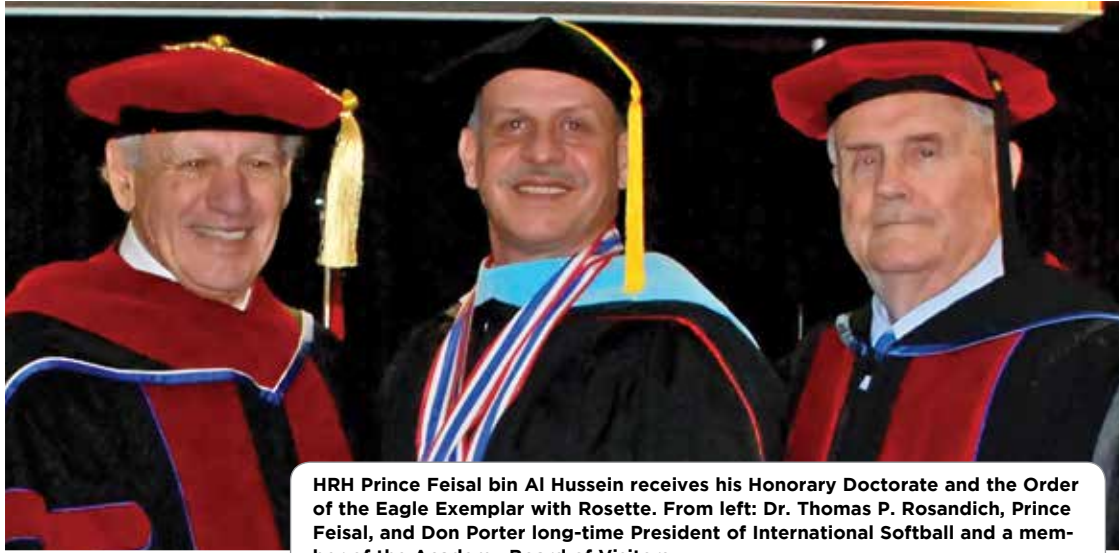


HRH Prince Feisal bin Al Hussein Visits Campus To Receive Eagle Award And Honorary Doctorate



HRH Prince Feisal bin Al Hussein receives his Honorary Doctorate and the Order of the Eagle Exemplar with Rosette. From left: Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, Prince Feisal, and Don Porter long-time President of International Softball and a member of the Academy Board of Visitors.

The United States Sports Academy is pleased to announce the presentation of the 2014 Eagle Award and Honorary Doctorate to His Royal Highness Feisal bin Al Hussein for his accomplishments as the current president of the Jordan Olympic Committee along with his advocacy for peace through sport.

Academy President and CEO, Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, proudly revealed His Royal Highness Feisal bin Al Hussein, Prince of Jordan, as the recipient of the 2014 Eagle Award in June of this year. Prince Feisal was honored with this award, along with a prestigious Honorary Doctorate, during a ceremony where he was hooded and presented with the Order of the Eagle Exemplar with Rosette by Mr. Don Porter, the long-time President of International Softball and a member of the Academy Board of Visitors. The ceremony, which was followed by a reception, occurred on Thursday, October 23, 2014, on the campus in Daphne, Ala.

In addition to being welcomed to the state of Alabama by Representative Bradley Byrne from Alabama's first

Congressional District, Prince Feisal graciously agreed to address the International Baccalaureate faculty and students from the surrounding high schools at the Daphne High School campus.

The Eagle Award, the United States Sports Academy's highest international honor and a portion of the annual Awards of Sport program, is presented annually to a world leader to recognize that individual's contributions in promoting international harmony, peace, and goodwill through the effective use of sport. The recipient of this award must have tempered strength with keen judgment in using authority wisely as a means of bringing nations together through sport for the betterment of mankind. The Academy's Awards of Sport program is a long-standing awards program dating back to 1985.

Prince Feisal recently launched

Living Sport, a new national strategy to encourage sport to play a part in the lives of all Jordanians.

In 2007, he founded Generations for Peace, one of the leading non-profit peace-building organizations in the world.

Through his development of peace through sport, Prince Feisal was elected to the International Olympic

In 2007, Prince Feisal founded Generations for Peace, one of the leading non-profit peace-building organizations in the world. The organization's mission is to empower youth to lead sustainable change in communities experiencing conflict through free education and the use of sport, art, advocacy and dialogue.

Committee in 2010 and has led the Jordanian Olympic Committee since 2007.

As the Chairman of the National Resources Development Company and a member of the National Resources

Investment Institute, Prince Feisal helped to improve and market resources for the Armed Forces of Jordan. In addition to these and other numerous clubs and committees, he is the current president of the Jordanian Gliding Club and the chairman of the Motor Sport Executive Council. ■

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Novak Djokovic

2014 Male Athlete of the Year



Maria Sharapova

2014 Female Athlete of the Year

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HIGHLIGHTS

Academy Academic Programs Lauded By Top Management Degrees, Military Advanced Education, U.S. News & World Report

Ranked 14th by Top Management Degrees

The United States Sports Academy (USSA) was ranked fourteenth by Top Management Degrees on their list of the 25 Best Schools for Online Bachelor's Degrees in Sport Management. Top Management Degrees is an online guide that ranks and reviews the best management and business degree programs.

Schools were ranked based on faculty credentials, student services and engagement, course delivery technology, student satisfaction, and tuition costs. The data was derived from the most recent and publicly available sources, including U.S. News & World Report and The National Center for Education and Statistics.

"To be honored with a ranking like this is very exciting for the Academy. The bachelor's program with its flexibility and mentorship program is in a class by itself," says Dr. Tim Foley, Dean of Student Services at the United States Sports Academy.

The United States Sports Academy is the largest free-standing sports university in the world and is regionally accredited. With outstanding faculty that present relevant curricula in sports management, sports medicine, and coaching. USSA awards bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees worldwide.

Top School in Military Advanced Education Guide

The Academy was also awarded the Military Advanced Education (MAE) designation as a Top School in its 2015 MAE Guide to Colleges & Universities, measuring best practices in military and veteran education.

The Guide presents results of a questionnaire of the military-supportive policies enacted at more than 600 institutions including private, public, for-profit, not-for-profit, four-year, and two-year colleges. From community colleges to state universities, online universities and nationally known centers of higher learning, MAE's 2015 Guide to Colleges & Universities arms students with information about institutions that go out of their way to give back to

our men and women in uniform.

Now in its eighth year of publishing the Guide, MAE was the first publication to launch a reference tool of this type. This year, institutes were evaluated on their military culture, financial aid, flexibility, on-campus support and online support services.

Each school's performance rating by category is represented by an easy-to-recognize dashboard. This will enable prospective students to quickly target schools that follow best practices

in military education, and then put these in context with other academic or career considerations.

"We used strict criteria to individually evaluate the submissions of respondents, and we had a record number of schools participating this year," said Kelly Fodel, MAE's editor.



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-Dr. Tim Foley,
Dean of Student Services

U.S. News & World Report Ranks the Academy

The Academy was also ranked by U.S. News & World Report's Best Online Bachelor's Programs. The factors U.S. News selected to make comparisons between programs were not measured like high school class rank or standardized test scores.

Instead, U.S. News chose factors

that weigh how these programs are being delivered and their effectiveness at awarding affordable degrees in a reasonable amount of time. U.S. News assessed schools based on four general categories: Student engagement, Faculty credentials and training, Peer reputation, and Student services and technology.

The Academy was ranked better than the top 50% of all schools that offer online bachelor degree programs. Interestingly, the Academy's faculty was ranked higher than two schools in the Top 10 and higher than six schools in the Top 25. ■

From US News & World Report Rankings

- The Academy was ranked better than the top 50%
- Faculty ranked higher than 2 schools in the Top 10
- Faculty ranked higher than 6 schools in the Top 25
- Faculty ranked higher than 21 schools in the Top 50

2014 Board of Trustees



Board of Trustees with the 2014 Sport Artists of the Year and 2014 Alumna of the Year. From back row left to right: Mr. Jack Scharr, Dr. Marino Niccolai, Mr. Randy Smith, Dr. Don Wukasz, Dr. T.J. Rosandich, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Tom Cafaro, Mr. Robert S. Block, Ms. Joan Cronan, Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, Mr. Robert C. Campbell III, Esq., Dr. Monica Motley, Dr. Lee McElroy Jr., Ms. Gail Folwell, Ms. Miriam Cabello, & Dr. Bonnie Tiell. Not pictured: Dr. Milly Cowles, Dr. Gary Cunningham, Dr. Robert M. Goldman, Mr. Peter Tichansky, and Dr. Linda Moore.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS

Ms. Joan Cronan and Dr. Monica Motley Named as New Trustees to the Board

In the past year, the Academy welcomed two new members to the Board of Trustees, Ms. Joan Cronan, the senior advisor to the chancellor and the women's director of athletics emerita for the University of Tennessee and Dr. Monica Motley, President of the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science in Mobile, Ala.

Cronan is credited with leading the University of Tennessee to its most successful stretch under the management of one director. Cronan helped lead the Lady Vols to 10 National Championships and 29 Southeastern Conference titles during her reign as the Women's Director of Athletics from 1983 through 2012.

Dr. Motley was recently named the President of Alabama School of Mathematics and Science after serving as the Director of Student Services since 2011.

Prior to her current position, Dr. Motley served from 2005-11 as an Assistant Professor at the University of South Alabama, teaching mainly human growth and development and counseling courses. She also has teaching experience at Alabama State University, Troy State University and Auburn University. ■

Dr. Lee A. McElroy, Jr. Appointed Interim Director of Athletics

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute named Dr. Lee A. McElroy, Jr. as interim director of athletics. The appointment is effective March 1, 2015. In this capacity, Dr. McElroy will assume responsibility for overseeing the Institute's 12 men's and 11 women's NCAA intercollegiate teams. ■

Dr. Robert M. Goldman Co-Hosts with Arnold Schwarzenegger

Dr. Goldman, founder of The International Sports Hall of Fame, hosted the 2014 Induction Ceremonies at the Arnold Sports Festival weekend in Las Vegas in March. Dr. Goldman co-hosted the event with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. With over 175,000 in attendance it was a fantastic success. Over 100 members of the international press covered the event. ■

Dr. Gary Cunningham Steps In As Interim Director of Athletics

University of California Santa Barbara appointed Dr. Gary Cunningham as interim director of athletics beginning August 1 replacing former UC Santa Barbara AD Mark Massari. Dr. Cunningham retired from the UCSB position in 2008 where he served for 13 years. ■

Mr. William Clark's Story Captured on Video

Mr. Clark told his story through an interview for The Black Sports History Project produced in conjunction with the Mobile County Training School Alumni Association. The project was created to celebrate Black History Month. The interviews capture the historical significance of the memories and feelings of African Americans who played sports and lived in the Mobile area during the time of segregation. The Black Sports History Project can be found at ussa.edu/black-sports-history-project. ■

Sport Sculpture Park Unveils New Sculptures

The Academy announced the unveiling of their newest sculptures by the 2009 Sport Artist of the Year and local “found object” artist, Mr. Bruce Larsen. The latest additions, “The Cyclist” and “The Swimmer,” were unveiled this year in the Academy’s Sport Sculpture Park, one of the largest sport sculpture parks in the world, located on the campus in Daphne, Ala.

“The Cyclist” was the largest sculpture in the nearly 2,000 piece collection of the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA). The first piece of the sculpture was 12 feet tall and depicted an old-style cyclist. It was unveiled by Mr. Robert Campbell III, Esq., the Chairman of the Academy’s Board of Trustees and an attorney in Mobile, Ala. The second piece, a Paralympian cyclist, was unveiled by Ms. Nancy Raia, the Community Arts Director at the Eastern Shore Art Center and Chairperson of the Academy’s Art Committee. Thirdly, Mr. Dane Haygood, the Mayor of Daphne, unveiled the final piece depicting an Olympian. Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, President and CEO of the Academy, and the artist, Bruce Larsen, presented the plaque dedicating the 24-foot sculpture.

Recently, the latest sculpture, “The Swimmer” was unveiled. The piece is of a magnificent swimmer emerging from the water for a breath in the middle of the butterfly stroke. The Mayor of Daphne, Dane Haygood and the staff and faculty of the Academy were present for the unveiling. ■



**“The Cyclist”
by Bruce Larsen**



The new “Swimmer” sculpture proudly surfaces at the Sport Sculpture Park with Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich (left), Mayor Dane Haygood (middle) and artist Bruce Larsen (right).

ART DONATIONS

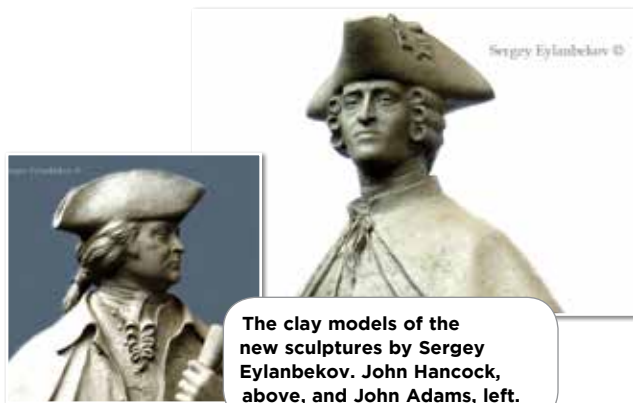


Lorrie (left) and Richard Greene (right) visited the American Sport Art Museum and Archives' new Olympic Collection to see their donation on display. Academy President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich (center) showed them the new exhibit.

Thanks to Lorrie and Richard Greene, the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA) started a new Olympic collection. The San Francisco couple donated 59 valuable copies of official Olympic Reports and other publications dating back to 1896, a complete collection of art from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games and several sport sculptures that sparked ASAMA’s new collection.

In addition to receiving donations this year, ASAMA donated a Wyland lithograph entitled, “Chinese Brush Strokes” to the local Daphne Public Library.

“We feel honored that the United States Sports Academy would think of the library to receive such a gift,” said Library Director Tonya Young. ■



2004 Sport Artist of the Year Memorializes History with Sculptures

Sculptor Sergey Eylanbekov, the United States Sports Academy 2004 Sport Artist of the Year, is currently working on two monumental sculptures representing President John Adams and Governor John Hancock, prominent historic figures who played heroic roles in the early years of the United States of America.

The sculptures were commissioned by the City of Quincy, Massachusetts as part of the urban revitalization of the “Adams Green” park being designed by the landscape architecture firm of Halvorson Design Partnership. The sculptures will be placed prominently at the heart of a nationally recognized historic site, near the United First Parish Church, the Old City Hall and the Hancock Cemetery.

Eylanbekov is also working with famed architect Frank Gehry and his firm Gehry Partners, on the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA) located on the campus of the United States Sports Academy is proud to display several of Eylanbekov’s works. His sculptures Venus and Mars, dedicated to the Prince and Princess of Monaco, are on exhibition and available for view by the public. ■



EYLANBEKOV

Fairhope Artist B’Beth Weldon Visits Beijing to Globally Expand Gifted Masterpieces



WELDON

Member of the Academy’s national faculty and art committee member, B’Beth Weldon accepted an invitation from the Beijing Sport University of China to present Gifted Masterpieces. This program allows children facing life-threatening illness such as cancer to have meaningful ‘distraction therapy’ through world-class painting workshops. Weldon traveled to Beijing in September 2014 and presented highlights on how the program benefits the physically and mentally challenged. ■

Nancy Raia Named “2014 Art Educator of the Year”

The Alabama Art Education Association has named Eastern Shore Art Center Community Outreach Director, Nancy Raia, as this year’s “Art Educator of the Year!” Raia is the United States Sports Academy’s Art Committee Chairperson.

Raia was nominated by peers for her service and contributions to art education. Mary Lou Casey, Principal from the Regional School for the Deaf and Blind, praises Raia’s high spirited nature.

As Community Outreach Director of the Eastern Shore Art Center for the past 14 years, Raia continues to work with students from ages 3 to 101 in local schools, with high school seniors and those in local assisted living centers.

Alongside art instruction, Raia has served as area judge for many competitions, juried festivals, and exhibits. ■



Billich Named Official Artist for the International Cricket World Cup

Charles Billich, the United States Sports Academy’s 2013 Artist of the Year, has just been named the official artist for the 2015 International Cricket World Cup. He was also the official artist for the Rugby World Cup in 2003 and the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. ■



BILLICH

Artist Mina Valyraki Honored with Awards

Mina Papatheodorou-Valyraki, renowned Greek artist and the United States Sports Academy’s 2002 Sport Artist of the Year, was honored at the 32nd Fédération Internationale Cinéma Télévision Sportifs (FICTS) Festival of Milan in December 2014 and the Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC) event in January 2015 as the Sport Artist of the Year.

During the FICTS Festival opening ceremony Ms. Valyraki was awarded Sports Artist of the Year by the President of the Festival, Franco Ascani, member of International Olympic Committee (IOC) Cultural and Educational Committee.

This is especially significant because it is the first time for the IOC to honor an artist worldwide. This award gives tribute to an internationally recognized artist whose rich work in a sports theme interprets the athletic figure and goes beyond imagination and boundaries. Ms. Valyraki was chosen as the first recipient



because her portfolio of work captures the body and fluidity of movement of the athlete as they break through limitations to “freedom.”

The HOC also honored Ms. Valyraki with the “IOC Trophy 2014 – Art and Sport.” The HOC President, Spyros Capralos, presented the award to Ms. Valyraki at the HOC Headquarters in Athens, Greece. The artist’s sports works were exhibited during the event.

The United States Sports Academy features many of her pieces at the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA). ■

ACADEMY'S AWARDS OF SPORT

SPORT ARTIST OF THE YEAR

National and International Artists Awarded Sport Artist of the Year



From left to right: Miriam Cabello (painter), Dr. Thomas Rosandich & Gail Folwell (sculptor).

United States Sports Academy President and CEO, Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, announced the 30th Annual Awards of Sport Program celebrating more than 40 years of excellence in sport education.

The program, which pays tribute to "the Artist and the Athlete," honors many of the world's top athletes and sport professionals who have made significant contributions to sport. The event, was held on Thursday, November 6, 2014, on the Academy's campus.

Chosen by the Academy's Art Committee in August of this year, the 2014 Sport Artist of the Year (Sculptor), Gail Folwell, and the 2014 Sport Artist of the Year (Painter), Miriam Cabello, were honored with the prestigious Order of the Eagle Exemplar and Rosette, along with the Awards of Sport plaque, during this event.

The Sport Artist of the Year Award is presented to an individual who captures the spirit and life of sport so that future generations can relive the drama of today's competition. The recipient may

use a variety of art media including film, video or sculpture to depict the breadth and scope of both the agony and the ecstasy of sport.

Folwell, a current resident of Boulder, Colo., uses her appreciation of sports and anatomy to sculpt various athletes. Throughout her art, she expresses the energy of the athletes and their sport with abstracted figurative forms frozen in mid-motion.

Cabello is an award-winning artist who was recognized by the National Art Museum of Sport in Indianapolis, Ind. Her "White Rope" series was exhibited at the DUMBO Arts Festival in Brooklyn, N.Y., featuring Aboriginal boxing legends. In addition, Cabello was one of 25 international artists chosen to participate in the "Run with the Fire, London 2012 Olympics" arts project in 2011.

The 2013 Sport Artists of the Year were Australian painter, Charles Billich, and the American sculptor, Edward Eyth. ■



Pas de Deux
by Gail Folwell

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Ron Richards I
by Miriam Cabello

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From left to right: Miriam Cabello, Dr. Bonnie Tiell, Jack Scharr, Nancy Raia, and Gail Folwell

Academy Names Ohio State Victory Over Oregon "2014 Game of the Year"

The 2014-15 college football season is now in the books and the United States Sports Academy's Game of the Year Committee has named Ohio State's convincing 42-20 victory over Oregon in the inaugural College Football Playoff National Championship Game as the "2014 Game of the Year."

Depending on the talents of a third-string quarterback, Cardale Jones, the Buckeye Head Football Coach, Urban Meyer, posted his third National Championship. Meyer is only one of two coaches to have posted Championships at two different universities.

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.

It has been a most interesting season as the inaugural year of the College Football Playoff (CFP) for NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) teams was ushered in and a bevy of some 40 post-season bowls were hosted beginning on 20 December and finishing with the National Championship Game played on 12 January 2015 at the impressive AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

For the ninth consecutive year, the Academy has conducted its College Football Game of the Year Award, which was developed in 2005 to pay tribute to a team whose efforts in a college football game exemplify the principles of high athletic endeavor, complete dedication to victory, and unified team effort.

The College Football Game of the Year Award is part of the Academy's Awards of Sport series, a function of the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA), which was established as "a tribute to the artist and the athlete."

Nominations for the Game of the Year have been submitted weekly by a Game of the Year

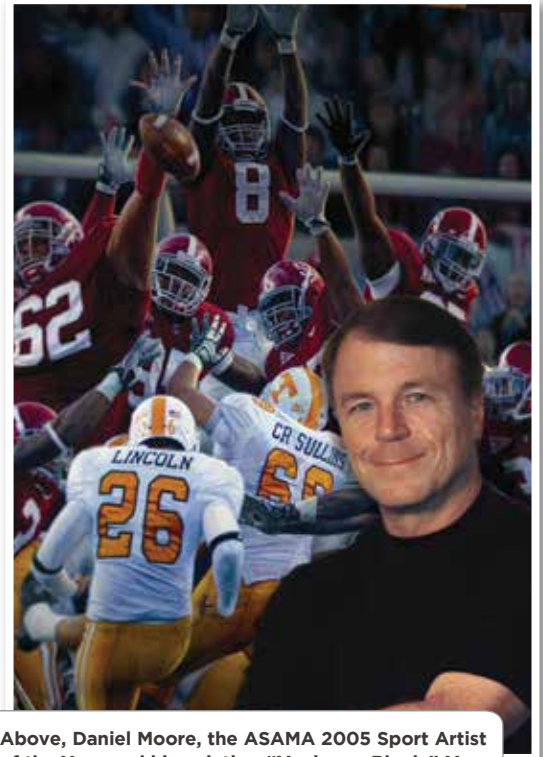
Committee, and culminate in a single winner at the end of the year determined by the Committee, just as this year's winner, Ohio State over Oregon in the CFP Championship Game, has been cited.

Consisting of eminent sport leaders, the College Football Game of the Year 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.

The College Football Game of the Year Committee reads like a "Who's Who" in college football and is chaired by Jack Lengyel, the former college football coach and athletic director best known for being the head coach who resurrected the Marshall University football program. It also includes legendary University of Georgia Head Football Coach and Athletic Director (AD), Vince Dooley.

Other Committee members are former National Football Foundation CEO, Robert Casciola; former National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Executive Director, Mike Cleary; former Temple and Alabama State Head Coach, Ron Dickerson; former Ohio State AD James Jones; Managing Editor of the American Football Monthly, Rex Lardner; former University of Washington AD, Mike Lude; former University of California AD, Dave Maggard; sport artist Daniel Moore; former Arizona State AD, Dick Tamburo; former Notre Dame Associate AD, Roger Valdiserri; former AD at Army, Al Vanderbush; former Texas Christian University AD, Frank Windegger; and former Oklahoma State and Washington State AD, Dr. Richard Young. Dr. Arthur Ogden, the Academy's Chair of Sports Management and former Assistant AD at Auburn, serves as the Executive Director for the Game of the Year.

Daniel Moore, the ASAMA 2005 Sport Artist



Above, Daniel Moore, the ASAMA 2005 Sport Artist of the Year and his painting "Maximum Block." Mr. Moore is commissioned to render a painting for the Ohio State v. Oregon Game of the Year.

of the Year who has been long celebrated for his vivid depictions of SEC football moments, is annually commissioned by the Academy to render a painting portraying a memorable and pivotal moment to commemorate the selected College Football Game of the Year.

Moore's most recent painting for the Game of the Year was entitled "The Runback" capturing Auburn's Chris Davis' "kick six" return of a failed field goal against rival Alabama in the 2013 Iron Bowl.

In addition, the Academy contributes \$5000 to the winning university's scholarship fund.

The Academy takes this time to offer a heart-felt thanks to members of the Game of the Year Committee for their constant diligence and conscientious work throughout the entire 2014-15 season. ■

COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

2006: Rutgers

Rutgers 28, Louisville 25

2007: Appalachian State University

Appalachian State 34, Michigan 32

2008: Texas Tech University

Texas Tech 39, Texas 33

2009: University of Alabama

Alabama 32, Florida 13

2010: Auburn University

Auburn 22, Oregon 19

2011: University of Alabama

Alabama 21, LSU 0

2012: Texas A & M University

Texas A & M 29, Alabama 21

2013: Auburn University

Auburn 34, Alabama 28

2014: Ohio State University

Ohio State 42, Oregon 20

Tennis Phenoms Djokovic and Sharapova Voted Academy's 2014 Male and Female Athletes of the Year

The world's most celebrated tennis players dominated this year's United States Sports Academy Athletes of the Year Award. The Academy is proud to announce Novak Djokovic, professional tennis player from Serbia as the Male Athlete of the Year and Maria Sharapova, professional tennis player from Russia as the Female Athlete of the Year.

Male Athlete of the Year, Djokovic won his fourth Sony Open Title by defeating the number-one player, Rafael Nadal, with a 6-3, 6-3 win. In addition, Djokovic defeated Roger Federer 6-7 (7), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4 to win the 2014 Wimbledon singles title. The win was his second Wimbledon title and seventh grand slam title. Ranked No. 1 in the world, Novak Djokovic was recently named 2014 ITF Men's World Champion. The Serbian star is one of only four men to be named World Champion four or more times, alongside Ivan Lendl, Pete Sampras and Roger Federer.

Novak Djokovic won the Sony Open Title, won the 2014 Wimbledon singles title (his second Wimbledon title), was recently named the ITF Men's World Champion and is ranked No. 1 in the world.

Female Athlete of the Year, Sharapova, captured the Madrid Open Championship title defeating Simona Halep 1-6, 6-2, 6-3. She also won the 2014 French Open Championship with a 6-4, 6-7, 6-4 victory also over Halep. It was her 2nd French Open title and 5th Grand Slam win. She is currently ranked second in the world to Serena Williams of the United States.

Djokovic and Sharapova dominated the voting in the 30th year of the Academy's Awards of Sport program. Online voting took place on the Academy's website at www.ussa.edu from December 1-24. The United States Sports Academy's 2013 Male and Female Athletes of the Year were Spain's Rafael Nadal, tennis player who

Maria Sharapova captured the Madrid Open Championship, won the 2014 French Open Championship (her 2nd French Open title and 5th Grand Slam win) and is currently ranked second in the world to fellow nominee Serena Williams.



Novak Djokovic
2014 Male Athlete of the Year

Maria Sharapova
2014 Female Athlete of the Year

won the French and U.S. Opens, and South Korea's Yuna Kim, figure skater who also won the award four years ago for winning gold at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics.

This year's ballot included 12 men and 12 women hailing from 12 different countries, including two athletes each from Ethiopia and Russia. The nominees represented strong competition from athletes from around the world in a wide variety of popular winter and summer sports. Their performances stood out and provided some of the best highlights and stories in sports in 2014.

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. Each month, the public is invited to participate in the worldwide Athlete of the Month program by nominating and voting for athletes online. The male and female monthly winners become eligible for the prestigious Athlete of the Year honor. The monthly winners are announced on the Academy's website and in the online edition of The Sport Update. ■

The 2014 Male Athlete of the Year Winners

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| <p>1 NOVAK DJOKOVIC
(SERBIA, TENNIS)</p> <p>2 DENNIS KIMETTO
(KENYA, MARATHONER)</p> <p>3 LIONEL MESSI
(ARGENTINA, SOCCER)</p> | <p>Additional Nominees</p> <p>Michael Wardian (U.S.)</p> <p>Viktor Ahn (Russia)</p> <p>Bubba Watson (U.S.)</p> <p>Floyd Mayweather Jr. (U.S.)</p> <p>Rafael Nadal (Spain)</p> <p>Rory McIlroy (Northern Ireland)</p> <p>Manny Pacquiao (Philippines)</p> <p>Peyton Manning (U.S.)</p> <p>Clayton Kershaw (U.S.)</p> |
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The 2014 Female Athlete of the Year Winners

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| <p>1 MARIA SHARAPOVA
(RUSSIA, TENNIS)</p> <p>2 ABEBECH BEKELE
(ETHIOPIA, MARATHONER)</p> <p>3 KATIE LEDECKY
(U.S., SWIMMING)</p> | <p>Additional Nominees</p> <p>Park Seung-hi (South Korea)</p> <p>Serena Williams (U.S.)</p> <p>Breanna Stewart (U.S.)</p> <p>Michelle Wie (U.S.)</p> <p>Petra Kvitová (Czech Republic)</p> <p>Katie Ledecky (U.S.)</p> <p>Diana Taurasi (U.S.)</p> <p>Genzebe Dibaba (Ethiopia)</p> <p>Lydia Ko (New Zealand)</p> |
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Dr. Bonnie Tiell

Distinguished Sports Educator and Researcher
Tiffin University (Ohio)

International Honorary Doctorate & Eagle Award

HRH Feisal bin Al Hussein

President of the Jordanian Olympic Committee and
Advocate for Peace

2014 Sport Artists of the Year Dr. Zhenliang He Culture Award

Miriam Cabello, Painter
Sydney, Australia

Gail Folwell, Sculptor
Boulder, CO

Amos Alonzo Stagg Coaching Award **Gus Malzahn**

Auburn University Head
Football Coach
2013 Southeastern Conference
Champions

C. Vivian Stringer Coaching Award **Ann Muffet McGraw**

Notre Dame Head Women's
Basketball Coach
Six NCAA Final Fours, 2001 National
Champions

Carl Maddox Sports Management Award **Judy Rose**

Esteemed NCAA Division I
Athletic Director of the Charlotte 49ers

Dwight David Eisenhower Fitness Award

Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey
President and CEO of the
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Dr. Ernst Jokl Sports Medicine Award **Dr. William Prentice**

Renowned Author, Educator, and
Practitioner of Sports Medicine

College Football Game of the Year Ohio State University

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Secretary General of the
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Jackie Robinson Humanitarian Award **Cristiano Ronaldo**

Promoter of Human Welfare Through
Philanthropic and Altruistic Efforts

Jim Thorpe All-Around Award **Lauryn Williams**

First U.S. Female to Medal in
Winter and Summer Games

Juan Antonio Samaranch Disabled Athlete Award **Roman Petushkov**

2014 Sochi Paralympic Games
Six-Time Gold Medalist

Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias Courage Award **Melissa Stockwell**

Wounded Warrior, American
Paratriathlete,
Paralympic Swimmer

Ronald Reagan Media Award **Mitch Albom**

Sports Writer, Broadcaster and
Best-selling Author

Theodore Roosevelt Meritorious Achievement Award **Theodore Leonsis**

President and CEO of Monumental
Sports & Entertainment
and Philanthropist

Vic Godfrey

International Track and
Field Coach, 51 Years

Larry Kehres

Retired Mount Union Head
Football Coach
Highest Winning Percentage in
College Football History

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR AWARD



Dr. Bonnie Tiell received the Alumna of the Year Award from Dr. T.J. Rosandich during a ceremony on November 6, 2014.

The Academy Vice President, Dr. T.J. Rosandich, proudly awarded Dr. Bonnie Tiell as the 2014 recipient of the Academy's Alumna of the Year award at the Annual Awards of Sport Ceremony on Thursday, November 6, 2014.

Dr. Tiell is the former Dean of Graduate Studies at Tiffin University (Ohio). She coordinates the Olympic Academic Experience and is co-chair of the NCAA/NACWAA Women's Leadership Symposium.

As director of the Olympic Academic Experience, she has collaborated with members of the World Olympian Association and the International Olympic Committee for programming in London, England; Beijing, China; and Athens, Greece. She is currently organizing a session focusing on humanitarian relationships with underprivileged youth in the host Olympic city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for 2016.

The NCAA recently commissioned Dr. Tiell to conduct a five-year update on research that focuses on the Senior Woman Administrator and to explore a program with the Committee on Women's

Athletics to recognize institutions that foster positive work-life integration.

Dr. Tiell was named the winner of the 2013 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tom Donahue Service Award. She was recognized for her contributions to global sport administration, sport governance, leadership, and gender equity to the GLIAC and intercollegiate athletics.

She received her doctorate in Sports Management and Human Resource Management in 2004 from the United States Sports Academy; a masters of Education in Sports Administration from the University of North Carolina; and a bachelors in Physical Education from Troy University.

The United States Sports Academy's Award of Sport program is a long-standing awards program within the Academy, dating back to 1985. The recipients of the awards were recognized in an awards ceremony in November.

The 2013 Alumnus of the Year award was given to Greg McDermott, the head men's basketball coach at Creighton University. ■

ACADEMY'S AWARDS OF SPORT

HONOREES

AMOS ALONZO STAGG COACHING AWARD

Auburn Football Head Coach Gus Malzahn was presented the award by Dr. Arthur Ogden, Chair of Sports Management. Malzahn won the award for taking Auburn from a 0-8 record in Southeastern Conference (SEC) play in 2012 to an SEC Championship in 2013. The turnaround matches the greatest such feat in college football history.



C. VIVIAN STRINGER COACHING AWARD

Notre Dame Women's Head Basketball Coach Ann "Muffet" McGraw was presented the award by Mr. Jack Scharr, a member of the Academy's Board of Trustees. Coach McGraw led Notre Dame women's basketball team to a 37-1 record and its fourth consecutive NCAA Women's Final Four appearance, as well as its third NCAA national championship game berth in four years. In 2001, she was inducted into the North Dakota Basketball of Fame.



CARL MADDUX SPORT MANAGEMENT AWARD

Ms. Judy Rose, athletic director at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte was presented the award at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) meeting in Orlando, Fla. by Academy Vice President Thomas J. Rosandich, and Academy Trustee Lee McElroy. For almost 25 years, Rose has served as the athletic director for the Charlotte 49ers and has been a long-respected athletic director and coach in intercollegiate athletics.



MILDRED "BABE" DIDRIKSON ZAHARIAS COURAGE AWARD

Ms. Melissa Stockwell, U.S. Army officer, swimmer and champion paratriathlete was presented the award by Academy Trustee Dr. Robert M. Goldman in Chicago, IL. As a first lieutenant in the Army, Stockwell was the first female soldier to lose a limb in the Iraq War. She became the first Iraq veteran chosen for the 2008 Summer Paralympic Games in Beijing and was the U.S. team's flag bearer at the closing ceremonies.



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER FITNESS AWARD

Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, CEO and President of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation was presented the award by Academy Trustee Mr. Peter Tichansky, in Princeton, N.J. Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey is the first woman and the first African-American to head the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is a member of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition.



DR. ERNST JOKL SPORTS MEDICINE AWARD

Dr. William Prentice, author, educator, and clinician was presented the award by Academy Alumnus Dr. Mark Janas at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-Chapel Hill). Dr. Prentice is a professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science and has served as the program director of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) accredited Post-Professional Athletic Training Education Program at the UNC-Chapel Hill since 1980. Prentice is the author of 45 editions of nine different textbooks, published more than 95 journal articles and abstracts, and made more than 200 lectures and presentations.



JIM THORPE ALL-AROUND AWARD



Lauryn Williams, an American track and field and bobsled athlete, was awarded the Jim Thorpe All-Around Award. Ms. Williams is the first American female to medal in both the Winter and the Summer Olympics. She won silver in the 100 meter dash in the 2004 Olympics and silver in the 2 woman bobsled in 2014 Olympics. She is one of only five athletes in the world to earn medals in both Games and the first American woman to achieve this accomplishment.



JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH IOC DISABLED ATHLETE AWARD



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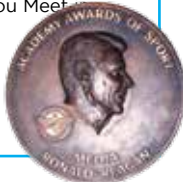
Roman Petushkov, star of the 2014 Sochi Paralympic Games representing Russia, was awarded the Juan Antonio Samaranch IOC Disabled Athlete Award. Mr. Petushkov won an incredible six gold medals at the Sochi Paralympic Games, the most ever at any Winter Games. The record-setting performance came on his home snow in the biathlon and cross-country skiing.



RONALD REAGAN MEDIA AWARD



Mitch Albom, journalist, screenwriter, radio and television talk host, was presented the Academy's 2014 Ronald Reagan Media Award for his contributions in media and communications. Mr. Albom may be best known as the Detroit Free Press Sports Columnist, and an American best-selling author of works such as Tuesdays with Morrie, The Five People You Meet in Heaven and Timekeeper.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Christopher Edginton, retired Secretary General of the World Leisure Organization, was presented the award by Chairman of the Academy's Board of Trustees, Mr. Robert C. Campbell III, Esq., on the Daphne, Ala. campus. Dr. Edginton served for 10 years as the Secretary General of the World Leisure Organization. He was also a Professor at the University of Northern Iowa, President of the American Association of Leisure & Recreation, Executive Secretary of the American Leisure Academy, Secretary General of the World Leisure Organization, author, educator, and researcher.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Retired University of Mount Union head football coach Larry Kehres was presented the award by Academy National Faculty Member and the Director of the Sports Business program at Mount Union, Dr. James Thoma. Kehres holds the highest ever college football winning percentage of .929. During his 27 seasons as the Purple Raiders coach, Kehres led his teams to 11 national titles, 23 conference titles and recorded 21 unbeaten regular seasons. With a record of 332-24-3, he continues to serve Mount Union as the institution's Director of Athletics.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Vic Godfrey, longtime track and field coach, was presented with a Distinguished Service Award by Dr. Thomas Rosandich, president and CEO of the United States Sports Academy. Godfrey, has 51 years of experience in coaching athletes around the world. He was Kingdom of Bahrain's Chief National Athletics Coach. He's trained notable track and field Olympians, record holders and marathon champions. Godfrey also served as Director of the Olympia Sports Village for America's top runners. He continues to coach today.

Where Are They Now?

Rick Antinori (B.S.S. Sports Management, current student) published an E-Book entitled, "Real Players Swing Wood."



ANTINORI

Antinori is a sales representative for the Phoenix Bat Company.

Torre Becton (M.S.S. Sports Science, 2014) is the University of Washington Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach and earned his degree while juggling five different job changes and moving across the country.

Jeff Brookman (M.S.S. Sports Management, 2008) men's basketball coach at Spartanburg Methodist College (SMC), hosted the first annual SMC/Jeff Brookman Basketball Academy this summer in South Carolina.

Abdulrahman Ali Buali, (IDSM, 2005) was elected on November 29, 2014 to the Kingdom of Bahrain's Parliament representing the Muharraq Governorate: Eighth Constituency.

Jerry Buccilla (M.S.S. Sports Management, current student) was named as head men's basketball coach at Tiffin University (Tiffin, Ohio).

Brian Erickson (M.S.S. Sports Management, 2010) was promoted to men's head basketball coach at Northwest College in Powell, Wyo.

Joe Esposito (M.S.S. Sports Coaching, 1990) was appointed as assistant basketball coach at Texas Tech University.

Scott Flemming (M.S.S. Sports Coaching, 2012) India's national basketball coach, was quoted in the May 6, 2014 issue of *Sports Illustrated* about basketball in India.

Bruce Fischbach (M.S.S. Sports Science, 1991) was named to the South Dakota Athletic Trainer's Association (SDATA) Hall of Fame.

Jason Fonseca (M.S.S. Sports Management & Sports Coaching, minor in NCAA Compliance, 2011) has published the book *Great Scots! Scottish Men whom Shaped, Changed and Created the Modern World*.

Terry Fowler (M.S.S. Sports Management, 1994) was appointed as women's head basketball coach at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Ala.

China Jude (M.S.S. Sports Management, 1996) Queens College (New York) Assistant Vice President of Athletics, was named Chair of NCAA's Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. This committee, which represents all three divisions, is charged with reviewing issues related to the interests of underrepresented populations in coaching, athletics administration, officiating and the NCAA governance structure.

Rob Hoyt (M.S.S. Sports Coaching, 2011) was named men's head basketball coach at Columbia College in California.

Ret. Brig. Gen. Lionel Lee, M.D. (M.S.S. Sports Medicine, 1983) was appointed as professor and executive vice dean at Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine in Singapore.



FISCHBACH



JUDE

Jason Medlock (Ed.D. Sports Management, current student) accepted a position as the Assistant Vice President for Advancement, Research and Economic Development for Athletics at Grambling State University, in Grambling, La.

Jeff Mittie (M.S.S. Sports Management, 1992) accepted the position as the head women's basketball coach at Kansas State University. He is one of the winningest active coaches in NCAA Division I with more than 450 career wins.



MITTIE

Derrick Mitchell (M.S.S. Coaching and Sports Studies, 2009) was named the new head men's basketball coach at Voorhees College, in Denmark, SC. Prior to joining Voorhees, Mitchell served as women's assistant basketball coach at Southern Arkansas University.

Angie Watson Morenz (Ed.D Sports Management/Sports Leadership Specialization, current student) the first woman in Blackburn College history to be awarded 12 athletic letters, has been named athletic director at her alma mater in Carlinville, Ill.

Dr. Linda Moore (M.S.S. Sports Science, 1989) was the keynote speaker during Quincy University's 151st Commencement ceremony in May. Dr. Moore, who also serves on the Sports Academy's Board of Trustees, is currently ESPN's senior director of business administration.

Brad Nein (Ed.D Sports Management,

ALUMNI IN THE PRESS

Sports Academy Alumnus Coach Leach Releases New Book Focusing On Leadership

United States Sport Academy alumnus and Washington State University head football coach Mike Leach is an author again.

Leach recently released his second book, entitled "Geronimo: Leadership Strategies of an American Warrior" after publishing an autobiography, "Swing Your Sword" in 2012. His current book focuses on leadership and how people can use personal experiences to build true leadership qualities.

Leach, who received his master's degree in Sports Coaching from the Sports Academy in 1988, was named the institution's Alumnus of the Year in 2003.

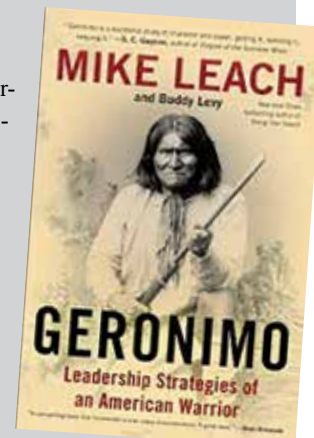
His newest book is a biography of Geronimo, the Apache chieftain who fought against the Mexican and Texan governments for decades during the Apache Wars. Leach says that he enjoys writing because it allows him to explore an area of interest and gain a greater understanding of the topic.

Drawing on his fascination for Indian lore, Leach explains how the

tribe's organizational structure helped Geronimo be successful. He chronicles specific battles and shows how Geronimo got the most out of his warriors and outthought his enemies. Leach also captures the mysterious nature of leadership itself.

Geronimo's life was shaped by many things including pain, pride, humility and family. In his book, Leach illustrates how people can use the forces and circumstances of our own lives to build true leadership.

Leach's book is co-written with Buddy Levy, who is a writer, educator, and public speaker. Levy is a co-star of the television series Brad Meltzer's DECODED on HISTORY, which has run for two seasons. He also published a number of adventure-related books and articles. ■



current student) was hired as the goal keeping coach for the women's soccer team at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Georgia.

Lance Noble (M.S.S. Sports Coaching, 2005) is the general manager of the Texas Strikers, a professional indoor soccer team that plays in the Major Arena Soccer League, based in Beaumont, Tex.



NOBLE

U.S. Navy Commander David Peterson (Ed.D. Sport Management with an emphasis in Health and Fitness, 2014) serves as the Director of Remedial Physical Training (PT) Programs and the Human Performance Lab at the United States Naval Academy (USNA).

Adam Reeb (M.S.S. Sports Science, 2010) became the Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach at McKendree University in Lebanon, Ill. The men's and women's tennis teams were both successful on the court and in the classroom in only his first year as head coach.



REEB

Dr. Molly Sauder (Ed.D. Sports Management, 2014) is a York College Professor who earned her Doctorate from the Academy by successfully defending her dissertation "Early Experiential Learning and Perceived Outcomes from Sport Management Internships" in early September.

Adam Schiermyer (M.S.S. Sports Management, 2003) was named head varsity football coach at Blissfield High School in Michigan.

Wes Schneider (M.S.S. Sports Coaching, 2012) was hired as California Baptist University's new men's head volleyball coach.

Sara Shaw (M.S.S. Sports Management, current student) was named the head softball coach at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI), a Division III school in upper Maine.

Phillip Shumpert (B.S.S. Sports Management, 2006) was hired as men's assistant basketball coach by the Southern Polytechnic State University Department of Athletics in Marietta, Ga.

Mary Beth Spirk (M.S.S. Sports Management, 2002) achieved her 500th win as Head Women's basketball Coach at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. ranking her in the top 25 in the nation.

Jim Stomps (B.S.S. Sports Coaching, 2010) was named K-12 athletic director at Salem Academy in Oregon.

Lanning Tucker (M.S.S. Sports Medicine, 1992) was promoted to assistant athletic trainer and rehabilitation coordinator for Major League Baseball team the Minnesota Twins.

James Vilade (M.S.S. Sports Management, 2003), the Academy's 2010 Alumnus of the Year, has enjoyed a very successful coaching career since obtaining his Master's Degree from the Academy in 2003.

Vilade serves as a scout, first base coach and hitting coach for the Frisco Roughriders, the Class AA affiliate of the Texas Rangers, in Frisco, Texas. He has coached current major-leaguers, Elvis Andrus and Chris Davis.



VILADE

Michael Vollmar (M.S.S. Sports Management, 1999) was appointed as senior associate athletic director for football administration at the University of Tennessee.

Ken Wakefield (M.S.S. Sports Coaching, 2010) was named as head football coach for Culpeper County High School in Virginia.

Lynn Wheeler (M.S.S. Sports Management, 1996) was honored when the University of Texas crew team named their newest boat after her. The UT rowing team has a long tradition of naming their boats after inspirational Texas women including the former Governor of Texas, Ann Richards.

Joey Woody (M.S.S., Sports Coaching, 2013) is currently the Director of Track and Field and Cross Country at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. Prior to this position he served as the Associate Head Track and Field Coach. ■



WHEELER

Academy Alumnus Coordinates Gulf Coast Interstate Relay



Anthony D'Onofrio (left) met with Dr. Stephen Butler (right), the Academy's Dean of Academic Affairs, on campus to discuss the Academy's role in the upcoming Gulf Coast Interstate Relay.

Academy alumnus Anthony D'Onofrio has taken over control of the Gulf Coast Interstate Relay in its second year, and once again his alma mater will play a pivotal role in the 263-mile race that takes place April 4-6.

Just like last year, the Academy will be one of six major transition points along the route from New Orleans, La. to Pensacola, Fla., meaning the building will open its doors to runners and cyclists participating in the relay.

"Runners and bikers will be allowed to hang out on campus, take a shower if they need to, or rest if they need to," D'Onofrio said.

D'Onofrio said he couldn't be more pleased to work in conjunction with the Academy, where he received a master's degree in sports management in 1997.

"The feedback I've heard about the Academy's involvement from last year is great," he said. "It's a wonderful facility."

In addition to being a transition point, the Academy dedicated a new found-object sculpture by artist Bruce Larsen, the Academy's 2009 Sport Artist of the Year, to its "Sports Sculpture Park". Fittingly, the piece is called "The Cyclist". ■



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Academy Teaches Physical Education And Sports Coaching Program in Malaysia For Third Year



The United States Sports Academy is in the third year of teaching a major remedial program in Malaysia to train teachers in key physical education and sports coaching skills.

The desire by Malaysian leaders to build vigorous physical education and sports programs for the country's children led the Academy to develop the International Diploma in Physical Education and Sports Coaching (IDPESC) program for the Ministry of Education (MOE). The academic program for the Southeast Asian country is arguably one of the largest remedial programs in sports education ever undertaken. It was initiated in June 2012 and the first 1,000 Malaysian educators completed the pilot program that December.

Beginning on 17 September, the ten modules of instruction, each taught in a concentrated one week session, will impart key skills in these disciplines. The Academy has selected 23 members of its National Faculty to deliver the program at 20 different locations across the country.

The retraining effort furthers the "One Student – One Sport" initiative implemented by His Excellency Tan Sri Muhyiddin Hj Mohd Yassin, who is Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister serves as that nation's Minister of Education and Higher Education. Muhyiddin, who earned an Honorary Doctorate from the Academy in 2012, has also served as the Minister of Youth and Sports. His vision of developing meaningful scholastic sport programs together with the need to improve physical education sports for the nation's children was the impetus for the Academy's recognition.

The Convocation for the graduates of the 2013 IDPESC program was held on Monday, 15 September 2014, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Academy's work in Malaysia began



President of the United States Sports Academy Thomas P. Rosandich (left) with Datin Hisham Othman (center), KH Sports World Board Chair and Vincent Chin (right), General Manager of KH Sports World.

when it became an independent nation in 1957 and Academy Founder, President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich coached the first of his many national track and field teams there. He encouraged Malaysia's first Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman, the father of the country, to establish an interscholastic sport program. ■

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Sports Academy Alumni Teach in International Programs in Malaysia, China and Thailand

A key to the development and phenomenal growth of the Academy has been its international programs. The Academy has a truly global reach, having conducted sport education and service programs in more than 60 countries around the world. The institution currently has in place almost fifty Protocols for Cooperation with sports organizations or institutions of higher

learning around the world.

The Academy has delivered a wide range of quality sport education programs throughout the world. These have included special seminars and symposia, certificate, certifications such as the International Certification in Sports Coaching (ICSC) and Sports Management (ICSM), International Diploma (IDSM-Sports

Management, IDSC-Coaching, and Physical Education (IDPESC) as well as the institution's degree programs.

The United States Sports Academy has a number of alumni, who are teaching in its international programs. The Academy currently has programs in Malaysia, China and Thailand. Below is a listing of alumni who are teaching overseas. ■

A Listing of Alumni

Dr. Jamie Butikofer

(U.S. Sports Academy Degree; Ed.D. in sports management, 2008) International Assignment: Thailand

Dr. Dexter Davis

(U.S. Sports Academy Degree; Ed.D. in sports management, 2001) International Assignment: Shanghai

Dr. Timothy Dornemann

(U.S. Sports Academy; Ed.D. in sports management, 2014) International Assignment: Malaysia



Mr. Bryan Johnson

(U.S. Sports Academy Degree; M.S.S. in sports studies, 2008) International Assignment: Malaysia

JOHNSON

Mr. Alan Ledford

(U.S. Sports Academy degree; Ed.D. in sport management, current student) International Assignment: Malaysia



LEDFORD

Dr. Scot Long

(U.S. Sports Academy Degree; M.S.S. in fitness management, 1997) International Assignment: Thailand

Dr. David Shrock

(U.S. Sports Academy Degree; Ed.D. in sports management, 2009) International Assignment: Thailand

Dr. Barbara Wise

(U.S. Sports Academy Degree; Ed.D. in sports management, 2006) International Assignment: Thailand and Shanghai

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS



Gabonese Minister of Youth and Sports Visits Academy

His Excellency Blaise Louembe, the Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Gabon, visited the Academy campus on September 29, 2014, to discuss sport development in the Republic of Gabon.

PROGRAMS ABROAD



United States Sports Academy Teaches Classes In Thailand

The United States Sports Academy's Dr. Dave Shrock recently returned from a teaching assignment in Bangkok, Thailand, teaching a course in conjunction with the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT).

Dr. Shrock, who received his doctorate in Sports Management from the Academy in 2009, taught a sports marketing course as part of the program. The course was the fifth course in a six-part series hosted by the SAT for the Academy's International Certification in Sports Coaching (ICSC) program. ■

Academy Hosts Sports Training For Shanghai Mentorship Program

This year, the Chinese Sport Authority chose 100 of its most elite athletes and Olympians, who have recently retired and are between the ages of 25-30 and put them into a special training program with one of their sport universities for a period of 10 months. At the end of those 10 months, 20 of the best students were sent to the United States Sports Academy's campus in Daphne, Ala., for two months of special sports training in November 2014.

The group of former athletes, toured facilities in Los Angeles, Calif., including the Olympic Training Center, attended a Maverick's game in Dallas, Texas and toured the Gulf Coast Sports Complex just outside the Academy's campus in Daphne, Ala.

After attending training sessions at the Academy in Daphne, the elite coaching group will begin basketball, track and field, and swimming mentorship programs with local sports organizations.

"We are delighted with this opportunity to work with some of the best athletes in the world," Academy President and CEO Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich said. ■



The Academy's Mentorship Program, delivered in cooperation with the Shanghai Administration of Sports, began in Los Angeles, Calif., in October, and concluded at the Academy's Daphne, Ala. campus in November. Above, the Shanghai mentorship students proudly celebrate the completion of the intense program.



The University of California, Los Angeles women's swim team hosted the former elite Chinese athletes.

Dr. Applin and Dr. Thoma Teach International Courses For The Academy

Two former professors of the United States Sports Academy returned to teach on international tours for the Academy this spring.

Dr. Skip Applin, the Academy's retired Dean of Academic Affairs, and Dr. James Thoma, the former Chair of Sport Coaching, both taught on international teaching assignments.

Dr. Applin taught a five-day certification course on Olympic Culture and Education. The

course was delivered in cooperation with the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT), as part of the International Certification in Sports Management program. It was the first of five courses that will be offered by the Academy in Thailand this year.

"We are trying to upgrade what goes on in sport in the country of Thailand, and the Academy is providing the expertise," Dr. Applin said.

Dr. Thoma, who is currently the Director of the Sports

Business program at Mount Union University, traveled to Shanghai.

His teaching duties were in conjunction with the Shanghai Administration of Sports (SAS). He taught Sport Administration for Coaches courses, which comprised the first two sections of the seven-part series to be hosted by the (SAS) for the Academy's International Certification in Sports Coaching (ICSC) program this year. ■



Dr. Skip Applin (right), welcomed by Mr. Prachoom Boontiam, Director of Sports Personnel Development Division, during the opening ceremonies of the Academy's International certification program in Thailand.

Community Outreach



2014 TOYS FOR TOTS

Thank you for the overwhelming generosity during this year's 19th Annual Toys For Tots collection drive at the United States Sports Academy! Over 5,000 toys were collected and were distributed throughout Baldwin County to children in need. The United States Sports Academy, in coordination with the Jesse Andrews Jr. Detachment, Marine Corps League, served as a collection center for 2014 Toys for Tots program. ■



Left to right: Dr. Stephen Butler, Dr. Wirt Edwards & Dr. Fred Cromartie

ACADEMY EMPLOYEES HONOR LOCAL POLICE OFFICER WITH "ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE"

In September 2014, Academy employees and local police officers gathered on the front steps of the Academy to witness three professors take the plunge and complete the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) "Ice Bucket Challenge" in honor of local Daphne police officer, Mr. Mike Dawson.

After being nominated by several of the Academy's teaching assistants, the Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Stephen Butler; the Chair of Sports Exercise Science, Dr. Wirt Edwards and the Director of Doctoral Studies, Dr. Fred Cromartie, were willingly

doused in ice water to show their support for those suffering from this disease.

Officer Dawson, who was recently diagnosed with ALS, has served the Daphne Police Department for more than 10 years. In place of sending a monetary donation to the national ALS Foundation, the Academy professors chose to support the community and send their donations directly to Officer Dawson.

ALS is a progressive disease that affects the nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord resulting in the loss of muscle movement. ■

ACADEMY CONDUCTS HEALTHY RESEARCH



Scott Taylor, Daphne Police Captain with Cory Schierberl

Cory Schierberl, a doctoral teaching assistant at the Academy, conducted body composition analysis on officers of the City of Daphne Police and Fire Departments to assist in their long-term health using BOD POD technology. BOD POD technology analyzes body composition and resting metabolic rates. The information from the analysis guides individuals on the management of calorie intake to help maintain or lose weight. The participants were tested in the BOD POD once before Thanksgiving Day and once after New Year's Day for a before and after study. The results will be used to help provide the officers and their commanders with useful tools to help enhance health and performance standards of the force. ■

Academy Supports American Open Handball Championship in Gulf Shores



Congratulations to the U.S. Women's National Beach Handball team for winning the first annual American Open Beach Handball Championship (AOBHC) last month on the white sands of Gulf Shores, Ala.

The first annual American Open Beach Handball Championship (AOBHC) hit the white sands of Gulf Shores, Ala., April 2014. The Championships were a smashing success.

The U.S. National team won in the women's division, while Isla Colombia won on the men's side. The Miami Panthers were the runner-up on the men's side, followed by the U.S. National team. The women's runner-up was Isla Colombia.

Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Kraft presented the winning teams with the Annual Mayor's Cup, which will be presented each year and displayed in the Gulf Shores City Hall.

"The Championships were a great success with a lot of exciting competition which included a great turnout from the local community," said Dede Piankova, Chairperson of USA Beach Handball. "I would especially like to thank our sponsors, Mayor Robert Kraft and his office, The Hangout and the Orange Beach Sports Commission. We couldn't have held the event without all their assistance."

Piankova says the American Open Beach Handball Championship will continue as an annual event and take place on the last weekend of April. She hopes to build on this year's event and bring more Beach Handball championships to the beautiful beaches of Gulf Shores in the future.

In addition to the competition, the AOBHC included workshops to learn more about the sport of Beach Handball and also featured tournament and instruction to more than 200 youth during the weekend event.

The Academy supports the beach handball movement through education. An Introduction to Beach Handball class is offered free by the Academy. ■



Ms. Dede Piankova (right), President of American Community Team Sports (ACTS), presented Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich (left), President and CEO of the United States Sports Academy, with a vase recognizing the Academy's support of the American Open Beach Handball Championship held in Gulf Shores, Ala. earlier this past Spring.

The United States Sports Academy Offers Free Courses

The start of the 2015 school year has begun, meaning fall sports seasons are gearing up around the country, and with it, the United States Sports Academy has a free service for students and non-students to enjoy.

As a public service, the United States Sports Academy offers several free online courses; Introduction to Coaching, Contemporary Sport Art: The Artist and the Athlete, and Introduction to Beach Handball. All three of these courses are available to the public year-round.

The **Introduction to Coaching** course explores ethics; sports administration; coaching methodology; conditioning and nutrition; and injury prevention.

The **Contemporary Sports Art** course is designed to explore the works of the artists chosen by the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA) and their contributions to contemporary sport art history.

The final free class offered, is an **Introduction to Beach Handball**.

The free classes may be accessed by visiting <http://ussa.edu/free-courses>.

Also, students wanting to pursue a degree from the Academy, but who are unfamiliar with online education, can use these free courses to familiarize themselves with the details and the process.

The final exam for all three courses is open book, which means you may use your text during the exam. The exam consists of 50 multiple choice questions and does not include a time limit. Those who score 70% or higher on the final test may purchase Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and receive a certificate of completion. For additional information about this course, email continuinged@ussa.edu.

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FACULTY NEWS



Academy Vice President Speaks at World Leisure Congress

Dr. T.J. Rosandich (right), the Vice President and COO of the Academy, and Dr. Peter Chen (left) from New Zealand, a member of the World Leisure Organization's Board of Directors, attending the first day of the World Leisure Congress on September 7, 2014, in Mobile, Ala. Dr. T.J. Rosandich, who served on the Congress Organizing Committee, also served as keynote speaker and panel moderator at the Congress on September 11, 2014.



The Academy Names New Alumni Association Director

Dr. Brandon Spradley earned his doctoral degree from the Academy in Sports Management, while focusing his dissertation on concussion awareness and education. He serves as the Acting Director of Continuing Education and the Executive Director of the Academy's Alumni Association.

Dr. Spradley was a track and field sprinter at the University of Alabama, where he completed his master's and bachelor's degrees.

IN MEMORIAM

Former IOC Vice-President and United States Sports Academy Honoree Dies at Age 85

Dr. Zhenliang He, known as "Mr. Olympics" in his native country of China, passed away in Beijing on Sunday, 4 January 2015. He was a man of sport, culture and art and considered one of the most influential Chinese sports administrators in history. He was best remembered for his role as President of the Chinese Olympic Committee, his advocacy in connecting Chinese sport to the rest of the world, and his crucial role in the successful bid and execution of the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

He served on the International Olympic Committee Executive Board for 18 years, was Vice President from 1989 – 1993 and continued as an IOC member and then honorary member. Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, President and Founder of the United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala., had the honor of serving with him on the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic

Elevation committee. Because of this relationship and their shared passions for sport, culture and art, they established a mutual respect. He supported the mission of the Academy and the Sport Art Museum and Archives. For his contribution to sport world-wide, the Academy paid tribute to him with an Honorary Doctorate. For his advocacy of sport values, sport diplomacy

and his unflagging energy for the Olympic Movement, the Academy honors him in their Academy Awards of Sport with the Dr. Zhenliang He Culture Award; Sport Artist of the Year, which is given annually to an artist who "captures the spirit and life of sport." Some of the artists who have received this award include Edward Eyth, Charles Billich, Gail Folwell and Miriam Cabello.

Dr. Zhenliang He was a long-standing ally of former IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch and great supporter of current IOC President Thomas Bach. "He was a true advocate of the social values of sport and of our Movement and I would like to pay tribute to the passion and energy he deployed over the years to fulfill his mission as an IOC member in China. He also helped our Movement

better understand his country, its people and outstanding culture," said Bach.

"He was a fervent leader who passionately contributed to sport and the culture of sport as we know it today. I was privileged to have known and worked with him. The world has lost one of its greatest advocates and he will be greatly missed," Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich. ■



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Academy Mourns Loss of National Faculty Member

Dr. Timothy Henrich, a former national faculty member of the United States Sports Academy passed away suddenly while in Southern California. Dr. Henrich served on the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation – Sport and Dance (ICHPER-SD) with Academy President and CEO, Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, who was the organization's Director of Coaching.

Dr. Henrich was a Pentathlete in the military, swam competitively in Southern California for club, high school and college teams and served as the San Antonio US Modern Pentathlon Olympic Training Center's swim coach from 1974 to 1977. The US team won a silver medal in the 1975 World Championships. Dr. Henrich was a full professor at the University of the Incarnate Word. He most recently created a new NCAA Men's and Women's Varsity Fencing Team at the University of the Incarnate Word. No Division I school has added Varsity Fencing to sponsored sports in almost 30 years, a feat virtually unimaginable in the "Football" state of Texas.

He will be missed. ■



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