



Women's Basketball Hall of Fame

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July 23, 2011 - The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame announced its 14th group of inductees, the Class of 2012, on ABC during the WNBA All-Star Game in San Antonio, TX today.

The six members of the Class of 2012 are: **Nancy Fahey (coach), Nikki McCray (player), Pam McGee (player), Inge Nissen (player), Robin Roberts (contributor) and Dawn Staley (player).**

The announcement marks the fifth time in the Hall of Fame's 13-year history that the upcoming class of inductees has been announced during a WNBA event in July. Prior to making the announcement during the WNBA season, it had been tradition for the new inductees to be unveiled during the State Farm Tip-Off Classic each year in November. The Class of 2012 will be formally introduced at the 2011 State Farm Tip-Off Classic. Details for the 2011 SFTOC and the 2012 WBHOF Induction will be announced at a later date.

With the addition of the Class of 2012, the list of individuals who have been recognized as Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductees will increase to 127.

The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame's Board of Directors serves as the selection committee in determining which individuals will be inducted each year. Voting is based on various factors, which may include moral character, integrity, sportsmanship, record of performance, ability, national or international recognition, and contributions to the game of women's basketball.

In order to be considered for selection for induction, an individual must meet the following prerequisites:

- **Player:** Must be retired from the highest level of play for at least five years
- **Coach:** Must have coached the women's game at least 20 years
- **Referee:** Must have officiated the women's game at least 10 years
- **Contributor:** Must have significantly impacted the game of women's basketball

For information regarding the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the State Farm Tip-Off Classic, and the 2012 Induction Ceremony please visit www.wbhof.com.

The mission of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame is to “honor the past, celebrate the present, and promote the future” of women's basketball.

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NANCY FAHEY (Coach)

Fahey is the only coach in NCAA Division III history to win five national championships, including a stretch of four-straight crowns from 1998-01. She led Washington University-St. Louis to the second-longest winning streak in NCAA women's basketball history at 81 games. Fahey ranks third among all active NCAA coaches with an .849 career winning percentage. She was named the 2000 WBCA Division III Coach of the Year.

NIKKI MCCRAY (Player)

A two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and three-time WNBA All-Star, McCray scored 2,528 points during her nine-year WNBA career. In her four-year career at the University of Tennessee, McCray led the Lady Vols to three SEC regular season titles, two conference tournament championships, and four NCAA tournament appearances. She earned All-American and SEC Player of the Year honors in both her junior and senior years.

PAM MCGEE (Player)

McGee helped led University of Southern California to back-to-back NCAA National Championships in 1983 and 1984, earning All-American honors in 1984. She was a three-time All-NCAA First Team selection, a finalist for the 1983 Wade Trophy and a finalist for the 1984 Naismith Award. She is USC's sixth all-time scorer with 2,214 points and USC's second all-time rebounder with 1,255 rebounds. McGee helped led the USA Basketball Team to their first ever gold medal in the 1984 Olympics.

INGE NISSEN (Player)

Nissen led Old Dominion University to the AIAW National Championships in 1979 and 1980 finishing her career with 2,647 points and 1,459 rebounds. She was named the team's MVP during the 1978, 1979 and 1980 seasons as well as the Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year in 1980. Nissen was a two-time Wade Trophy Finalist and a 1980 Kodak All-American. She was inducted into the Old Dominion University Hall of Fame in 1985.

Robin Roberts (Contributor)

Roberts began her career as an outstanding player for Southeastern Louisiana University, where she is the school's all-time leading scorer (1,446 points) and rebounder (1,034 rebounds). In 1983 she began her career in TV as a sports reporter in Hattiesburg, MS. Since then Roberts has earned multiple Emmy Awards while working at ESPN and ABC. She was the 2001 WBCA Mel Greenberg Media Award Winner, and she has been inducted into the Women's Institute of Sport and Education Foundation's Hall of Fame in 1994.

Dawn Staley (Player)

Staley was a three-time Kodak All-American, two-time ACC and National Player of the Year, and the 1991 NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player during her college career. She is the only ACC player to record more than 2,000 points, 700 rebounds, 700 assists, and 400 steals. During her WNBA career, Staley was named an All-Star five times and was selected to the WNBA All-Decade Team. A three-time Gold Medalist, Staley was also named the 1994 and 2004 USA Basketball Female Athlete of the Year.

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