

Women's Basketball Legends Inaugural Class of 2013



Julie VonDielingen Shelton

Butler
1989-93



Julie VonDielingen Shelton is Butler's all-time leading scorer in women's basketball. She led the Bulldogs in scoring for her career,, and she is the only player in Butler women's basketball history to score over 2,000 career points. She currently holds 11 Butler records, including most points in a season and most points in a career. VonDielingen was a four-time all-conference selection, a conference Player of the Year and a Basketball Times All-American. She was inducted into the Butler Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006.



Paula Bennett

Charlotte
1979-82



Paula Bennett, a two-time All-American, earned first team All-America honors in 1980 from the American Women's Sports Foundation, becoming the 49ers only first team All-American in women's basketball. She averaged 21.1 points in 1980 leading the 49ers to the NCAA Division II Championship. The only player in school history to score over 2000 points, Bennett ranks second all-time in career rebounds (1,300). She boasts career records at Charlotte with a 19.6 scoring average and a 12.3 rebounding average. The 49ers posted three straight 20-win campaigns in her four seasons, a feat that has been accomplished just one time since. She is one of only two 49ers to be named team MVP in three different seasons and she owns three of the 49ers top four single-season scoring efforts. Bennett still ranks in the program's all-time top three in career points, rebounds, steals and field goals made. She averaged a double-double in each of her four years, bursting onto the scene with a freshman record 21.3 scoring average and 13.9 rebounds. She was the 49ers first women's basketball player to have her jersey retired. Bennett went on to play professionally with the military and was named to the All-Army team seven times as well as to the All-Military team.



Ann Meyers

Dayton
1976-80



The greatest female student-athlete in University of Dayton history, **Ann Meyers** was a two-sport All-American. She scored 2,672 points in her basketball career, one of 22 Dayton records she holds. All four of her seasons rank among the top ten single-season scoring marks at UD. The three-time basketball All-American closed out her career in storybook fashion. She led the Flyers to the 1980 AIAW Small College National Championship by scoring a then school-record 40 points. A standout volleyball player as well, she also was awarded the Broderick Cup, which goes to the top women's volleyball player in the country.



Beth Friday Bovay

Duquesne
2000-03



Beth Friday Bovay (2000-03), one of two Duquesne women's players to have their jersey number retired, is the only player in school history to score 1,000 points (1,410) and record 1,000 rebounds (1,160). Friday was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team in 2000, was named Second Team All-Conference in 2001 and was a First Team All-Conference choice in both 2002 and 2003. An outstanding student, Friday was a Third Team Academic All-America in 2003 and an Academic All-District pick in 2002. She was also the 2003 A-10 women's basketball Student-Athlete of the Year. Friday, who still holds school records for career field goal percentage (.521), rebounds (1,160) and rebound average (10.1), is a native of Upper St. Clair, Pa. She currently resides in Pittsburgh.

LEGACIES

This is the inaugural Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Legends class. Each of the Legends will be honored on March 16 at the Basketball Championships at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. in conjunction with the 2013 Inugural Men's Basketball class.

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Anne Gregory O'Connell

Fordham

1976-80



Anne Gregory O'Connell graduated as the Rams' all-time leader scorer (2,548 points) and rebounder (1,999 rebounds). O'Connell's 1,999 career rebounds was a pre-NCAA record (she would rank second on the current NCAA career list). As a freshman in 1976-77, Gregory led the Rams to the Eastern AIAW state tournament while in her sophomore season, she guided Fordham to the AIAW Small College National Tournament. In 1978-79 and 1979-80, the Rams won New York State titles, and also captured the 1979 AIAW Eastern Regional championship. Over her four years the Rams won 91 games, the most successful four-year stretch in Fordham women's basketball history. Gregory was the first woman to be inducted into the Fordham Athletic Hall of Fame (1986) and she is the only Fordham women's player to have her number retired. Originally a native of the Bronx, N.Y., Gregory currently lives in Elmont, N.Y.



Jennifer Shasky Calvery

George Washington

1989-93



Jennifer Shasky Calvery is a three-time Atlantic 10 All-Conference selection, including the 1990 A-10 Rookie of the Year. In 1992, Calvery was named A-10 Tournament MVP after leading the Colonials to their first A-10 Championship with 16 points in a 62-57 win over Rutgers in the title game. Calvery was a member of GW's first two NCAA Tournament teams in 1991 and 1992, advancing to the second round each season. The 1993 NCAA Woman of the Year and NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient, Calvery was also an outstanding student who was a four-time A-10 Academic All-Conference selection and a two-time Academic All-District honoree. Inducted into the George Washington Athletics Hall of Fame in 1999, Calvery was a prolific 3-point shooter who still owns the school record for 3-point percentage in a game (1.000 - 7-for-7) and ranks fifth all-time at GW with 195 career triples. Calvery averaged 14.0 points per game in her career, the fifth-best scoring average in program history, and she also ranks fifth in points (1,643), eighth in steals (242), 11th in blocks (85) and 16th in rebounds (565).



Jennifer Cole Davis

La Salle

1989-93



Jennifer Cole Davis is the leading scorer (1,875 points) in La Salle women's basketball history. The versatile guard was inducted into La Salle's Hall of Athletes in 2001 and is the only Explorer woman to have her number retired. Cole led the nation in free throw percentage in 1992-93. (.909) and her single game mark of 39 points (Jan. 3, 1992) remains the high water mark in program history. She was twice named an Academic All-American (1991-93) and was recognized as MAAC Player of the Year for the 1991-92 season. Locally, Cole was the Philadelphia Big 5 Player of the Year in 1991-92 and was the organization's Rookie of the Year in 1989-90.



Sue Peters

Massachusetts

1976-80



In 93 appearances over four seasons with the Minutewomen, **Sue Peters** became the all-time leading scorer in program history behind 1,858 career points. Peters success also helped the Southbridge, Mass., native reach the top spot for scoring average (20.0), field goals made (757) and field goals attempts (1,618) in program history. In addition to being the career leader, Peters also notched the top mark in single-season points with 587 during the 1978-79 campaign, which also ranks as the highest single-season scoring average in the UMass record books at 23.5 points per game. A threat all over the court, Peters grabbed 546 career rebounds for an average of 5.9 per contest, while dishing out 361 assists, an average of 3.9 per appearance. For her efforts with the Minutewomen, Peters was twice named a two-time Kodak Region I All-American and National Scouting Association All-American – the first Minutewoman to earn All-America honors. Peters was also tabbed the first CoSIDA Academic All-American, AIAW Kodak Region I Player of the Year and AIAW Kodak All-Region honoree in the history of UMass women's basketball.

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Dayna Smith

Rhode Island

1992-96



Dayna Smith was one of the top point guards in Atlantic 10 history while starring for Rhode Island from 1992-96. One of just 11 players at the NCAA Division I level to record more than 1,000 points and 750 assists, Smith was a key component of the Rams' run to the 1996 NCAA Tournament. That season, the Pittsburgh native dished out 233 assists and helped guide URI to a 21-8 mark and the A-10 East regular season title. She finished her career with 1,174 points - good for ninth on Rhody's all-time scoring list. As the head coach at Cornell, she led the Big Red to the NCAA Championship in 2008. She earned her degree in business management in 1996.



Karen Elsner Davey

Richmond

1981-85



Karen Elsner Davey is the all-time leading scorer in Richmond women's basketball history with 2,367 points in her four-year career as a Spider. Davey was inducted into the Richmond Hall of Fame in 1992 and still holds 14 individual records. She holds records for most points in a game (39), season (646) and career (2,367) and also ranks first for rebounds in a game (23), season (347) and career (1,244). Davey still holds the highest scoring average in a four-year career at 21.5 ppg and made a program-best 16 field goals in game. She was recognized in a banner-raising ceremony for her distinguished career in a pregame ceremony in 2009. A two-time captain, she amassed a 64-48 record during her years as a Spider and was a member of the 1982 VAIW II State champion team. She resides in Manassas, Va.



Hilary Waltman

St. Bonaventure

1995-99



Hilary Waltman began her Bonas career during the 1995-96 season by earning a spot on the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team, followed by a second-team All-Conference nod as a sophomore. Throughout her career she tallied 20 plus points in 58 games and she holds school records for field goal percentage, free throws attempted, free throws made, steals, and field goals made. In her final two seasons at St. Bonaventure Waltman was named to first-team All-Conference by the A-10 (1997-98, 1998-99). She is the program's all-time leading scorer with 2,106 points and she is fifth all-time in rebounding (669) at Bona.



Susan Moran

Saint Joseph's

1998-2002



Susan Moran, a four-time A-10 All-Conference and Big 5 honoree, helped the Hawks to two NCAA Tournament appearances and the 1999 Atlantic 10 Championship. An All-American Honorable Mention as a senior, Moran went on to collect A-10 and Big 5 Player of the Year accolades, along with A-10 Student-Athlete of the Year and Academic All-America honors in 2002. Starting all 122 games over her four seasons, she is the only Hawk in SJU history to lead her team in both scoring and rebounding all four seasons. She capped her career as the all-time leading scorer with 2,340 points. On February 24, 2008, Moran became only the second Hawk in program history to have her jersey (#10) retired. Moran became the 19th member of the SJU women's basketball program to be named to the Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Fame as the current Hawk associate head coach was inducted in January 2009 and also to the SJU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010.

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The 2013 Inaugural Legends class consists entirely of former student-athletes and includes six All-Americans and three academic All-Americans. They also represent 10 states and one foreign country.

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Theresa Lisch Meacham

Saint Louis

2006-09



Theresa Lisch Meacham is the most decorated player in Saint Louis women's basketball history despite playing only three years. In her final campaign (2008-09), Meacham was named the A-10's female Scholar-Athlete of the Year and became the first SLU women's basketball student-athlete to be selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-America first team. In addition, the summa cum laude graduate in communication sciences and disorders earned a place on the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Scholar-Athlete list for a second consecutive year. Also an A-10 first-team honoree that season, the 5-9 guard led the league in scoring (19.1) and free throw percentage (.889) and ranked 25th and ninth, respectively, in the nation in those categories. On the Billikens' career lists, Meacham is second in scoring average (17.0), fifth in 3-point field goals made (137), points (1,363) and 3-point field goal percentage (.364), and eighth in assists (270). She owns school records for points in a season (574), free throws made in a career (406) and season (169), career free throw percentage (.869) and points in a game (37), and she tied the school mark for single-game free throw shooting (12-for-12). A native of Belleville, Ill., Meacham resides in Champaign, Ill., with her husband, Trent.



Marilyn Stephens

Temple

1980-84



Marilyn Stephens is Temple's all-time leading scorer and was the program's first All-American. Stephens, a 1995 inductee into the Temple Athletics Hall of Fame, scored 2,194 points in her four-year career. Stephens was a First Team Kodak All-American in 1984, and was named the Atlantic 10 Player of the Year in both 1983 and 1984. With 1,519 rebounds, Stephens also sits atop the program's all-time career rebounds list. She led Temple to a fifth-place finish in the WNIT in 1982, and to a seventh-place finish in the WNIT in 1983. Stephens was a two-time A-10 First Team selection, a two-time Philadelphia Big 5 Player of the Year, and a four-time Philadelphia Big 5 First Team honoree. Along with her scoring and rebounding records, Stephens also holds the top spot in program history in blocked shots (342), blocks per game (2.9), field goals (919) and free throws (356). Stephens has remained active in basketball since graduating from Temple in 1984, and is currently in her fifth season as the head coach of the Cheyney University women's basketball team.



Cyndy Wilks

VCU

2000-04



Cyndy Wilks is the seventh-leading scorer in VCU history, scoring 1,451 points in a four-year career. During her career at VCU, she scored 30 points on three occasions. Wilks led the team in scoring her senior year averaging 22.1 points per game, which at the time was the highest average in school history. She ranks second at VCU in 3-pointers made with 181. Wilks was rewarded for her play during her senior season earning conference player of the year. Wilks currently lives in her hometown of Bridgeton, N.J.



Jennifer Phillips Brenning

Xavier

1997-2001



Jennifer Phillips Brenning is a member of Xavier's 1,000-point club and ranks eighth all-time in program history with 1,633 career points. A 6-3 center, she helped the Musketeers to a 98-29 record, including a school-record 31 wins and the program's first Elite Eight appearance during her senior season. The 98 wins ranks as third-most by any class and she ended the season ranked fifth in NCAA Division I field goal percentage. Phillips played in a 120 career games and averaged 13.6 points per game, and 6.2 rebounds per game, for her career as a Musketeer. She was named the Atlantic 10 Player of the Year in 2001, was twice named to the A-10 All-Conference Second Team, was named to the A-10 All-Rookie Team in 1998 and was a five-time A-10 Player or Rookie of the Week. Phillips was also named the 2001 A-10 Tournament MVP. She holds the Xavier single-season record for free throws made (147) and ranks in the top 10 of several career categories at XU as well: free throws made (3rd 378), field goal percentage (4th .588), blocked shots (7th 59), rebounding (8th 742) and free throw percentage (10th .743). Originally from Elida, Ohio, Jennifer Phillips Brenning currently resides in Powell, Ohio.