

# KEVIN ANDERSON

## United States Military Academy

**K**evin Anderson, who has more than two decades of leadership experience, has been recognized nationally as a leader in intercollegiate athletics. In 2012-13 he served as NACDA President while at the University of Maryland, and remains a member of the John McLendon Minority Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors. He also previously served as chair of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee.

Anderson began his career in college athletics as director of annual giving for athletics at Stanford University from 1993-95, eventually moving on to the University of California, Berkeley for five seasons. He advanced quickly in the Golden Bears' department, moving from assistant AD for annual giving to associate AD for development and ticketing and ended his tenure there as the executive associate AD for external affairs.

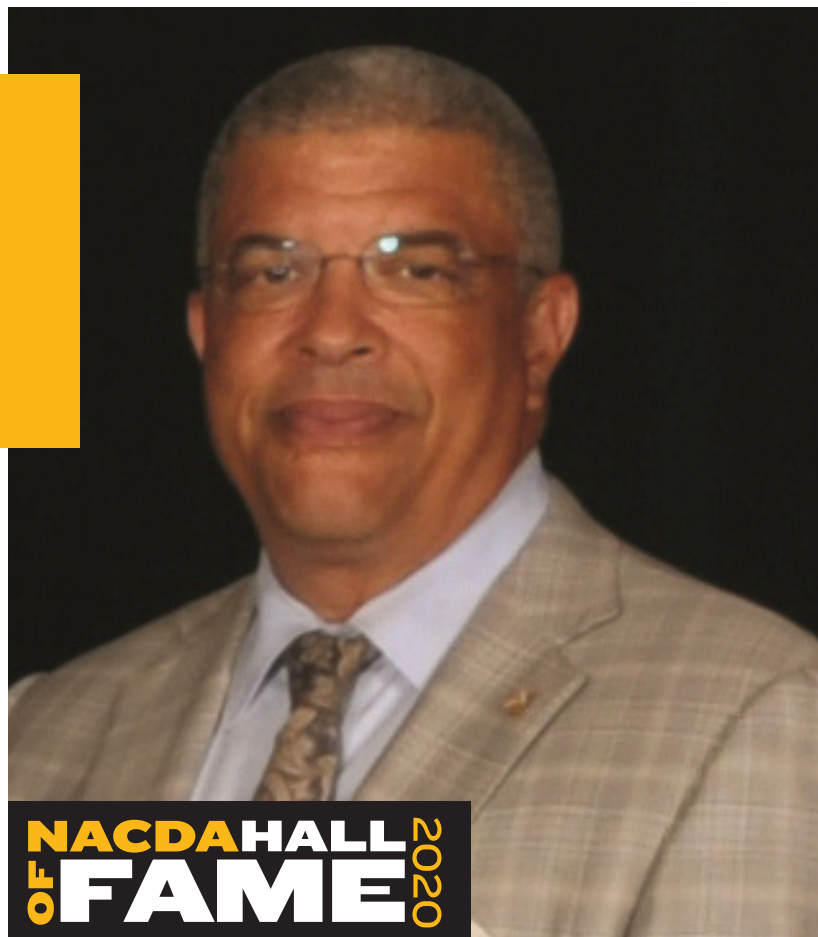
From January 2003 to December 2004, Anderson was the executive associate athletics director at Oregon State. In that role, he was responsible for the administration and operation of seven sports, including football, as well as men's and women's basketball.

In December 2004, Anderson was named director of athletics at the U.S. Military Academy. At Army, Anderson was responsible for a 25-sport program that served more than 900 cadet-athletes. While at Army, Anderson helped develop and manage a budget of \$25 million and turned an operating deficit of more than a million dollars into a \$2.73 million surplus in only five years. Sponsorship, ticket sales and fund-raising revenue all increased during his time there.

Anderson led a team that negotiated a five-year, \$55 million deal with CBS to televise the Army-Navy game, and worked on the agreement that brought college football to Yankee Stadium, with the Army-Notre Dame game. During his time at West Point, Anderson also brokered broadcast deals for Army's football program with ESPN, WABC Radio and a five-year agreement with CBS College Sports Network.

Anderson was hired in September 2010 as director of athletics at the University of Maryland, where he served nearly eight years. His vision, external revenue successes and business acumen allowed him to take Maryland athletics to previously unseen heights across a variety of platforms.

With Anderson's relentless focus on the "WHY" (Maryland's student-athletes), his next important move was to ensure the financial security and sustainability for Maryland athletics for the foreseeable future. In



**"There is no greater honor for an athletics administrator in intercollegiate athletics than to be selected by my peers for the NACDA Hall of Fame. It is especially meaningful and humbling to be inducted into the Hall of Fame alongside former Stanford colleague, Cheryl Levick. It was her influence and guidance as part of the phenomenal team we built at Stanford that helped me shape my career in intercollegiate athletics and prepared me to be the athletics director at the United States Military Academy at West Point. I am truly humbled to receive this prestigious award on behalf of all the great people I have worked with and for; without them this would not have been possible. Our profession has always been a labor of love for me as well as a ministry for all of us doing God's work. Lastly, I thank my incredible wife and children who are the true Hall of Famers! Without their love, support and sacrifice this would not have been possible!"**

what would mark a historic day (November 19, 2012) for the University of Maryland and Maryland Athletics, Anderson was part of a joint announcement that Maryland would join the Big Ten Conference beginning on July 1, 2014.

He is a 1979 graduate of San Francisco State University with a bachelor's degree in political science. He has attended the Sports Management Institute's executive management program and is a product of the new manager school at Xerox.

Anderson and his wife, Moira, have four children - daughters, Olivia and Michaela, and sons, Kevin Jr. and Chauncey. ●

# BRIDGET BELGIOVINE

## Wellesley College

**B**ridget Belgiovine retired in June 2019 following a successful 40-year career in education, including 21 years in higher education. Her culminating and transformative 13-year tenure was as Director of Athletics & Department Chair of Physical Education & Recreation at Wellesley College.

During Belgiovine's time at Wellesley, Blue student-athletes won four NCAA Individual National Championships and its crew team claimed the institution's first team NCAA National Championship. In addition, Wellesley teams earned 17 New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Championships and made a combined 25 team appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Belgiovine oversaw all facets of a department that included a physical education curriculum serving nearly 2,000 students annually, a comprehensive recreation program with year-round programming, student-led fitness classes and eight club sport teams and a varsity athletics program with 13 highly competitive intercollegiate teams.

The importance of sports as a vehicle to enhance health and wellness, learning, resilience and self-confidence was central to Belgiovine's work in addition to her relentless promotion of stressing the importance of fitness and health in a strong liberal arts education. An energetic and passionate leader, Belgiovine has been an advocate for facility renovations and fundraising as a method for enhancing educational and athletics experiences and has seen her work impact the lives of countless students, coaches, faculty and administrators. Throughout her career, she has focused on the advancement of women into senior leadership positions in the sports-related workforce and society. Wellesley's LeadBLUE Program, a comprehensive student-athlete educational initiative established during her tenure was aimed at enhancing the quality of team culture, student leadership, and the athletics experience, training student-athletes to become the next generation of women leaders.

Formerly the Director of Division III at the NCAA, Belgiovine's responsibilities included coordination and support for the Division III governance structure. In that role, she earned a national reputation as a visionary, energetic, and effective leader. She also served as director of athletics at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and assistant athletics director/senior woman administrator and assistant professor at Springfield College. Belgiovine began her career as a high school physical education teacher and coach in Monroe Township, N.J. Belgiovine has been the recipient of many awards through the years, having been recognized as the Under Armour Division III Athletics Director of the Year, ECAC Division III Administrator of the Year, NADIII AA Richard A. Rasmussen Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and inducted into the Immaculate



**"It is a distinct honor to be selected as a member of the NACDA Hall of Fame. I am thrilled to be among a group of long time colleagues in the class of 2020! My life and career has been shaped by a wonderful family and supported by teachers, coaches, administrators, friends and thousands of student-athletes. Each has provided guidance, encouragement, joy, challenges and championships that fueled my passion to engage in the world of sports in our educational system. Engagement in NACDA and its affiliates, specifically MOAA and NADIII AA, expanded my network of colleagues, provided several opportunities for leadership through committee service and enhanced my knowledge of intercollegiate athletics at all levels. Receiving this recognition is the pinnacle of my career as an athletics administrator. I humbly follow in the footsteps of many AD colleagues who have led the way as members of the NACDA Hall of Fame!"**

Heart Academy Hall of Fame. She was also awarded the Athletic Merit Award from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, the Springfield College Distinguished Alumna Award and its highest honor, the Tarbell Medallion and the Claire Van Ummersen Leadership award.

Belgiovine served as president of the Springfield College Alumnae Council, president of Women Leaders in College Sports (formerly NACWAA) and president of the NEWMAC. In 1998, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse established the Bridget Belgiovine endowed scholarship for female graduate students in sports administration. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Springfield College and a member of the Advisory Board for DreamBig!, a non-profit organization whose mission is to help girls from low-income situations to participate in sports and physical activities to contribute to their health, education and overall well-being.

A collegiate lacrosse player at Trenton State College (now the College of New Jersey), Belgiovine holds a B.S. from Trenton State in health and physical education and a master's degree in physical education and athletics administration from Springfield College. •



# BILL FUSCO

## Sonoma State University

**B**ill Fusco, former senior director of intercollegiate athletics at Sonoma State University (SSU), completed a 37-year career in athletics administration when he retired at the end of 2017 with over 20 years at the helm of the Seawolves' athletics program. Fusco started his career in college athletics as an undergraduate at the University of San Francisco serving as the student sports information director following in the footsteps of former NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle and former Kennedy White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger.

After completing his undergraduate studies at the University of San Francisco (USF), Fusco was hired as the sports information director at St. Mary's College of Moraga, serving the Gaels for two years before returning to USF as its full-time sports information director. Over the next nine years, he served the USF department of athletics in different roles as SID, assistant athletics director and director of athletics.

At Dominican College of San Rafael (now Dominican University of California), Fusco was appointed as director of athletics in 1991 and built the Penguins into a competitive NAIA program while adding the sports of men's and women's soccer. In his six years with Dominican, he developed the intercollegiate athletics program into a viable campus asset with student-athletes and coaches bringing the institution positive results academically and competitively. During that time, Fusco served on the NAIA Far West Region Coordinating Committee, the NAIA Council of Athletic Conferences and Independents and as the NAIA representative to the United States Collegiate Sports Council. He was also one of the founders of the NAIA-based California Pacific Conference that started in 1996 featuring Northern California NAIA institutions. He served as the first commissioner of the Cal Pac during the 1996-97 season. In 1996 and 1997 he was recognized as the NAIA Far West Region Athletics Administrator of the Year.

Fusco was named director of athletics at Sonoma State in May 1997 and guided the program into the era of athletics scholarships and membership in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA). During his tenure, the Seawolves earned two NCAA Division II National Championships, eight regional championships and 20 conference championships with 76 student-athletes earning All-American honors.

With Fusco prioritizing academic excellence, Seawolves' student-athletes improved significantly in the classroom during his tenure averaging over a 3.0 grade point average annually. The SSU department of intercollegiate athletics was consistently rated among the highest in the California State University system for student-athlete graduation rates.



**"I am deeply humbled to be inducted into the NACDA Hall of Fame given the rich history of this organization and the list of current Hall of Fame members. For athletics administrators, there is no such thing as an "individual award" and with that in mind, I am dedicating this honor to all the student-athletes, coaches and administrative staff members that I have had the privilege to serve during my career. They made it happen on the venues of competition, in the classroom and in the community, always representing their institution in the most positive manner possible. I am also most grateful to have had the opportunity to work for the four outstanding institutions I served during my career. To St. Mary's College of Moraga, the University of San Francisco, Dominican University of California and Sonoma State University, thank you so much for the privilege of being part of your intercollegiate athletics programs. I will always cherish the friendships of each athletics administrator I have had the pleasure of associating with through NACDA, the NCAA, the NAIA and the CCAA. Without the support of these colleagues and the professional development opportunities I have experienced, I could not have achieved the personal and professional accomplishments throughout my career."**

In addition to serving as D2 ADA President in 2003-04, Fusco served on a number of national and regional committees, including the NACDA Executive Committee, the NCAA Division II Degree Completion Scholarship Committee, the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee on which he served as chair in 2011. He also served as President of the CCAA for two terms and led the Western Water Polo Association for three years as President.

In 2016, Fusco was recognized as an Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year and in 2018, he was awarded the D2 ADA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Fusco received his master's degree in sport and fitness management from USF in 1995. In 2018, he returned to his alma mater and is currently an adjunct faculty member in the University of San Francisco Graduate Sport Management Program where he teaches an elective class titled "Intercollegiate Athletics Administration." He also participates as a mentor in the USF Alumni Mentor Program. ●

# CHRIS HILL

## University of Utah

**C**hris Hill was the longest actively tenured athletics director at the same school in the NCAA FBS when he retired as athletics director at the University of Utah in the spring of 2018. He began his tenure at the helm of the Utes at just 37 years of age in 1987, and compiled an impressive legacy of accomplishments, perhaps none larger than positioning Utah for the invitation to become a member of the Pac-12 Conference in 2011.

A New Jersey native and former Rutgers basketball player, Hill came to Salt Lake City in 1973 as a graduate assistant basketball coach on Bill Foster's staff. He coached high school basketball for four years at Salt Lake's Granger High School before returning to the university as an assistant coach under Jerry Pimm for two seasons (1979-81). While coaching, he earned a master's in education (1974) and a Ph.D. in educational administration (1982) from Utah. His bachelor's degree from Rutgers was in math education.

Hill remained connected to the university by teaching in the special education department, and returned to athletics as the Crimson Club director in 1985. He spent two years in that position before his promotion to director of athletics in October 1987. A lifelong advocate for improving the experience of the student-athlete, Hill also prioritized hiring and retaining top coaches and upgrading facilities.

While dedicated to maintaining the school's established reputation in basketball, gymnastics and skiing, Hill immediately set about redefining Utah football, which had just two bowl appearances (the last in 1964) prior to his ascension to director of athletics. Under coaches hired by Hill, the Utes have played in 20 bowl games with a 15-5 record.

Utah's other sports also attained conference and national prominence during Hill's term with four Pac-12 championships – three by gymnastics and one by baseball – and shared the South Division championship in football in 2015. The gymnastics and ski teams combined for 10 national championships and 14 NCAA runner-up finishes while qualifying for the NCAA Championships every year, and gymnastics advanced to the Super Six 20 times.

The men's and women's basketball teams both reached the NCAA Tournament 15 times with Hill as the athletics director. Volleyball and softball qualified for the NCAA Tournament 14 times each. Women's soccer, which has played in the NCAA Tournament seven times, was one of two varsity sports added by Hill, followed by men's lacrosse in 2018-19.

With Hill as the driving force, 17 new intercollegiate athletics facilities opened on campus during his tenure, including Rice-Eccles Stadium (1998),



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Burbidge Athletics Academic Center (2001), McCarthy Family Track & Field (2010), Dumke Family Softball Stadium (2013), Spence & Cleone Eccles Football Center (2013), Jon M. and Karen Huntsman Basketball Center (2015) and Spence Eccles Ski Building (2017). In addition, studies for the recently announced expansion and renovation of Rice-Eccles Stadium's south end zone began with Hill's guidance.

On an administrative front, Hill achieved national prominence and served on several boards, including the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee (2004-09), chair of the NCAA Championships/Competition Cabinet (1997-98) and the NCAA Management Council Administrative Committee. A member of the NACDA Executive Committee from 2002-06, he received a number of awards – including NACDA's West Region Athletics Director of the Year in 2011 – and was a finalist for the 2011 Athletics Director of the Year by *SportsBusiness Journal* and *SportsBusiness Daily*.

Hill was inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame in the fall of 2019 and the Jersey Shore Hall of Fame in 1998. In 2001, the National Consortium for Academics and Sports awarded him its Degree Completion and Outreach and Community Service Honor Award. •



# CHERYL LEVICK

## Georgia State University

In 2014, Cheryl Levick founded CLL Business Enterprises, LLC, which provides one-on-one executive coaching and advisory services to college athletics administrators and coaches. In addition, she is utilizing her 35 years of collegiate leadership experience to provide consulting services to colleges and universities for sport program assessment, organizational structure review, Title IX reviews, and strategic planning for athletics departments. She is a national speaker on leadership in sport, conducts workshops on professional conduct and advancement for coaches and rising administrators and teaches a graduate level Leadership in Athletics class for the University of San Francisco.

Before starting her business, Levick spent five years as director of athletics at Georgia State University (GSU), where she launched the school's Division I football program, transitioned it from FCS to FBS, and rebuilt the men's basketball program. While at GSU, she rebranded the athletics program, developed a master facility plan, and managed 16 sports and a staff of 105.

Levick also served as senior associate director of athletics at the University of Maryland (UM), director of athletics at Saint Louis University (SLU) and director of athletics at Santa Clara University. At each institution, she managed all day-to-day operations, budgets, fundraising, facilities and capital projects.

Additionally, Levick spent 12 years as senior associate athletics director at Stanford University. She served as deputy AD/COO of the athletics department, managed a \$30 million budget, oversaw 33 varsity sports and supervised eight Olympic coaches as the Cardinal won 42 National Championships during her tenure. Prior to Stanford, she served in positions at the Pac-10 Conference office and the NCAA national office.

She has served on numerous boards including the Atlanta Sports Council, St. Louis Sports Commission, San Jose Sports Authority, DI-AAA ADA and the NACDA Executive Committee. She has chaired the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee and the Local Organizing Committee for the 1999 Women's Final Four.

Levick's recent honors include being selected as a *Sports Business Journal* "Game Changer" in 2011 and inducted into the Slippery Rock University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2013. *St. Louis Business Journal* selected her as "Most Influential Leader in Sports and Entertainment" in 2007 and her peers selected her as the Athletics Director of the Year for NCAA Division I Central Region in 2005-06 and the National Association of Collegiate Athletic Women



**"When Bob Vecchione called to inform me of this honor – tears came to my eyes and I was speechless. Bob laughed because I am never speechless! My love for athletics and academics started 40 years ago as a young gymnastics coach and teacher, and advanced to holding three director of athletics positions. I so enjoyed every position at Slippery Rock, NCAA, Pac-10, Stanford, Santa Clara, St. Louis, Maryland and Georgia State. At each stop, I loved being on a college campus, working with thousands of student-athletes and being part of strong leadership teams running athletics departments. It was challenging, exciting, rewarding and exhausting – all at the same time. I will cherish these memories forever. And throughout my career, NACDA has always been there for me – providing support, resources or just friendly advice. The annual NACDA Convention has become the place to learn, connect and grow with the industry. Thus, it is truly an honor to be selected by my peers to the NACDA Hall of Fame. I am so touched and proud to receive this honor. Thank you so much."**

Administrators (NACWAA) Administrator of the Year in Division IA in 2000.

She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Missouri and her Master of Science in Athletics Administration from Indiana University (IU). Her family includes: daughters Heather and Melissa, sons-in-law Michael and Cary and grandsons Brady, Chase and Dylan. •

# TOM O'CONNOR

George Mason University

**T**om O'Connor retired June 30, 2014, after 20 years as George Mason's athletics director and 40 years in NCAA Division I athletics.

O'Connor built an athletics department that now boasts 22 varsity sports, significantly upgraded facilities and maintained a commitment to excellence in academic performance, gender equity and compliance with NCAA rules and regulations.

Under his leadership, the university joined the Atlantic 10 Conference, one of the most competitive in the nation in men's basketball, a move that showcases the strength of the athletics programs and contributions of Mason's talented student-athletes. Most importantly, he was responsible for building the men's basketball team noted for memorable success in the 2006 NCAA Tournament. That year, the 11th-seeded Patriots stunned the basketball world by reaching the Final Four and finished as the eighth-ranked team in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches Poll.

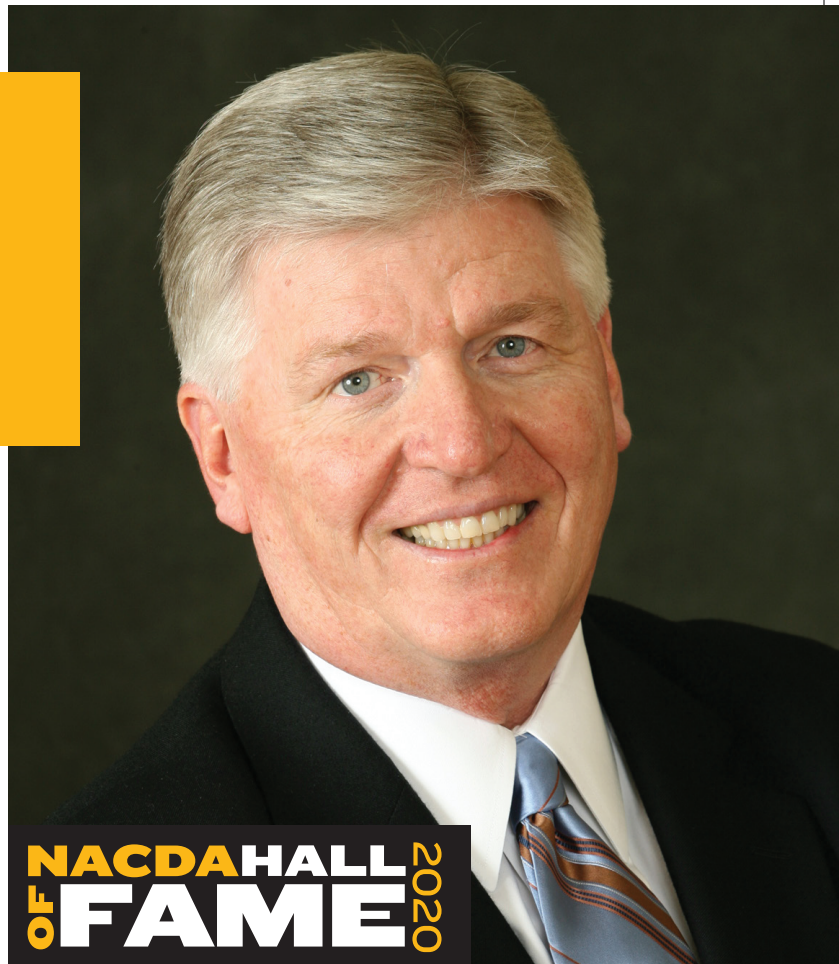
O'Connor has also been a champion for more than just athletics. The Patriots were one of 10 schools nationally to earn the 2008 Diversity in Athletics Award in the category of African-American Graduation: Male Student-Athletes. Mason was one of the nation's first 15 schools to complete the NCAA certification process and perennially ranks among the nation's best in the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act survey.

O'Connor started his career as a high school basketball coach. He later coached at Dartmouth College (1970-74) and Loyola (Maryland) College (1974-76) before leaving the bench and taking the top athletics position at Loyola. He would serve as athletics director at Santa Clara University and St. Bonaventure University before coming to George Mason in 1994.

A highly respected leader in college athletics, O'Connor served on several NCAA committees, including the highly visible 10-member NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship Committee, which he chaired during the 2007-08 year. He has held a seat on the prestigious Management Council and was a member of the Division I Strategic Planning Committee and the Selection Review Committee.

Shortly after retirement, O'Connor earned two distinguished awards for his commitment to basketball.

O'Connor received the 2015 National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Guardian of the Game Award, presented to an advocate for the



**"It is an honor to have my name next to the recent NACDA Hall of Fame honorees that I have tremendous respect for. It is also a privilege to be included with past inductees, many of whom I have been a colleague of for many years. While I am overwhelmed by my selection to this year's class, I would be remiss if I did not mention my most cherished award from NACDA, when I was honored with the DI-AAA ADA Gary Cunningham Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. Gary was the epitome of what a director of athletics was and should be. As the recipient of these prestigious awards, I hope I have been able to bring honor to the universities that I had the great fortune to be part of and to the profession of athletics administration. Being a director of athletics was not just a job for me but an important part of my life. A life in which our family was a part of as well. The selection to the NACDA Hall of Fame is an honor for something that I truly enjoyed doing. I sincerely thank the NACDA administration and NACDA Honors and Awards Committee for the tremendous honor."**

game, that has provided leadership and guidance on issues affecting the basketball community.

Recognized as an Athletics Director of the Year by NACDA in 2006-07, O'Connor was also selected as the 2015 ECAC James Lynah Distinguished Achievement Award honoree, presented to former ECAC athletics administrators who have achieved outstanding success in their career and have made an unusual contribution in the interest of intercollegiate athletics, the NCAA and the ECAC.

A native of Union City, N.J., O'Connor earned a bachelor's degree in 1968 from Assumption (Mass.) College, where he was a four-year basketball letter winner. He is a member of the Assumption College Athletics Hall of Fame and was honored as the recipient of the 2008 Father Louis Dion A.A. '35 Outstanding Achievement Award. •



# JOE TUBB

## South Plains College

**S**erving as the director of athletics at South Plains College (SPC) for 33 years, Joe Tubb was instrumental, not only to the success of student-athletes in Levelland, Texas, but by becoming the face and voice for two-year colleges across the country serving as the President of the NJCAA.

After a successful 12-year career as a football and basketball coach in Texas high schools, Tubb began his career at the helm of the South Plains College athletics department in 1983. Over the next three decades, the Texan and Lady Texan basketball teams claimed a combined 15 Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) championships and eight Region 5 tournament titles.

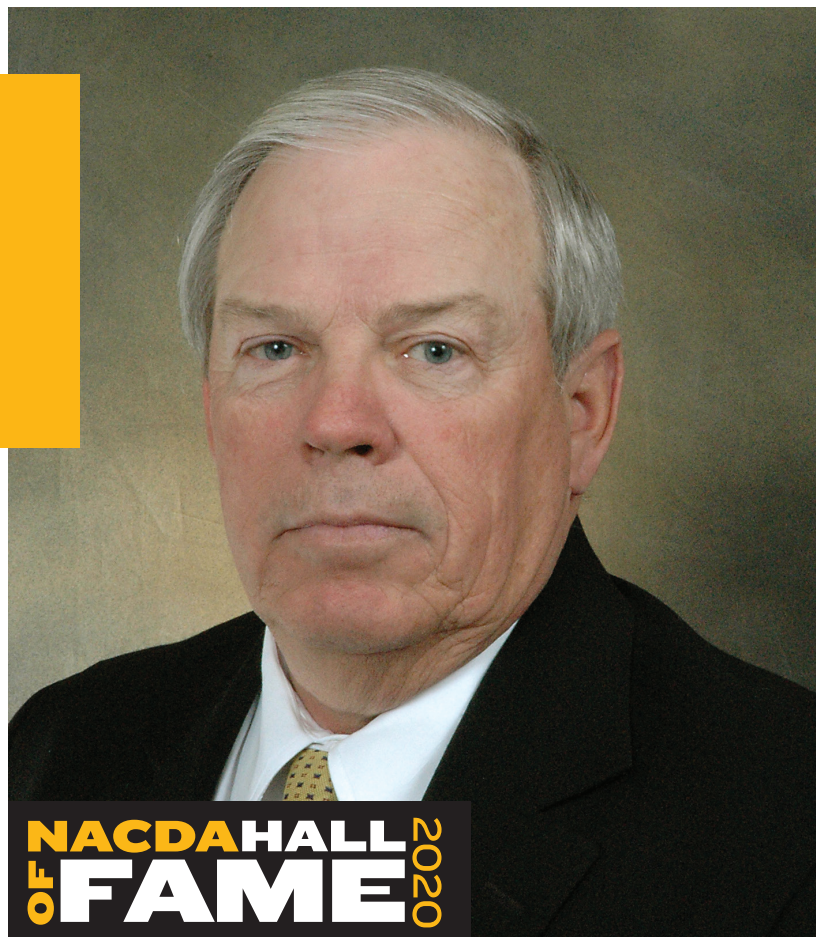
South Plains College captured 42 NJCAA national titles under Tubb's guidance, with the 2011-12 season being the most successful in program history. South Plains' student-athletes brought home national titles in the women's half-marathon, men's basketball and men's and women's outdoor track and field. The Texan basketball team became only the sixth team in history to complete an undefeated season en route to the NJCAA National Championship.

During his tenure, Tubb received the highest honor bestowed by NATYCAA, the L. William Miller Award in June 2012, and was honored as Athletics Director of the Year by NACDA in both 2006 and 2010.

In addition to his duties leading the SPC athletics department, Tubb served a three-year term as President of the NJCAA where he was responsible for a myriad of duties including presiding over annual, executive, and special meetings for the nation's second largest intercollegiate athletics association.

Tubb knows what it means to be a student-athlete at SPC. He played on the men's intercollegiate golf team under head coach Bill Powell as a student during the 1966-67 school year before transferring to West Texas A&M University to continue his education. There, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and physical education and graduated as a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society in 1971. In 1981, Tubb earned a master's degree in physical education from Sul Ross State University.

Tubb is a lifetime member of the Texas High School Coaches Association and a former member of the Basketball Advisory Committee. He served as director of NJCAA Region 5 from 1999-2009, has been an active member of NACDA since 1984 and NATYCAA since 1989. During that time, Tubb served on the NACDA Executive Committee for four years and the NATYCAA Board of



**"I spent some time reviewing the recipients of this honor over the many years it has been awarded. To be mentioned with the ladies and gentlemen on the list is very humbling. Different than a victory, a season, or a championship, [being inducted into the NACDA Hall of Fame] validates a lifetime of 'doing something right.' Sport has been my life, and next to my family, to be honored by my peers in this way is one of my life's greatest accomplishments."**

Directors since 2001. In April 2010, he was elected to serve as NJCAA 1st Vice President for men, a position he maintained until being elected President.

Tubb has been married to his wife Kathy for 53 years, and has a son Chad (wife Jennifer), a daughter Lesli (husband Britt), granddaughter Kayli and grandson Kade. •