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University of Saint Joseph Set to Honor Nine at Inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

With guest speaker Geno Auriemma, head coach of the women's basketball team at the University of Connecticut

Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – The University of Saint Joseph will welcome five athletes, one coach and three special contributors into the athletic department's hall of fame during its inaugural induction ceremony Saturday, May 11, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., in The O'Connell Athletic Center on the university's West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue.

MSG Network sportscaster and five-time Emmy winner Mike Crispino will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening. The event also features guest speaker Geno Auriemma, head coach of the University of Connecticut women's basketball team. Tickets are \$75, and can be reserved by contacting the athletic department at 860-231-5423 or dfiske@usj.edu.

The honorees are:

Stacey Brown, '02 (tennis): The all-time winner in both singles matches (47) and doubles matches (35) in school history, she went undefeated in singles (16-0) in 2001 and was the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Player of the Year.

Juliette Byrnes '05 (swimming): Broke over a dozen school records and was the 2005 New England champion in both the 50-yard breaststroke and 100-yard breaststroke.

Kathy Kurys Cartiera '01 (tennis): As the 1998 GNAC champion, she went 16-0 in singles. She is second in the university's history with 40 career singles victories.

Noel Kusek Schwartz '99 (volleyball): She was the centerpiece of three GNAC championship teams from 1996-1998, and was named the GNAC Player of the Year in 1996 and 1997.

Stacy Manfredi '98 (basketball): The career leading scorer with 1,806 points. She led the team to its one GNAC championship in 1997-1998 and was named the GNAC Player of the Year that season.

Jeanne DiGiacomo (volleyball coach, 1996-2005): She was named GNAC Coach of the Year in 1996, 1997 and 1998 and led the Blue Jays to the GNAC championship all three years.

Winifred E. Coleman (special contributor): It was under her leadership, as president from 1991-2004, that the university began competing in NCAA intercollegiate athletics.

Vitaline McGovern O'Connell and **Dr. Maurice Francis O'Connell** (special contributors; posthumous): The O'Connell Athletic Center represents the culmination of nearly 40 years of giving to the university by Dr. and Mrs. O'Connell.

“We are honored to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of these individuals during their time as players, coaches and supporters at the University of Saint Joseph,” said Bill Cardarelli, director of athletics. “We are especially proud to welcome them as our first class of inductees into the hall of fame.”

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