University Inducts Seven Into Wall of Fame

The seven newest members of the athletics department’s Wall of Fame were officially inducted on Saturday, January 10, in a ceremony held at the John J. Long, S.J., Center.


The Wall of Fame was founded in 1970 to honor former student-athletes, coaches, administrators and those in the community who have been instrumental in the overall development of the University’s athletics program. This year’s class brings the wall’s membership to 203.

Jones became the sixth member of the 1983 national championship team to be inducted into the Wall of Fame, joining teammates Todd Bailey (Class of 1996), Mickey Banas (Class of 1994), Bill Bessoir (Class of 1995), Mark Hutchinson (Class of 1993), and Tom Kosin (Class of 1992). He was a key contributor to the Royals’ second national title in men’s basketball, averaging 14.0 points and 9.8 rebounds in five NCAA tournament games that season.

A two-time all-Middle Atlantic Conference selection (1983, 1984), he established himself as one of the finest power forwards in Royals’ history, ending his career with 1,119 points and 950 rebounds. A native of Philadelphia, he holds a bachelor of science degree in marketing from the University.

Mineo was a sharp-shooting guard who averaged in double-figures three times, led the Royals in scoring during the 1979 and 1981 seasons, and finished his career with 1,092 points, which, at the time, was ninth on the Scranton all-time scoring list. He served as team captain his senior year and capped it off by earning all-Middle Atlantic Conference and National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Mid-Atlantic regional honors.

A native of Scranton and a graduate of the Scranton Preparatory School, Mineo holds a bachelor of science degree in management and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University.

Nanick also established a reputation for his scoring ability. He poured in more than 1600 points, finishing his career as the 10th all-time leading scorer in Royals’ history, and further distinguished himself by becoming the only player in Scranton history to lead the team in free throw shooting all four years.

He made an immediate impact his freshman year, averaging 13.4 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game to earn the Middle Atlantic Conference and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Rookie of the Year awards. He would lead the Royals in scoring in each of the next three seasons.

A native of Pompton Lakes, N.J., Nanick holds a bachelor of science degree in finance from the University.

(Strasser) Boyle teamed up with Wall of Fame inductee Jennifer (Nish) DelGrosso (Class of 2007) to lead the Lady Royals to three championships in Scranton’s previous affiliation with the Freedom Conference (1993, 1994, 1996) and four NCAA tournament appearances (1993-1997).
She was a two-time team captain and earned first-team all-Freedom Conference honors twice. She also received the Dr. Harold Davis Award, which is presented annually to the Lady Royals’ most valuable senior, and was selected as the recipient of the Willensky Award, which is presented annually to the senior student-athlete who understands and improves the human condition.

A native of Newport, R.I., she holds bachelor of science and master of science degrees in physical therapy from the University.

Lovecchio joined Wall of Fame inductees Michael Capasso (Class of 1999) and Hugh O’Neill (Class of 2006) on a Royal defensive unit that helped Wall of Fame goalies Bill McNeil (Class of 1992) and Kevin Ferrari (Class of 1997) post 30 shutouts and finish with a three-year record of 52-16-2. A two-time all-Middle Atlantic Conference selection (1983, 1984), he was also a member of two Middle Atlantic Conference championship teams (1982, 1984).

He returned to his alma mater in 1997 as director of athletics, overseeing an intercollegiate program that sponsors 19 sports for men and women, and recreational and intramural offerings and club sports for an undergraduate enrollment of more than 4,000 students annually. During his tenure, the University has added women’s lacrosse as an intercollegiate sport, joined the Landmark Conference, upgraded Fitzpatrick Field, purchased an 80-acre parcel of land for future development of athletic facilities, and added six full-time coaching positions and two full-time athletic trainer positions.

A native of Stroudsburg, Lovecchio holds a bachelor of science degree in management from the University and a master of education degree with a concentration in athletic administration from Temple University.

Royer became the first volleyball player to be inducted into the Wall of Fame. She was named the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League Most Valuable Player (MVP) in 1994 after leading the Royals under then head coach Sue Serafini to a school-record 31 wins. A two-time first-team all-conference selection (1993, 1994), she served as team captain twice (1993, 1994) and concluded her career as the recipient of the O’Hara Award, which is presented annually to the outstanding female athlete of the senior class.

In 1997, she landed a position as assistant volleyball coach at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, before being appointed head volleyball coach at Providence College in 2000, a position she still holds today.

Royer holds a bachelor of science degree in human services and philosophy from the University and a master of arts degree in sport psychology from the University of Maryland. She is a native of Shippensburg.

O’Hara became the second player in the history of the men’s lacrosse program to be inducted into the Wall of Fame, joining teammate Steve Michel (Class of 2003). To this day, he is still the Royals’ all-time leader in goals (114) and is second in total points (155). A consistent scoring threat throughout his career, he tallied 30 goals and finished with 45 total points as the Royals posted their first winning season in 1992 with a 9-6 record. In his junior year, he scored a career-best 36 goals and had 12 assists to finish with a career-best 48 total points. He also tallied a combined 48 goals and 20 assists for 62 total points in his freshman and sophomore years.

O’Hara, a native of West Chester, holds a bachelor of science degree in economics and finance from the University.