



Union University Sports Hall of Fame

History

Union University has a longstanding tradition of excellence in athletic achievement including, but not exclusive of three national championships, multiple number one rankings in various sports, National Players of the Year honors, and many players going on to play professional and semi-professional sports. Union University has opened the window of opportunity for a countless number of athletes by providing a stage for their performance. This stage is a venue in which athletes, coaches and other participants have individually and collectively achieved successes in the head to head competition of intercollegiate athletics. It is the purpose of the Union University's Hall of Fame to honor those who have combined individual and collective achievement with the ethics and Christian values that are imbedded in Union University's global mission. These achievements bring with them local and national recognition and promote institutional prestige. Union University's administration, faculty, staff, student body and alumni seeks to honor those individuals or teams who have made outstanding contributions and the community at large by formally recognizing them in Union University's Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame Committee

Each year the Hall of Fame Committee will be responsible for collectively considering the nominations and selecting the most appropriate and deserving nominees for induction into Union University's Athletics Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Committee consists of members of Union University's community that have had an integral role in the operations, development of growth of Union University's athletics programs. The Hall of Fame Committee consists of eight members of which Tommy Sadler is the Committee Chair. All contact should be made through Tommy Sadler by way of the information listed below.

Tommy Sadler – Chair, Hall of Fame Committee

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Nomination procedures

Nominations may be made at any time during the year, but must be received by the deadline of July 1 for consideration during that calendar year. Nominations will be retained for future consideration for a period of five years, in which the nominee that failed to be inducted must be renominated for future consideration. Nominations must be submitted by mail or by hand to the Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee to prompt the selection process. Formal inductions will be made during Homecoming week of each year to each individual or a representative who will accept the award on the inductee's behalf. Nomination forms are available at Union University's Athletics Office, Pennick Academic Complex H-3, or nominations may be printed online at www.uu.edu/athletics/halloffame.

Criteria for selection

Individuals nominated for their athletic achievements must have made significant contributions to Union University's athletics program as members of a varsity team. Coaches, administrators, and others who have made exceptional contributions may be also considered. Teams that have performed outstanding feats in competition and honored Union University in the national forum of athletics are also eligible for selection. Below is a list of general criteria for selection into Union University's Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame. Nominations may be made in the following categories:

Primary Criteria

A. Athletic participation and athletic honors.

1. Student-athletes. Former Union University student-athletes who recorded outstanding achievements in connection with the varsity athletics are eligible for nomination, selection and induction into the Hall of Fame. Outstanding achievement in competition is recognized as well as academic, spiritual, and community based accomplishments. A student-athlete is eligible for induction in the Hall of Fame after a minimum of five years have passed following their last season of eligibility. The individual must be a varsity letter-winner at Union University.
2. Coaches and Administrators. Union University coaches, administrators and others who play pivotal roles in the day to day operations of the department of athletics are eligible for nomination, selection and induction in the Hall of Fame. Those who have had distinguished careers of service, who have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of athletics, and who are held in high esteem in Union's community of athletics are duly recognized in this category. These individuals have exemplified Union's standard of excellence and have exhibited leadership qualities that are worthy of praise and recognition. Individuals in this category are not required a waiting period before nomination selection and induction can take place. Induction can be during or after their tenure at Union.

3. Team Nominations. In exceptional cases, an entire team may be recognized for achievement in post season play or by garnering regional or national recognition for significant achievements... Teams that have achieved distinguished or outstanding feats in the field of competition are eligible for nomination, selection and induction in Union University's Athletics Hall of Fame. The Selection Committee will also review contributions and achievements of past Union University athletic teams, awarding distinguished and qualified teams, an Honorary Hall of Fame Team Award for exhibiting excellence in team achievement, character and community service. These teams may not be considered for induction until five years after their athletic eligibility has expired and only one team may be considered for induction each year.

Secondary Criteria

A. Non-Athletic College Activities and Post College Contributions.

1. **Meritorious Service.** Persons who have made impressive, significant and lasting contributions to Union University's athletics program are also eligible for nomination, selection, and induction in Union University's Athletics Hall of Fame. Individuals in this category are those that have may not be an athlete, coach or administrator in the department of athletics, but an active member of the athletics community that has impacted the success, growth and prosperity of Union University athletics programs. These individual's are recognized for their contributions and distinguished honors that have benefitted Union's athletic community. The Selection Committee may present an Honorary Hall of Fame Award to an individual who has distinguished herself/himself through exemplary service and commitments to Union University's athletic program. This person need not be a prior member of a Union University athletic team, nor a graduate.

The number of Hall of Fame inductions will be limited to five individuals or teams per year. For more information or to submit nominations, please contact the Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee Tommy Sadler at the address listed below:

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Nomination Form*

Demographic Information

Name of Nominee: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Is nominee living: Yes No Years Attended: _____ to _____

Athletic participation:

Sport _____ Year: _____

Sport _____ Years: _____

List athletic accomplishments and honors received

List all non-athletic college activities

List post college contributions

If Nominee is deceased, please list a family member to contact:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Nominee hometown newspaper: _____

Forms must be submitted by April 1 of each year to be considered for the Induction Ceremony to:
Tommy Sadler
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