMANITARIAN AWARD



Academy Board of Trustees member Tom Cafaro (left) awarded R.A. Dickey the 2013 Jackie Robinson Humanitarian Award during a Blue Jays pregame ceremony Aug. 10 at the Rogers Centre in Toronto. Dickey earned the honor for his inspiring work with Bombay Teen Challenge (BTC) in India to help sexually abused women and children.

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Randy Patrick, WKRG Sports Director, does a live remote TV broadcast from the Academy's 29th annual Awards of Sport Nov. 14 in Daphne, Ala., after winning his Distinguished Service Award. For an unprecedented 11 years in a row, Patrick has been named Mobile's favorite sportscaster in the annual Mobile Press-Register's Readers' Choice Awards.

### 2013 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD WINNERS



The Academy awarded Meritorious Service Awards to several employees at its recent holiday celebration. They were honored for their length of employment that ranged from 5-35 years. Front row (L-R): Shari André (5 years), Secretary for Student Services; Becky Cochran (20 years), Admissions Assistant; Patty Wilson (20 years), Library Assistant; Debbie Neumeyer (5 years), Receptionist; Kristie Sheppard (5 years), Secretary of Administration; and Ina Kendall (5 years), Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs. Back row (L-R): Leigha Bolton (5 years), Administrative Assistant to the President; Matthew Ellis (5 years), Coordinator of Student Information Systems; Dr. Timothy Foley (5 years), Dean of Student Services; Annita Alldredge (15 years), Director of Finance; and Dr. T.J. Rosandich (35 years), Vice President and COO.



# PEOPLE, PLACES AND PROGRAMS

## 2013 BOARD OF TRUSTEES



*Pictured above are the Academy's 2013 Board of Trustees. In the bottom row (left to right) are: Dr. Don C. Wukasch, Austin, Texas; Dr. T.J. Rosandich, Fairhope, Ala.; Robert C. Campbell III, Esq., Chairman, Mobile, Ala.; Dr. Robert M. Goldman, Chicago, Ill.; and Dr. Robert S. Block, Reno, Nev. In the back row (left to right) are: Dr. Lee A. McElroy Jr., Albany, N.Y.; Tom Cafaro, Dudley, Mass.; Randy Smith, Trustee emeritus, Mobile, Ala.; William Clark, Mobile, Ala.; Dr. Gary Cunningham, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Jack Scharr, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Marino Niccolai, Mobile, Ala.; and Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, Academy President and CEO, Daphne, Ala. Trustees not pictured are: Dr. Milly Cowles, Fairhope, Ala.; Dr. Linda Moore, Unionville, Conn.; and Peter Tichansky, New York, N.Y.*

### ACADEMY TRUSTEE JACK KELLY REMEMBERED AS BRILLIANT SPORTS LEADER WITH OLYMPICS AND MAJOR EVENTS

Jack Kelly, a United States Sports Academy Board of Trustees member and longtime leader with the Olympics and other sport organizations, died recently after a long battle with bladder cancer.

Kelly, who was 68, is best known for his organization of major sporting events, such as the World Equestrian Games, Goodwill Games and Olympic Festival.

"I considered Jack Kelly one of the brightest people in sport," said Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, United States Sports Academy President and CEO. "There was nothing he didn't know or couldn't do. He was very creative and inventive."

Dr. Rosandich pointed out that Kelly developed tiny radios that allowed fans who attended major sporting events to listen to the broadcast of the action as they watched it.

Most recently, Kelly was the CEO for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games held in Lexington, Ky., and responsible for all aspects of the \$75 million budget. He is credited for laying the groundwork for the Games, which became a successful and historic event in Lexington.

Kelly served as both the president of the Goodwill Games Inc. and the director of

all Turner Broadcasting's international sports efforts. He oversaw the \$200 million-plus enterprise for six years from 1990-96 for billionaire entrepreneur Ted Turner. In addition, Kelly organized the 1986 U.S.

Olympic Festival in Houston and ran the 1990 U.S. Olympic Festival in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

During his career, Kelly also was CEO of the Space City (Houston) Sports Commission and the Bowling Proprietors Association of America. He served on the USA Baseball Executive Committee, United States Olympic Committee, the Greater Houston Sports Federation, the Houston International Festival, the Atlanta Dogwood Festival and the Bluebonnet Bowl.

In addition, he had a successful corporate executive career for 16 years in which he served as an officer of two top 50 Houston-based U.S. corporations—Tenneco Inc. and the American General Corporation.

Over the years, Kelly also developed what many say was one of the largest individual collections of Olympic and sports memorabilia.

Kelly is survived by his wife, Kathy, and children, Michael Kelly and Kerry Lynn Schatz.



*Jack Kelly served as Trustee for 10 years.*



## FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA LAWMAKER, FOOTBALL COACH AND DEAN OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION SERVED AS ACADEMY TRUSTEE

Former South Carolina state lawmaker and football coach Dr. Warren Giese, who served on the Academy's Board of Trustees from 1991-1999, died in September in Columbia, S.C. He was 89.

Giese was an elected member of the South Carolina Senate in 1984. A Republican, he retired in 2004 as the second oldest serving South Carolina senator at the age of 81.

Previously, Giese was a dean at the University of South Carolina and a Distinguished Professor Emeritus there.

Giese had originally started out at South Carolina as the head football coach. With the Gamecocks for five years from 1956 to 1960, he compiled a 28-21-1 record during his tenure. His 1958 team finished 7-3 and only two close losses spoiled a major bowl bid.

When the NCAA implemented the two-point conversion rule in 1958, Giese enthusiastically adopted it as part of his game plan. South Carolina recorded 13 two-point conversions in 1959, setting a school record that still stands.

Giese, who was born in Milwaukee, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 through the V-12 pilot training program at Central Michigan University. After World War II, Giese resumed college at the University of Oklahoma, where he played football as an end under coach Jim Tatum in 1946. That season, he was named a first-team All-Big Six Conference player.



*Dr. Warren Giese (right) coached the Gamecocks for five years. He later served in the South Carolina state senate for 20 years.*

Giese served on the President's Counsel for Physical Fitness and Sports from 1971 to 1996.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis Giese, four children and seven grandchildren.

## FIVE DOCTORAL TEACHING ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2014 FOR THREE-YEAR PROGRAM

Brandon Spradley jumped at the offer to become one of five Doctoral Teaching Assistants at the Academy in 2011. He was chosen from more than 100 applicants and is glad he was. Spradley, who had graduated with honors with a master's degree in Exercise Science from the University of Alabama, said his experiences during the three-year program at the Academy campus have far exceeded his expectations.

Spradley has worked on two major research projects that tested body composition in elite athletes and that looked at the effects of a supplement on athletic training. He has taught physical education courses in Malaysia. He led concussion training for many youth football coaches. Plus, he was instrumental in the Academy's oral history project that interviewed more than a dozen well-known black athletes in Mobile, Ala., about playing sports during segregation.

"I have really learned a lot and feel very prepared to take that next step into a successful sports career," he said.

The Academy is once again offering five Doctoral Teaching Assistantships to those who are interested in pursuing a Doctor of Education in Sports Management (Ed.D.) degree as a full-time, residential student. The purpose of the doctoral teaching assistantship is to augment and support the student's doctoral academic program.

The Doctoral Teaching Assistants will play an integral role in the course writing and development of both distance learning and continuing education courses for web-based instruction. Recipients will teach online courses in the Academy's undergraduate program and undertake other assignments, such as assisting in data collection and analysis for Institutional Effectiveness, doing special projects, serving as Ambassadors for special events and may be eligible for teaching international sports programs (a valid U.S. passport is required). Teaching Assistants will also assist faculty with the development of workshops, seminars, short courses, symposia and continuing education.

The Doctoral Teaching Assistants will receive a competitive annual stipend, a fully paid individual student health insurance policy (pending medical examination), as well as a tuition waiver.

Applicants for a Doctoral Teaching Assistant position must be first accepted as a student into the doctoral program to begin residential coursework at the beginning of the Fall 2014 Term.

Interested parties should contact: Dr. Tim Foley, Dean of Student Services, for more information at 800-223-2668 or [tfoley@ussa.edu](mailto:tfoley@ussa.edu). Along with all admissions documents needed for the doctoral program, a résumé, letter of interest and three references should be sent to [jobs@ussa.edu](mailto:jobs@ussa.edu).



*Brandon Spradley, an Academy Doctoral Teaching Assistant, explains the King Devick Test and ways to avoid head trauma to Southern Youth Sports Association youth football coaches. The Academy donated concussion manuals, King-Devick Playbooks, and fact sheets to them, thanks to an Association of Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) grant.*



# ACADEMY CAPTURES ORAL HISTORY OF NOTABLE BLACK ATHLETES FROM ERA OF SEGREGATION

One of the watershed moments in the civil rights movement came with the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed major forms of discrimination that existed at the time.

Now, 50 years later the Academy in conjunction with alumni of the Mobile County Training School (MCTS), an all-black school dating back to the 1880s, are working on an oral history project to preserve the experiences of well-known black athletes from Mobile, Ala., during the tumultuous era of segregation roughly from the 1950s to the 1970s.

Back then, players attended all-black schools, played on all-black teams and competed for state championships from the Alabama Interscholastic Athletic Association, the black counterpart of the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

The Academy's oral history project is led by Doctoral Teaching Assistant Brandon Spradley and Anderson Flen, a MCTS alumnus who starred as quarterback for the Whippets. Together, they have interviewed 15 notable black athletes who rarely gained acclaim across racial lines. The Academy, the only freestanding university of sport education in America, plans to unveil their stories during Black History Month in February 2014.

Some of the black athletes interviewed include: Gabe Coleman, a wide receiver on County's 1966 state championship team; Larry Shears, one of the top running backs in the state at County who played in the NFL; and Norman Hill and A.C. Mosley, who were the first black baseball players on a historically all-white area team in 1969.

Those athletes had to cobble together used equipment, such as cleats and broken baseball bats held together with tape and nails. They played in second-rate facilities and sometimes even on makeshift fields in cow pastures.

Shears and the others interviewed in the Academy project have empha-



*The Mobile County Training School Whippets 1959 football team, featuring running back Cleon Jones, finished the season with a 9-1 overall record, including a victory over the Central High Wildcats in the Turkey Classic.*

sized that they played for the love of the game. He said dealing with adversity prepared him for success later in life.

"Athletics is more than just getting out there on the field," Shears said. "Sometimes you have to go through other stuff just to even get an opportunity to play. A lot of times, you have to deal with things you don't want to."

Because many of their exploits were ignored by the mainstream press, the Academy's preservation of this history is seen as important in a community rich in sports tradition. Many of those athletes now want to educate future generations about playing during a period of rampant inequality.

"I have a real strong interest in preserving this history and talking about the legacy of sports in Mobile, but in the African-American community in particular," Flen said. "We want others to hear about the many phenomenal athletes who played sports in the area known as the Africatown community."

## 2013 TOYS FOR TOTS



*The 2013 Toys for Tots campaign resulted in the largest collection that the Academy has had in its 18 years with the program. The collection was made possible by the coordinated efforts of Academy staff and the Jesse Andrews Jr. Marine Corps League Detachment in Daphne, Ala.*



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# INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

## SPORT EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT SPAN THE GLOBE



*One of the first Malaysian teachers to complete the United States Sports Academy's physical education training program receives her diploma from Malaysia Deputy Minister of Education Datin Mary Yap Kain Ching (center). Dr. T.J. Rosandich (left), the Academy's Vice President and COO, and Dato' Dr. Ramlan Bin Abd. Aziz (right), National Sports Institute of Malaysia CEO, look on.*

### MALAYSIA

Patrick Yipp, an employee of the Hong Kong Amateur Sport Federation and Olympic Committee, was the first individual to successfully complete an International Diploma in Sports program in 1987. He was joined in this distinction on Oct. 19, 2013 with the graduation of 673 Malaysian teachers who completed the 2012 International Diploma in Physical Education and Scholastic Sports (IDPESS).

In a graduation ceremony held under the patronage of the Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, and presided over by Deputy Minister of Education Datin Mary Yap Kain Ching, the students collected their diplomas at a special convocation held at Balai Budaya Tun Syed Nasir Ismail in the Dewan Bahasa Dan Putaka in Kuala Lumpur. Dr. T.J. Rosandich, the Academy's Vice President and COO, pointed out at the convocation that the training the teachers received helps Malaysia's youth both athletically and academically.

"I hope that all of you will go from here today and apply your new found skills within the schools where you work," he said. "If you succeed in doing so, you will help to create a better learning environment for all concerned and most importantly, for the betterment of the students under your supervision."

The convocation kicked off the second year of the 10-week IDPESS program that wrapped up this year in early December. Another 680 Malaysian educators received training in physical education and sports to help improve the country's youth sports, among other benefits.

Yassin and the country's other leaders had the vision to build vigorous sports programs for Malaysian children. It led to the Academy developing a diploma program for the Southeast Asian country that is arguably one of the largest training programs in physical education and sports coaching ever undertaken.

Muhyiddin, who received a 2012 International Honorary Doctorate in January from the Academy at its campus in Daphne, Ala., helped oversee the implementation of "One Student – One Sport" in Malaysia's schools about four years ago to improve physical education and scholastic sports for the nation's children. As part of the effort, more physical education and sports coaching training is being given to thousands of the nation's teachers, who oversee the students' development in sports.

It also is important to the development of a national system that allows youth to advance in sports, with the best eventually competing in the Olympics or in professional sports.

Students from around the world have successfully completed the Academy's International Diploma in Sports programs. In addition to Malaysia, students have hailed from Hong Kong, Bahrain, Singapore, Thailand and the United States.

### THAILAND

For the past nine years, the Academy has taught International Certification programs in Sports Management (ICSM) and Sports Coaching (ICSC) in cooperation with the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT). In addition to the twelve weeks of on-site classroom instruction in Bangkok, for the past seven consecutive years the Academy has taken Thailand officials and best students from the program on a two-week, cross-country American sports study tour.

This year included among other things in-depth looks at the United States Olympic Committee's (USOC) Training Center in San Diego, and the United States Tennis Association's (USTA) Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y.



*The Academy in conjunction with the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT) has run sports certification programs for the last nine years.*

### CHINA

About two-dozen Shanghai swimming coaches hosted by the Academy in May received hands-on and classroom instruction.





*The Shanghai Administration of Sports has called on the Academy to train its elite athletes in coaching.*

While on campus, the Chinese students participated in seminars taught by Academy faculty on subjects, such as coaching methodology, sports psychology, strength and conditioning, fitness and sports medicine.

They also participated in practical sessions at Bishop State and Auburn University. At Auburn, they spent a day with the college swimming powerhouse, where they learned new training techniques and had the chance to quiz both coach Brett Hawke and Tyler McGill, an Olympic gold medalist at the 2012 London Olympics.

The Academy is currently planning for the delivery of its International Diploma in Sports Coaching in May 2014 in cooperation with the Shanghai Administration of Sports. It calls for the Academy to help transition some 100 of China's elite athletes and Olympians into new careers as coaches.

### SHAOLIN TEMPLE

The Academy has also worked with the Shaolin Temple since 2006. Working with individuals steeped in the lore of the Shaolin, reputed to be the well-spring from which all the martial arts originated, the Academy developed an online course to introduce kung-fu enthusiasts and Chan Buddhists to the philosophical underpinnings of the martial arts.

While the original course was posted in English, beginning this past



*Board of Trustees member Dr. Gary Cunningham (left) gives Shaolin Temple Abbot Shi Yongxin a hand-made book of the "Philosophy of Shaolin Kung Fu" course translated into Chinese.*

October, Chinese speakers around the world could take this online course for the first time in their own language.

To commemorate this event, Board of Trustees member Dr. Gary Cunningham presented Shaolin Temple Abbot Shi Yongxin with an original, hand-made, leather-bound book of the "Philosophy of Shaolin Kung Fu" course translated in both Chinese and English during the Shaolin Temple Cultural Festival in October at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The Abbot gave the Academy a 1,500-year-old manuscript that describes in its more than 800 pages the key tenets of the Shaolin philosophy, the rich political and religious history of the Shaolin Temple, and the importance of balance between the mental, physical and spiritual in a healthy mind and body.



*From left to right, Dr. Lee White, head of the Gabonese National Park Service, poses with the Gabon team including Dave Dubroff, Scribeus Associates translator, Gabon President Ali Bongo, Dr. T.J. Rosandich, Academy Vice President and COO, and Dr. Fred Cromartie, Academy Director of Doctoral Studies.*

### GABON

The Academy sent a team in March led by Dr. T.J. Rosandich to conduct a comprehensive study of Gabon's sports programs and facilities in its cities and rural areas. It submitted a comprehensive report on the Central African country's efforts to the Office of the President in May.

This comprehensive evaluation of sport in Gabon followed an earlier effort in which the Academy prepared a Legacy Study concerning the use of Stadia built for the Cup of African Nations held in Gabon in January and February 2012. The Legacy Study addressed issues ranging from the operation and maintenance of the facilities to how they could be employed to support Gabon's national sport effort in the years to come.

Both the Assessment Report and the Legacy Study have formed the cornerstone of a roadmap for the development of a comprehensive National Sport Effort for the country. Findings of these reports were distilled into a draft program entitled, "Sport in Gabon: The Way Forward" that is currently being reviewed by senior governmental officials in the Office of the President and in the Ministry of Education, the governmental agency responsible for sport in the country.

*For a summary of the Academy's international programs, please visit <http://goo.gl/pcOtej>.*

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## CREIGHTON BASKETBALL COACH NAMED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Creighton University men's head basketball coach Greg McDermott was named the United States Sports Academy's 2013 Alumnus of the Year for helping elevate the Bluejays program to the national spotlight in his first three years there.

McDermott, who graduated with his master's in Sports Management in 1994 from the Academy, guided Creighton to its first NCAA tournament in five years in the 2011-12 season and made it there again this past year reaching the third round both times. He's the first coach in Creighton history to post 20 or more wins in each of his first three seasons.

"The United States Sports Academy afforded me the opportunity to earn my master's degree at a time in my life when attending full-time graduate school was not a possibility," McDermott said. "I couldn't be more pleased with the well-rounded education I received, and the many relationships I developed as a result of the experience."

McDermott, known as a top recruiter and tactician, is no stranger to success. During his 19 seasons as a college basketball head coach, his teams have made seven trips to the NCAA tournament, including one Sweet 16 appearance. He is 80-30 (.727) in his three seasons leading Creighton and owns a 360-225 (.615) career record.

McDermott, a former 6-foot-8 college center for Northern Iowa,

began his coaching career as an assistant at the University of North Dakota in 1989 and earned his first head coaching position in 1994 with Wayne State, a Division II school. He has also coached at North Dakota State, Northern Iowa and Iowa State.

His meteoric rise in the coaching ranks began at his alma mater, Northern Iowa, where he took over a program in 2001 that had failed to post a winning season in four years. Northern Iowa had only made the NCAA tournament once before but McDermott led the Panthers to three straight appearances. He also led the school to its first ever national ranking in 2006.

Now at Creighton, Coach McDermott admits coaching for the Bluejays has been a "wonderful experience." Not only has the Omaha, Neb., university ranked among the top in the nation in average home attendance but his son, Doug, who's entering his senior year and who is a two-time first-team All-American, has played for him.

Together the father and son are preparing for Creighton's first season in the Big East, which is known historically as one of the top basketball conferences.

"It is very gratifying to coach Doug and have him be a key contributor on a very good team," he said. "It has been a wonderful experience for our entire family."



*McDermott poses with his award.*

## DOCTORAL STUDENT CREATES POLICY FOR AVIATORS ON ENERGY DRINKS

U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Thomas E. Sather is conducting research at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute (NAMI) in Pensacola, Fla., on the effects of energy beverages on pilot flight performance.

Sather serves as the Deputy Director at NAMI and earned his master's in Sports Medicine and Sports Fitness and Health in 1996 at the Academy and now is completing his doctorate.

He got interested in the research of the \$6 billion energy drink industry to ensure the safety and protection of military pilots and aircrew. As a result, Sather developed a comprehensive evidence-based policy for aviators on the use of energy drinks and nutritional supplements for the NAMI Aeromedical Reference and Waiver Guide, which prohibits the highly caffeinated beverages.

"Often times when aircrews are told that EBs [energy beverages] are detrimental to performance, they don't believe it," Sather said. "This is not surprising since the EB companies spend billions of dollars annually on advertising."

Increasingly, energy drinks have come under scrutiny by the medical profession. The U.S. Department of Health reported an increase in the overall number of emergency room visits for health issues related to energy drinks—half of which involved children—from 10,000 to 20,000 between 2007 and 2011.

Sather plans to spearhead further research to increase the validity of

the results to military aviators. Seen as groundbreaking, the research could lead to further safety guidelines for pilots and aircrews. How the various stimulants packed in energy drinks may affect human performance of multiple simultaneous tasks that demand concentration under pressure has far reaching implications to others, including athletes, law enforcement officers, civilian pilots and commercial drivers.

This past year, Sather worked with Dr. Conrad Woolsey, a former Academy Chair of Sports Studies. While at Oklahoma State University, Woolsey took part in a study on 30 student pilots that showed after downing an energy drink their overall performance of technical flight skills declined. They struggled more to maintain straight and level flight, took 10 seconds longer to return their plane to the proper position after executing a complex turn and were five seconds slower in completing an emergency checklist.

Sather also plans to do a similarly designed study for his doctoral dissertation at the Academy.

"I feel very fortunate that the U.S. Navy has allowed me to work on my doctorate while serving on Active Duty," Sather said. "Likewise, I am extremely

thankful that the United States Sports Academy's doctoral program is flexible and allows me to progress through the program at my own pace. The synergy works for me and I believe the proof is in the pudding as to the effectiveness of the relationship."



*U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr.  
Thomas E. Sather*



## ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

**Fred Battenfield** (1991: MSS Sports Management) became the first ever head coach of men's volleyball at North Greenville University. Battenfield has worked in several capacities at the 1984, 1988 and 1996 Summer Olympic Games at the volleyball competitions and for the USA volleyball teams.

**Michael Brass** (1986: MSS Fitness and Health) is in his 12th year as Senior Associate Athletic Director for Sports Performance at the Naval Academy, after serving as the head Strength and Conditioning Coach/Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Performance for five years at Georgia Southern. Brass is a key part of a staff that put the Midshipmen back into the national spotlight with a 83-45 (.648) record over the last 10 years.

**Tommy Canale** (2006: BSS Sports Management; 2009: MSS Sports Management/ Sports Coaching) is currently the Athletic Director and head men's basketball coach at Illinois Valley Community College. As AD, Canale has improved the overall grade-point average by student-athletes from under 2.0 to over 3.0. As a coach, his teams posted the most wins in 27 years, the highest finish ever in the Arrowhead Conference (second) and the most wins against ranked opponents in one season.

**Lorenzo Canalis** (1991: MSS Sports Management) is the head women's soccer coach at Berry College and was recently named the Soccer Coach of the Year by the Southern Athletic Association. Canalis is the winningest coach in Berry sports history with an overall record of 266-98-28.

**Dustin Cleaver** (2010: BSS Sports Management) began working this season for Major League Soccer's San Jose Earthquakes as the team administrator. Cleaver oversees all aspects of the team from travel to the games to management of the facilities.

**Ed Comeau** (2008: MSS Sports Coaching) returned as bench boss for Team Canada Lacrosse's 2015 indoor team, which will compete to defend its title at the next FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship. Comeau has coached in the National Lacrosse League (NLL) for 16 years, has won five NLL Champion Cup titles and has earned General Manager and Coach of the Year awards.

**Ellen Ferris** (1987: MSS Sports Management) was named Associate Commissioner for Governance and Compliance at the American Athletic

Conference. Ferris is one of the leading compliance administrators in intercollegiate athletics, with extensive experience at the NCAA, as well as at the institutional and conference levels. Previously, she worked at the University of Southern California since 2006.

**Scott Flemming** (1987: MSS Sports Coaching) is the head coach of the India men's national basketball team. Under his leadership, the Indian team won the South Asian Basketball Championship by defeating Afghanistan in the finals and qualified for the prestigious FIBA Asian Championships held in August in the Philippines.

**Clayton Hamilton** (1997: MSS Sports Management) was promoted to Senior Associate Athletic Director of Business Operations at the University of Arkansas and is also the athletic department's Chief Financial Officer. While at Arkansas, Hamilton has managed the financial affairs and business operations for all of Razorback Athletics, which includes revenues that now approach \$100 million annually.

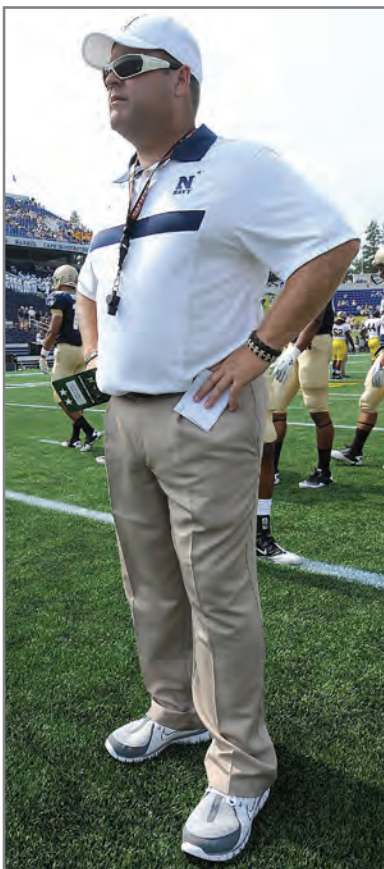
**Bunky Harkleroad** (2004: MSS Sports Management) is the women's basketball head coach at Sacramento State. Last year, Harkleroad was named the 2013 WVIAC Coach of the Year and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Region Coach of the Year before becoming a finalist for National Coach of the Year honors.

**Mike Leach** (1989: MSS Sports Coaching) is the head football coach at Washington State University. After just two years at the helm, Leach led the WSU Cougars to the Gildan New Mexico Bowl, which is the program's first bowl appearance since 2003 and its 11th overall.

**Angie Watson-Morenz** (Current: EdD Sports Management) assumed the Athletic Director post at Blackburn College. Morenz was the first female athlete in Blackburn College history to be awarded 12 athletic letters. She also played on the 1996-97 conference tournament championship team at Blackburn that qualified for the NCAA basketball tournament.

**Craig Nicholson** (1995: MSS Sports Coaching) made the move from Ball State to Arizona State as head softball coach this summer. He holds a career record of 964-252 and was the fastest coach in program history at Ball State to pass the 100 and 200-win marks. Nicholson led Ball State to a trip to the NCAA tournament in 2010.

**Scott Novack** (1997: MSS Sports Management) recently concluded training in Sochi, Russia, with the USA Bobsled team in preparation for the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics. Novack is currently the High Performance Director and Team Leader for USA Bobsled & Skeleton. In all, Novack has served as Team Leader or National Team Manager at more than 25 major international sporting events, which include two Olympic Games.



*Mike Brass*



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