

Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club Announces Annual Winners

To be honored at Hall of Fame banquet June 5, 2019

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MADISON, WI, May 5, 2019—The Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club will honor some of the areas top athletes and coaches from the past year at its annual banquet in addition to the four Hall of Fame inductees. The awards event is set for Wednesday evening, June 5th, at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center.

The Zimbrick Honda Madison Sportsman of the Year Award will be given to Drake Baldwin, Madison West baseball and hockey player. Drake, a finalist for the WHCA player of the year, statewide was second in goals with forty-nine and fifth in points with seventy. Baldwin was a WHCA first team forward again this year, the Wisconsin State Journal's all-area and Big Eight player of the year and Madison's most valuable player. An outstanding catcher as well, Drake will be playing Division I baseball for the Missouri State Bears next year.

The Neckerman Insurance Madison Sportswoman of the Year Award winner is Genevieve Nashold, a Madison West cross country runner. In her first year of interscholastic competition Genevieve went undefeated. She won the WIAA Division I 5000 meter race in 18:10, which was the fifth fastest ever, as well as the Big Eight title. Nashold is West's first female cross country WIAA winner and the first freshman since 2010 to win the state championship. For her accomplishments was named as the Wisconsin State Journal's runner of the year and Wisconsin's Gatorade cross country runner of the year.

The Flad Development and Investment Area Sportsperson of the Year Award will be McKenna Warnock, Monona Grove basketball and volleyball player. This University of Iowa recruit had an outstanding senior year. She averaged 29.7 points (3rd in the state), 12.5 rebounds (10th in the state), 3.2 assists, 2 blocks, and 1.7 steals per game. McKenna is Monona's all-time leading female/male scorer with 2,311 career points as well as the female career leading rebounder. At season's end, Warnock was named 1st team WBCA and AP all-state, the WBCA's Miss Wisconsin Basketball and Wisconsin's Gatorade player of the year.

The Edgewood College Friend of Sport Award will be shared by Dave and Judy Ferwerda. This couple early on volunteered and dedicated their finances, home, time and passion to promoting girls' hockey in Wisconsin and the Midwest. In the late 1990's they founded the Wisconsin Challengers which provided an opportunity for girls in this region to play together, fueling their dream to play hockey in college. Evolving into the Madison Capitol's girls program, this was a first experience of what girls' and women's hockey was like. Dave and Judy have been fixtures at WIAA boys and girls hockey events. The American Hockey Coaches Association presented them with the 2019 Joe Burke Award for outstanding contributions and dedication to women's hockey.

The Madison Area Sports Commission Pat Richter Favorite Sibling Award winner is Marques Flowers. The oldest of the Madison LaFollette Flowers brothers played basketball at Beloit College from 1999 until 2003. During his career in the Midwest Conference, Marques was his team's most valuable player and first team all-conference as a senior. He twice was the conference defensive player of the year, received Beloit's Johnny Orr leadership award twice and still ranks as the school's eleventh leading scorer. Currently Flowers works as a social worker for the Madison Public Schools and coaches girls' basketball at Madison Memorial. This season, he was the Big Eight coach of the year.

The Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club's Special Achievement Award Winners are:

- Mick Byrne, U.W. cross country, Big Ten coach of the year in eight of his eleven seasons
- Edgewood Athletics, WIAA Division II championships in boys golf, girls golf, boys swimming, girls swimming and boys tennis
- Wes Jekel, Madison West swimmer, WIAA Division I championships in 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly, 200 medley relay and 400 free relay as well as Wisconsin State Journal all-area swimmer of the year
- Kiara Lee, Madison LaFollette track, WIAA Division I championship in triple jump and runner-up in long jump as well as Wisconsin State Journal all-area jumper
- Hunter Lewis, Stoughton wrestler, WIAA Division I championship at 138 pounds as well as Wisconsin State Journal all-area wrestler of the year

Craig Anderson, John Krugman, Peggy McCarthy Bailey and Mike Plautz are the 2019 Hall of Fame inductees sponsored by Strand Associates.

Tickets for the event are \$50. The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend and salute this exceptional group of inductees and award winners. Contact Peg Mueller (238-5907) for tickets until May 30th.

The Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club began in 1963 to recognize and honor great athletes and sports figures from the city. The group hosts weekly luncheon meetings from August through May and holds the induction ceremony every year. There are more than 200 inductees in its Hall of Fame. Go to <http://www.madisonsportshalloffame.org> to find other information about the Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in sports.