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Boise Mayor David Bieter proclaims June 8 as World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame Day



Boise Mayor David Bieter

BOISE, Idaho, May 26, 2005 – Boise Mayor David Bieter has proclaimed Wednesday, June 8, 2005 as World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame Day in the City of Boise. The proclamation, which commends Boise's Humanitarian Hall of Fame for its 11 years of recognizing role models from the world of sports was signed by Mayor Bieter and presented to Humanitarian Hall of Fame founder Myron Finkbeiner at a ceremony May 26 at Boise City Hall.

The Humanitarian Hall of Fame's class of 2005 includes NFL quarterback Drew Bledsoe of the Dallas Cowboys, 1936 Olympic runner Louis Zamperini, and three-time equestrian Olympian Kathy Kusner. The three role models will be in Boise on June 8 for the Hall's 11th annual induction ceremonies and will join over 30 humanitarian-athletes from all corners of the sports world with their enshrinement.

The induction ceremonies will also include recognition of the Hall's annual humanitarian award winners. The 2005 recipients include 1969 Heisman Trophy winner Steve Owens of the University of Oklahoma, the Sacramento Kings and Monarchs of the NBA and WNBA, Lynn and Sally Stiles of Muscatine, Iowa's Youth Sports Foundation and Bill Crookham of Caldwell, Idaho.

Ceremonies get underway at 6pm, June 8 at Boise's Centre on the Grove. Tickets are \$50 for adults (\$16.50 for youth under 12) and available by contacting the Hall at 208-343-7224.

The Humanitarian Hall of Fame annually inducts individuals who are world-class in athletic ability, role models in their community and have a strong record of humanitarian efforts. Since President Gerald R. Ford served as its first honorary chairman in 1994 the Hall has enshrined over 30 humanitarian athletes including tennis great Arthur Ashe, major league baseball pioneer Jackie Robinson, NFL coaching legend Tom Landry, the NBA's David Robinson, and soccer great Pelé.

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About The World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame

The World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame (www.sportshumanitarian.com), located on the Boise State University campus in Boise, Idaho, recognizes individuals and organizations from the world of amateur and professional athletics who, through their humanitarian efforts, distinguish themselves as role models in the community. Since 1994 over thirty role models with world-class athletic ability and exceptional humanitarian achievements have been inducted to the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame. Each spring the induction ceremony includes recipients of an annual humanitarian awards program that recognizes community achievement in all corners of the sporting world through its President's Award, Pro Team Community Award, Don Simplot Idaho Humanitarian Award, the Tradition of Excellence Award presented to a Heisman Trophy winner, and the Nell and John Wooden Humanitarian Lifetime Coaching Achievement Award. Each year the Hall of Fame, in partnership with Boise's MPC Computers Bowl, honors a player from each team with its Student Humanitarian Award. The World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is open weekdays to visitors and humanitarians of all ages.

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