

## H.E. Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of the United Nations General Assembly, Honored by the Academy

His Excellency Sam Kahamba Kutesa was awarded a 2015 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) by the Academy in recognition of his contributions to sport throughout the world.

Kutesa was elected President of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly's sixty-ninth session in June 2014. At the time of his election, he had been serving as Uganda's Minister for Foreign Affairs since 2005, a post he still holds today.

A lawyer, parliamentarian, and businessman, Kutesa has a wide range of experience in international affairs. During his tenure as Foreign Minister, Uganda has hosted high-level meetings of key intergovernmental bodies such as the Commonwealth Heads of Government Summit in 2007, the Council of Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in 2008, and the African Union (AU) Heads of State Summit in 2010.

Kutesa's contributions to the world of sport come from the UN's program of "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs), which he spearheaded. The SDGs were an outcome of the Rio+20



From left to right, Academy Trustee Joseph Szlavik, 2015 Distinguished Service Award recipient H.E. Sam Kahamba Kutesa, Academy Vice President and COO Dr. T.J. Rosandich, and Academy Trustee Peter Tichansky at the UN Headquarters in New York City, N.Y., on Monday, 14 September 2015.

"We are pleased to honor Kutesa with our Distinguished Service Award due to his outstanding work with the Sustainable Developmental Goals using sport as a fundamental vehicle in attaining them," said Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, President and CEO of the Academy.

The DSA is part of the Academy's Awards of Sport program and is given annually to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to national or international sports through instruction, research, or service.

Instruction means that

the individual must have been engaged in the act or process of imparting or acquiring knowledge in the area of sports on two continents.

Research means that the individual must have been engaged in the organized and systematic inquiry of investigation into sports to discover or revise facts, theories, or publications in the discipline spanning two or more continents.

Service means that the individual must have been engaged in the organized and systematic supply of sports required by the public on two or more continents for more than 20 years. ■

Conference and focus on goals which will assist all relevant stakeholders in developing comprehensive programs for their advancement. Sport and sport-related activities are a fundamental element of the SDGs.

In its statement of purpose, the members declared that they wanted to establish an "inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process open to all stakeholders, with a view to developing global sustainable development goals to be agreed by the General Assembly," and sport plays a vital role in that process.

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**David Wallechinsky**  
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**Franco Ascani**  
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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

# A Special Graduation Ceremony In Conjunction With The Awards of Sport

We had the privilege of honoring three outstanding individuals during a Graduation Ceremony held in conjunction with the Academy's Awards of Sport Ceremony on Thursday, 5 November 2015.

### Professor Franco Ascani, 2015 International Honorary Doctorate Recipient

First, we honored Professor Franco Ascani, who has been the President of the Federation Internationale Cinema Television Sportifs (FICTS) since 1996, promoting the values and cultural functions of the sport movement worldwide through television and motion pictures.

In addition to his experience with FICTS, Ascani is also an active member of the International Olympic Committee's Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission, on which I served with him for many years. He is the former President of the Union Eupéenne du Sports pour Tous and the former Vice President of the Fédération Internationale du Sport pour Tous. He has also served as the Director of the Master's degree "Sport Management Marketing and Society" at Università degli Studi Milano-Bicocca since 2002.

Also a journalist, Ascani has authored several books about sports management and more than 200 publications on scientific reviews. He is an internationally recognized authority on sports communication, who has lectured at the master's and undergraduate levels in sports law, sports management, sports marketing, and the sociology of sport. No stranger to being honored for his dedication to the sport movement, Ascani has been presented with over 30 awards, including the International Olympic Committee Award in 2004.



Via LinkedIn Profile

**Franco Ascani**  
International Honorary  
Doctorate Recipient

### David Wallechinsky, 2015 National Honorary Doctorate Recipient

Secondly, we honored David Wallechinsky, who is an encyclopedia of facts, figures, and general knowledge. He is a man of intelligence, insight, and opinion, who possesses the literary skills to express all of them in a readable manner. Perhaps what defines Wallechinsky best, though, is that he cares about people, politics, and Olympic sport.

As President of the International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH) since 2012 and a member of the organization since its inception in 1991, Wallechinsky has spearheaded the effort to promote and

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**David Wallechinsky**  
National Honorary  
Doctorate Recipient

study the Olympic Movement and Olympic Games. Here, again, I had the privilege of serving on the ISOH. For more than three decades now, he has kept readers abreast of the Olympics by updating his reference volumes *The Complete Book of the Summer Olympics* and *The Complete Book of the Winter Olympics*, which are considered to be the single most important history of the Olympic Games.

All in all, Wallechinsky has authored more than a dozen books. Two of those books – *What Really Happened to the Class of '65?* and *The Book of Lists* – were turned into television series by NBC and CBS. He also has been

a guest on "Eye to Eye" with Katie Couric, "The O'Reilly Factor," ABC World News, and CNN's "The Situation Room." In addition, he received an Honorary Doctorate from the National University of Physical Education and Sport of Ukraine, and has been inducted into the Trivia Hall of Fame.

### Commander David Peterson, Ed.D., 2015 Alumnus of the Year

Last but not least, Commander David Peterson received our 2015 Alumnus of the Year Award. Commander Peterson exemplifies everything for which the Academy stands, as he serves as the Executive Officer of the Physical Education Department at the U.S. Naval Academy and as the Director of their Human Performance Laboratory (*see page 7*).



## Accomplished Painter and Sculptor Joseph Sheppard Named Academy's 2015 Sport Artist of the Year

Selected by the Academy's Art Committee, Joseph Sheppard was recognized as the 2015 Sport Artist of the Year during the 31st Annual Awards of Sport program held on Thursday, 5 November 2015, on the Academy's campus in Daphne, Ala.

Sheppard, born in Owing Mills, Md., in 1930, is an award-winning artist, painter, and sculptor. He first became interested in depicting sports, especially boxing, after he completed a cover for *Sports Illustrated*. He has spent more than six decades documenting life through realist paintings, drawings, and sculptures building an enviable reputation in the art world.

He has been awarded numerous honors, including the Gold Medal of Honor in 1994 from the National Sculpture Society in N.Y. and more recently, the XVIII Premio Internazionale Pietrasanta e la Versilia nel Mondo in Italy.

In addition, his work can be found in the collections of such prestigious institutions as the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh, the Columbus Museum of Fine Arts in Ohio, the National Art Museum of Sports in Ind., and the National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C.

Sheppard not only paints and sculpts, he has also written several books on art. His book *How to Paint Like the Old Master* is one of his most popular. Each chapter is devoted to a different Old Master – Dürer, Titian, Veronese, Caravaggio, Vermeer, Hals, Rubens, and Rembrandt – and is divided into two sections that simplify the processes taken by the “Old Masters.” ■



"The Fighter" by Joseph Sheppard.

## Painting Commemorating the 2014 College Football Game of the Year Unveiled

Just as balloting began for the 2015 College Football Game of the Year (CFGoy), the Academy's 2005 Sport Artist of the Year, Daniel Moore, unveiled the official 2014 CFGoy painting, "Champions of a New Era," depicting Ohio State's 42-20 victory over Oregon in the inaugural College Football Playoff National Championship Game.

Coming into the playoffs as the Number 4 seed, Ohio State took charge of its own destiny with a solid 42-35 win over the Number 1 seed, Alabama, in the Sugar Bowl, which served as a semi-final game. From there, the Buckeyes went on to dominate the Number 2 seed, Oregon, in the championship game.

This award is part of the Academy's Awards of Sport series. Nominations are submitted weekly by the CFGoy Committee, which consists of eminent sport leaders. The committee is comprised of former athletic directors and coaches along with individuals active in collegiate football, who meet specific criteria to serve on the committee and exhibit no bias in their vote. ■



"Champions of a New Era" by 2005 Sport Artist of the Year, Daniel Moore.

### CELEBRATIONS



## Museum Open House Celebrating Olympic Day Featured Sport Art from Around the World

The faculty and staff of the Academy celebrated Olympic Day on Tuesday, 23 June 2015. Olympic Day is a worldwide annual celebration in recognition of the Modern Olympic Games. The Academy offered an open house featuring the institution's diverse, one-of-a-kind Olympic art collection, and a reception which included former 1996 USA Team Handball Olympian, Darrick Heath.

During the open house, the public was invited to view Olympic art in the Gallery, Library, and outdoor Sport Sculpture Park, which features many pieces created by Bruce Larsen, a sculptor from Fairhope, Ala.

Many of these found-object sculptures are named for great gold medalist Olympians, including sprinter Valeriy Borzov, gymnast Nastia Liukin, and basketball great Michael Jordan.

Around the world, more than 160 countries take part in the annual celebration. Olympic Day, created in 1948 to commemorate the birth of the Modern Olympic Games, focuses on Olympic values and ideals, such as fair play, perseverance, respect, and sportsmanship.

In the U.S., Olympic Day events range from small gatherings to large, city-wide events, but very few, if any, feature Olympic art collections like that housed at the Academy. ■



Former Olympian Darrick Heath with a handball from the 1996 Olympics.

## Detroit Red Wings Legend Gordie Howe Presented with Prestigious Eagle Award

Legendary Detroit Red Wings Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee, Gordie Howe, was presented with the Academy's 2015 Eagle Award by his son, Murray Howe, M.D., the Chairman of Toledo Hospital's Department of Radiology in Ohio. Howe was recognized for his many accomplishments as a hockey player and for his great contributions to sport in general throughout the world.

With a career spanning more than 50 years, Howe is considered to be one of the greatest hockey players in the world. In 1997, "Mr. Hockey" was signed to a one-game contract with the Detroit Vipers of the International Hockey League (IHL) and the 70-year-old superstar strapped on his skates to play one last time. This final performance made Howe the only hockey player to have spent five decades on the ice at the professional level, playing for the National Hockey League (NHL), World Hockey League (WHL), and IHL from the 1940s to the 1990s. ■



Gordie Howe (left) with his son Murray Howe, M.D.

## Seattle Seahawks Quarterback Russell Wilson Honored with Thorpe All-Around Athlete Award

Russell Wilson, the great Quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks, was presented with the 2015 Jim Thorpe All-Around Athlete Award by College Football Game of the Year Committee member and former University of Washington Athletic Director, Mike Lude, at the Virginia Mason Athletic Center in September 2015.

A gifted athlete, Wilson can play his position so many different ways that it boggles the mind. He can be the standard drop-back quarterback, the scrambler, the run-first guy, the thinking man's signal-caller, the game manager, and the game changer. Anything

you want, he possesses in his bag of tricks with room to spare.

Aside from his multi-dimensional skills on full display each Sunday in the fall, Wilson was also drafted out of high school by the Baltimore Orioles in the 41st round of the 2007 Major League Baseball Draft. Instead of playing full time for the Orioles, Wilson opted to follow through on a scholarship offer to N.C. State. After quarterbacking the Wolfpack football in the fall, he managed to play short-stop on the baseball team in the



Russell Wilson (left) received his award from Mike Lude.

spring. Following his junior season, he was drafted in the fourth round by the Colorado Rockies and played for their A-level affiliates in 2010 and 2011. ■

## Juan Antonio Samaranch Award Goes to Mcfadden

Tatyana McFadden was presented with the 2015 Juan Antonio Samaranch IOC President's Disabled Athlete Award by Academy Trustee Joseph Szlavik in recognition of her strength and determination.

McFadden's path was not an easy one and began in a Russian orphanage, where she spent the first six years of her life without so much as a wheelchair. She managed to keep up with the other children by learning to walk on

her hands, a task that has served her well in the athletic realm due to the strength she developed in her arms.

Competing for the U.S., she has won 10 medals in Summer Games dating back to 2004. McFadden holds 15 World Championship titles and is currently looking to defend her Grand Slam World Marathon title for a second consecutive year by winning all four marathons in Boston, Chicago, London, and New York City.



Tatyana McFadden accepted her award from Joseph Szlavik.

She's the only athlete to win all four marathons in one year. ■



The Chairman of the Academy's Board of Visitors Robert Goldman, M.D., presented Nancy Armour with the 2015 Ronald Reagan Media Award.

## USA Today's Nancy Armour Recognized with Reagan Award

USA Today's Sports Columnist Nancy Armour was presented with the Academy's 2015 Ronald Reagan Media Award by the Chairman of the Academy's Board of Visitors Robert Goldman, M.D.

Based in Chicago, Ill., Armour covers major events such as the Olympics, the World Cup, and the Masters. In addition to her long-term, in-depth pieces, she produces columns to provide analysis of big games and events of national interest.

During the 2015 NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament, she opined in an article that the blueprint for beating undefeated Kentucky had been unearthed by Cincinnati, even in a 13-point loss for the latter. Panned by some for such commentary, she proved to be right as Notre Dame pushed the Wildcats in the same fashion later in the tourney before Wisconsin followed suit and ultimately beat them.

Perhaps the most telling part of her true value in the media today is that what she produces gets people to think, react, and respond. Her "voice" is a strong one, and continues to show it has a place in the world of sports. ■





Jody Conradt was presented with a Distinguished Service Award at the University of Texas versus Oklahoma State football game by Academy Trustee Don C. Wukasch, M.D.

## Former University of Texas Basketball Coach Jody Conradt Honored At Home Opener

Jody Conradt, the former Women's Basketball Coach at the University of Texas at Austin, was presented with a 2015 Distinguished Service Award at the University of Texas versus Oklahoma State football game by Academy Trustee Don C. Wukasch, M.D., for her continued involvement with sports and trying to help others.

Conradt developed a passion for basketball, first as a player and then as a coach. In high school, she averaged 40 points per game. At Baylor University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1963, she averaged 20 points per game. Conradt really scored, though, once she took up coaching.

The Longhorns remained a national pro-

gram the remainder of Conradt's coaching career, even making the Final Four in 2003, not to mention Sweet 16s the year before and after that. All told, she won exactly 900 games as a women's basketball coach, was the first women's basketball coach to reach the 700-win plateau, was the second woman ever inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, and was named the National Coach of the Year four times.

In a truly amazing testament to Conradt's teaching skills, take note that she also coached volleyball at UT-Arlington and Texas a combined five years, posting a 165-76-15 record in the process. She also served as Women's Athletics Director at Texas from 1992 through 2001. ■

## Esteemed Table Tennis Player Dr. Michael Scott Recognized by Academy

Dr. Michael Scott skillfully worked both sport and medicine into his vocational pursuits, and for doing so he was presented with a 2015 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) by Academy College Football Game of the Year Committee member and former Athletic Director at the University of Washington, Mike Lude.

Born in Butte, Mont., to a father who was a surgeon and a mother who was a nurse, there was little doubt what career path Dr. Scott would take. Seattle became home, where he attended high school and college before going off to medical school in Nebraska and then interning in New York City.

Dr. Scott set up a dermatology practice in Seattle following stints as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in World War II and as an Army dermatology consultant stationed in Munich, Germany.

He played tennis for some time before switching from racket to paddle and taking up table tennis. Ultimately, he'd be named to the USA Table Tennis Hall of Fame.

His reach extended well beyond table tennis, as Dr. Scott also availed his drug-testing services to the Pan-Am Games, Olympic Games, and World Championships. ■



Dr. Michael Scott (right) was presented with a DSA by Mike Lude.

## Dr. Wlodzimierz Starosta Presented with Distinguished Service Award for His Lifelong Work in Sport Kinetics

Dr. Wlodzimierz Starosta was presented with a 2015 Distinguished Service Award in conjunction with the "13<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference of Sport Kinetics – Sport and Exercise for Health and Quality of Life," in Warsaw-Biala Podlaska, Poland.

The award was presented to Dr. Starosta by the Vice President of Józef Piłsudski University of Physical Education in Warsaw, Dr. Jerzy Sadowski, and the General Secretary of International Association of Sport Kinetics, Dr. Jan Konarski.

He is the first President of the International Association of Sport Kinetics, a scientific organization started in 1990 designed to create appropriate conditions for the advancement of human development and sport kinetics. The intent, through the sharing of information, is to gain a better understanding of human movement and physical fitness, and to promote each.

A prodigious writer, Dr. Starosta currently is working on his 69th book and has had more than 600 papers pub-



Dr. Wlodzimierz Starosta with Dr. Jerzy Sadowski (left) and Dr. Jan Konarski (right).

lished in 29 countries as he has strived to share what he knows in both medical and practical terms. ■



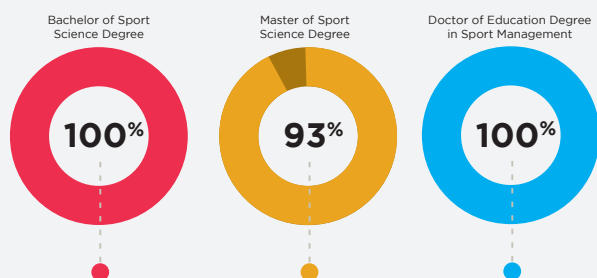
## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING...

Student responses from the August 2015 exit interviews after graduation.

*Note: Survey content varies from degree program to degree program.*



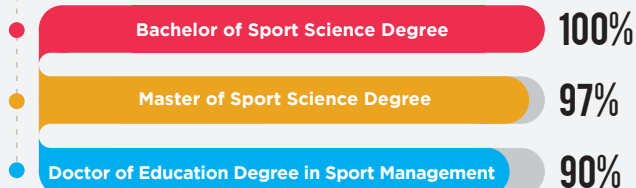
## CAREER PREPARATION



Students who believe that completing the program prepared them for a career in the sport profession

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Students who would recommend the Academy to friends or colleagues.



## EXPECTATIONS

Students who reported the program met their expectations.



100%

M.S.S.



90%

Ed.D.

*B.S.S. not depicted because question was not part of degree survey.*

## Where Are They Now?

### Ray Alvarado (M.S.S., Sports Coaching, 2006)

Alvarado has been named the full-time Women's Basketball Coach at the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, Calif., where he also serves as an Instructor in the Health and Physical Education Department.

With this new appointment, Alvarado has become the first full-time coach at the college in 23 years. He previously coached high school basketball teams in California, as well as the Women's Basketball Team at Fresno City College. Alvarado earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Fresno State University.

### Jane Bolin (M.S.S., Sports Management, 2004)

Bolin was selected as one of South Florida's most influential businesswomen in March 2015. As part of that honor, she was chosen to participate in a special one-on-one mentoring event designed to educate other women on how to succeed professionally.

The Managing Partner of a leading community association law firm, Bolin is recognized as an entrepreneur, speaker, coach, and leader. She also holds degrees from Radford University and St. Thomas University School of Law.

### Brandon Bowling (M.S.S., Sports Management, 2010)

Bowling has been hired by Northern State University (NSU) as their new Director of Athletic Marketing and Development. In this role, he is responsible for the marketing of the institution's 15 sports programs, along with the development of partnerships with donors and corporate sponsors.

### Ed Comeau (M.S.S., Sports Coaching, 2008)

Comeau has been named the Head Coach for Team Canada at the 2015 World Indoor Lacrosse Championships in Syracuse, N.Y.

He also serves as the Head Coach of the National Lacrosse League's Georgia Swarm in Duluth, Ga.

### Dr. Stephanie Harrison-Dyer (Ed.D., Sports Management, 2015)

Dr. Harrison-Dyer is the Assistant Athletic Director at Albany State University (ASU), where she also serves as the Senior Woman Administrator and the Director of Compliance.

### Mark McKown (M.S.S., Sports Coaching, 1986)

Following a life committed to sport, McKown has been named the Director of Sports Science by the Utah Jazz National Basketball Association franchise in Salt Lake City, Utah.

### Dr. Jay Mehrhoff (Ed.D., Sports Management, 2001)

Dr. Mehrhoff, an Associate Professor and the Director of Athletics at East Central College, was honored with the Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year Award (Junior College/Community College Division) by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) in June 2015.

Dr. Mehrhoff, who received the same award from NACDA in 2011, also serves as the President of the Missouri Community College Athletic Conference.

### Dr. Linda Moore (M.S.S., Sports Management, 1989)

Dr. Moore, who got her start in 1996 at ESPN helping develop the X Games, recently retired from her position as a senior executive in charge of planning and executing long-range plans. Prior to joining ESPN, Dr. Moore had more than 20 years of experience in event planning and execution, working for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games in the Main Operations Center.

Dr. Moore currently serves on the Academy's Board of Trustees and as the Vice President of the institution's Alumni Association.



MOORE



**Adam Reeb (M.S.S., Sports Studies, 2010)**

Reeb has been named the Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach at Seattle University in Seattle, Wash. Prior to attending the Academy, Reeb attended Saint Louis University as a tennis student-athlete.

**Jack Renkens (M.S.S., Sports Coaching, 1985)**

Renkens founded Recruiting Realities, an organization dedicated to uncovering the myths and presenting the realities of athletic recruiting to student-athletes, their families, coaches, and school counselors. Renkens' program has been featured at thousands of schools across the United States and at sports camps from coast to coast.

**Lt. Cmdr. Thomas E. Sather (Ed.D., Sports Management, 2015)**

A career service man, Dr. Sather currently serves as a Naval Aerospace and Operational Physiologist stationed in Pensacola, Fla. With research, safety, and training the focal points of Dr. Sather's professional life, he has prepared pilots for duty while stationed in Patuxent River, Md., New River, N.C., and Pensacola. Since 2006, he has worked along the Gulf Coast at the Navy Survival Training Institute, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, and Navy Medicine Operational Training Center.

**Dr. Totty O. Totty (Ed.D., Sports Management, 2014)**

Dr. Totty served as the Director of Coaching for the Amherst, N.H., Soccer Club for two years, as the Assistant Coach for the New Hampshire College Women's Team for three years, and was an eight-year veteran of the John Rootes Soccer School at New Hampshire College.



TOTTY

**John Welch (M.S.S., Sports Management, 2011)**

Since 2001, Welch has been a fixture in the athletic department at Appalachian State University, and was just promoted to Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations and Event Management. In this new role, he oversees everything involved with sporting events.

**Denny Williams (M.S.S., Sports Management, 2011)**

Williams has been appointed as the Acting Deputy Director of Athletics at Indiana University Southeast (IUS) in New Albany, Ind. In this new role, he is responsible for the overall management of all athletic programs and facilities. ■

## NOTABLE ALUMNI

**Commander David Peterson Named Academy's 2015 Alumnus of the Year**

Graduation with Honors is not the highest recognition that Dr. David Peterson has received from the United States Sports Academy. The U.S. Navy Commander is also being awarded the 2015 Alumnus of the Year Award for his outstanding performance as a student and a professional.

Commander Peterson received his Doctorate in Sports Management with an emphasis in Health and Fitness from the Academy in July 2014. His dedication to his educational journey and commitment to his career have been exemplary.

He currently serves as the Executive Officer of the Physical Education Department at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. In this role, he acts as the Senior Military Advisor and Reporting Senior Officer for all active duty military personnel within the department. The Naval Academy's Physical Education Department is one of the broadest of its kind in the nation and is responsible for the physical mission development for each Midshipman within the brigade. This is accomplished through structured and rigorous instruction in the areas of swimming, personal defense, recreational sports, and administration of the semi-annual Physical Readiness Test.

Commander Peterson also serves as the Director of the Human Performance Laboratory at the Naval Academy. In this role, he provides physiological testing and fitness counseling to various Division I varsity and club sport athletes, as well as general Midshipmen struggling to meet physical mission requirements. ■



PETERSON

**Alumna Serving As Assistant Coach for USA Track and Field Olympic Team****LaTanya Sheffield (B.S.S., Sports Management, 2011)**

Sheffield has been selected to serve as an Assistant Coach for the Women's USA Track and Field (USATF) Team at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

She is currently an Assistant Coach at Long Beach State University (LBSU) in Calif., where she is responsible for training sprinters and hurdlers. ■



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## International Outreach: An Academy Cornerstone

The Academy has long been known for the reach and breadth of its international programs spanning more than 66 nations over the past 40 years. The services offered to sport organizations and educational institutions of all types by the Academy have varied in scope from the full-charge conduct of national sport programs to clinics, seminars, and symposia. Highlights of the Academy's educational activities abroad are many and varied, and this year include:

### Malaysia

Among the nations with which the Academy has had a long history stretching back to the early 1980s is Malaysia. The Academy's work in that nation has continued this year with the teaching of the International Diploma in Physical Education and Sport Coaching (IDPESC) program for the third year in a row to more than 970 Malaysian school teachers at seven sites around the country. While the 10 modules of classroom instruction were delivered from October through December 2014, by 23 members of the Academy's faculty, the experiential "mentorship" portion of the program was completed during the course of this year and more than 880 of these students will be awarded their certificates at a convocation that will take place in Kuala Lumpur on Friday, 4 December 2015.

A new program in Malaysia that launched in October 2015, is a special pilot project for the Malaysian National Service Training Department. The Academy has four members of its National Faculty on the ground for a three-month assignment near Kuala Lumpur teaching in a special "train the trainers" program in the areas of physical fitness, sport, and recreation. This is a new program in Malaysia and eventually the requirement for National Service shall reach most Malaysian youth following the completion of their post-secondary school studies.

### Peoples Republic of China

Dr. Christopher Rampacek, a longtime National Faculty member from Houston, Texas, who has taken on assignments for the Academy in Malaysia and Thailand, traveled to the Sports Institute of Henan University in Kaifeng this past March. There he taught a three-course certificate program in sports coaching for the Academy to university students on Athlete Development, Physical Fitness, and Sports Administration for Coaches. He also delivered a special



National Faculty Member Darren Pride with his students in Shanghai, China, as part of the Shanghai Administration of Sports International Diploma in Sports Coaching (IDSC) program.

course on Coaching Methodology to the faculty from the Sports Institute.

In September, and for the second year running, the Academy kicked off its International Sport Diploma (ISD) program for the Shanghai Administration of Sports to 50 students working for various clubs and sport organizations in the Shanghai area. This eight-course program includes a mentorship and has been taught variously by the Academy's residential faculty and members of the National Faculty onsite at the Shanghai Sports Institute.

Those students who successfully completed the coursework are currently engaged under the guidance of carefully selected and well-established coaches in the region in the mentor-



National Faculty members working on a special pilot project for the Malaysian National Service Training Department.



Academy President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich (left) and Mark Chay, CEO of the International Sports Academy-Singapore.

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ship portion of the program in their respective areas of specialization. It is anticipated that the ISD program will be continued in 2016, as discussions are currently under way to finalize the details.

### Singapore

Two time Singapore Olympic swimmer, Mark Chay, the CEO of the International Sports Academy-Singapore (ISA(S)), visited the Academy in February 2015, to renew the agreement between the respective organizations for another five-year term. This agreement continues a relationship that began with the ISA(S) in 2003; although, the Academy has been working in the island nation since the early 1980s. The Academy's offerings there include a new wrinkle, insofar as the education authorities in Singapore have approved online and distance education for Singaporean students. Accordingly, ISA(S) will help to publicize and market the Academy's graduate degree programs in Singapore in addition to the ISD programs currently being delivered there.

### Thailand

Thailand is another Southeast Asian nation with which the Academy has had a long relationship that dates to the mid-1980s. During a visit to Bangkok in May 2015, Academy Vice President and COO, Dr. T.J. Rosandich, renewed a long-standing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT), the central sport authority for that nation, for another five-year term through 2020.

For the tenth year in a row, the Academy conducted its International Certification in Sports Coaching (ICSC) and Sports Management (ICSM) programs in Bangkok over the summer months. Approximately 50 students drawn from the SAT and its



The MOU Signing Ceremony between the SAT and the Academy.

affiliated sport organizations around the country attended each of these six-module certification courses conducted over three months. Following the conclusion of the classroom portion of the program, the SAT annually selects the best students from each program for a special study tour of sport in America. For the ninth year in a row, a delegation of 17 students and administrators from the SAT undertook a tour of various sports organizations and venues spanning 15 days from coast to coast in the United States.

The schedule for these programs for 2016 have already been set with the ICSC and ICSM courses to run from February through July and the tenth sports study tour to take place in September.

worked with Edrak since 2010, here, too, the Academy has a long history stretching back to the early 1980s. The Academy's cooperative agreement with Edrak was extended for another five years by Dr. T.J. Rosandich during a visit to Dubai in May 2015.



Academy Doctoral TA Sandra Geringer (right) presented with Dr. Osama Kamel Ali Alalla, an expert from the School Health and Nutrition Department at the UAE Ministry of Education, and Dr. Dikaia Chatziefstathiou (center), Intra-European Marie Curie Fellow Reader in Olympic Studies and the Social Analysis of Sport, Canterbury Christ Church University.

Also in May, a contract was signed with the UAE Football Association for the development of the UAE Football Academy, through which a Football Club Operators Licensing scheme in four disciplines will be offered including Sports Administration, Sports Marketing, Media Relations, and Facilities and Events Management. The

grand opening for the Football Academy and the first courses will be offered in November 2015.

In Abu Dhabi this past September, Academy Doctoral Teaching Assistant (TA) Sandra Geringer was afforded the opportunity to present at the first Physical Education Teachers Forum organized by the Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Sports Academy. The Forum brought together physical education teachers from a variety of primary and secondary schools, both public and private, throughout the UAE. Geringer has played an active role in the Academy's international programs having also served as a faculty member in the 2014 Malaysian IDPESC program.

Academy Doctoral TAs are often afforded unique opportunities, such as international teaching assignments, that provide a broader view of the world of sport. ■



National Faculty member Dr. Jamie Butikofer with students in the ICSC program in Thailand.

### United Arab Emirates (UAE)

The Academy has added a sports dimension to the education and training services offered by Edrak Training and Consultancy, an enterprise in the UAE. While the Academy has

## Academy Trustee Dr. Lee McElroy Jr. Named Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Director of Athletics

Trustee Dr. Lee McElroy Jr. has more than 30 years of experience in athletic and educational administration. He was named Director of Athletics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., in July 2015. He is responsible for overseeing the institute's 12 men's and 11 women's NCAA intercollegiate teams, involving more than 550 student-athletes. Previously, Dr. McElroy served as the University at Albany's Vice President for Athletic Administration and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

McElroy, who played football at UCLA in the late 1960s, has gained national prominence for his leadership roles with numerous professional organizations and committees. He served as the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) President in 2006-2007, and was on several prestigious National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) committees that examined issues, such as degree completion and sport agents.



## Board of Visitors Chairman Inducted into Martial Arts Hall of Fame

The Chairman of the Academy's Board of Visitors, Robert Goldman, M.D., was recognized in 2015 by the Martial Arts History Museum for his outstanding commitment to martial arts. Dr. Goldman is the founder of the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine (A4M), and has been one of sports' greatest advocates for promoting well-being and physical fitness.

He has broken numerous martial arts records and has been listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for many achievements. A black belt in karate and a Chinese weapons expert, Dr. Goldman has pioneered over 20 world strength records. ■

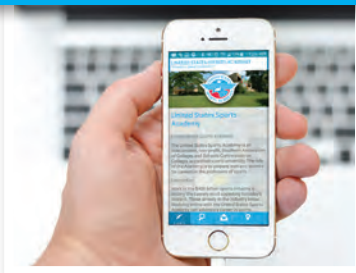
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The app is free to all users. Go to [tiny.cc/ussa](http://tiny.cc/ussa) to see a preview of the app or scan the QR code on the back of this publication. Download this must-have source of knowledge today! ■



### ACADEMY VISITORS

#### Group of Distinguished Young Women Visited the Academy

Several "Has Beens" from the Distinguished Young Women national scholarship program visited the Academy and the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA) on Monday, 22 June 2015. They were given a tour of the facility, reviewed the Academy's PowerPoint, and participated in a special program on living a healthy lifestyle and careers in sport.

"Has Beens" are a special part of the Distinguished Young Women family. They participated in last year's National Finals as members of the Class of 2014 and returned to Mobile this year to act as big sisters to the current class, to perform at Community Night and in the Has Been Show, and to serve as general ambassadors of goodwill. ■

#### Founding Trustee Dr. Robert Block Visited the Academy



Dr. Robert Block (left) with Dr. TJ Rosandich.

Founding Trustee Dr. Robert Block visited the Academy while in the area on business. Dr. Block took a few minutes of his time to share his recollections on how the Academy came to be back in 1972 when he connected with Academy President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, who was then the Athletic Director at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. ■

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Life of Trustee William Clark Celebrated by Community**

With a life that focused on education and sport, it is no surprise that William “Bill” Clark served on the United States Sports Academy’s



William Clark and his wife Hattie

Board of Trustees. Family, friends, colleagues, and the Academy are celebrating the life of Clark, who passed away at a hospital in Mobile, Ala., on Friday, 22 May 2015.

“Bill made major contributions to our Board,” said Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, President and CEO of the Academy. “I had never seen him without a smile on his face.”

Clark had a lifelong passion for education. After graduating from the Mobile County Training School, he went on to receive his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Dillard University, his Master of Science Degree in Chemistry from Tuskegee Institute, and an Educational Specialist Degree from Alabama State University.

In addition to his dedication to the Academy and its Board of Trustees, Clark is a retired member of the Alabama House of Representatives where he served 26 years. ■

**Academy Alumnus Remembered**

Dr. William Dixon (M.S.S., Sports Management, 2001) was the Cleveland County (N.C.) school district’s Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. He died unexpectedly in April 2015. Dr. Dixon was a newcomer to the district, having only been in his position since August 2014. Previously, he had served in a similar capacity for schools in Colleton County, S.C., and as a Principal at Weldon STEM High School in N.C. and James Simons Elementary School in S.C. Dr. Dixon graduated from South Carolina State with a bachelor’s degree in history education before starting his 21-year career in education. After graduating from the Academy, he earned a specialist degree from Cambridge College in school leadership and his doctorate in education from Walden University. He is survived by his wife, La’Toya Thomas-Dixon, and his two children, Mitchell and Xavier. ■

**Many are Mourning the Passing of Dr. Richard DeSchraver**

Dr. Richard DeSchraver died Friday, 19 June 2015, at his home in Silver Spring, Md. He was 82. Dr. DeSchraver was a major contributor to the Academy in many ways, as he served as the Dean of Academic Affairs and on the National Faculty.

As a member of the National Faculty, Dr. DeSchraver taught courses in research, sports coaching, and sports management in the Academy’s distance learning programs. ■

## FACULTY NEWS

**Academy National Faculty Member Dr. Mike Spino Organized Labor Day Event**

Academy National Faculty Member Dr. Mike Spino assisted in the organization of the Great Labor Day Mile Race, which was sponsored by USA Track and Field of Georgia, and took place in Duluth, Ga., on Monday, 7 September 2015. As part of the race, a special appearance was made by Sir Peter Snell, a middle-distance world and Olympic record holder. Sir Peter, New Zealand’s Sports Champion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, was also recognized by the Academy with a 2015 Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Spino has taught and coached throughout the world and is the author of six books on the mental and physical aspects of sport. His book, “Beyond Jogging: The Innerspaces of Running,” was on the New York Times Best Seller list. Dr. Spino is the Founder and CEO of True Champion LLC, a mind and body online coaching company. ■

**Handball Tournament in Staged by National Faculty Member in Gulf Shores**

Dede Piankova, a member of the Academy’s National Faculty and the founding President of American Community Team Sports, staged the American Open Beach Handball Championships (AOBHC) from 23-26 April 2015, on the white, sandy beaches of Gulf Shores, Ala.

The Hangout served as the host location, providing the three playing courts for competition stationed on the public beach, as well as the class-

rooms where Piankova taught a beach handball master’s course for coaches, referees, and delegates.

The organizer and manager of the AOBHC, which was held for the first time in 2014, Piankova has been a driving force in pushing awareness of the sport and getting people involved. ■



PIANKOVA

**National Faculty Welcomes Three New Members**

Dr. Veera Asher, Dr. Erwie Dong, and Dr. Steven Lorick have been appointed to the Academy’s National Faculty.

Dr. Asher has a background that includes strength and conditioning and has created a new approach to athletic form by aligning and optimizing posture, breath, core, and joint release.

Dr. Dong is the Academy’s former Chair of Recreation Management. Dr. Dong holds

degrees from Pennsylvania State University (Ph.D.), Tokyo Gakugei University (M.A.), and Liaoning Normal University (B.A.). He has had more than 140 articles published, and is fluent in Chinese, Japanese, and English.

Dr. Lorick is an entrepreneur, who serves as the Director of Golf Performance at a Honolulu, Hawaii, country club. He also runs his own sports performance company. ■



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