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NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Inspirational Stories

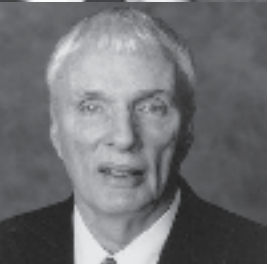


“To inspire you must first be inspired”



“To me, Kathy is the perfect role model of a coach’s wife.”

– Morgan Wootten honors his wife Kathy



“My good fortune made me more aware of the many disadvantages youth who struggle with emotional and physical challenges have every day.”

– Vinny Del Negro honors Brightside
(a human and social service agency helping the needs of youth who have been abused)



“Next to my father Al LoBalbo was the most influential male in my life.”

– Hubie Brown honors Al LoBalbo

Successful people are often heard giving credit to someone who inspired them in a very special way in their lives. These stories lift our spirits and make us think of those who have inspired us along the way, helping us to achieve things we may never have dreamed of.

Recognizing these influences in our lives, many individuals have chosen to honor or pay tribute to the memory of someone who inspired them. Through the Basketball Hall of Fame’s Inspiration Program each person’s story is unique and offers a way to immortalize the impact that a special person has made in their life.

Is there someone in your life who has inspired you, supported you, or believed in you? Perhaps someone who helped you to become the best you can be? If you want to learn how to honor them, call The Advancement Office at 413-231-5508.

How You Can Inspire Others

As a member of the Inspiration Program, you can be an inspiration to others. Some of the benefits you will receive include:

- Recognition in the Hall of Fame. Your name and the name of the person who inspired you will be recognized on the Donor Wall of Fame in the main concourse of the complex.
- Your story of Inspiration, along with a photo of you and the person who inspired you will be displayed in a kiosk at the main entrance to the museum adjacent to the Donor Wall of Fame. Visitors will be able to enjoy.

**Invitations to Hall of Fame events held throughout the world including (but not limited to) the Hall of Fame Class Announcement Ceremonies (announced annually at the Final Four), Hall of Fame Finalist Announcement (announced annually during All-Star weekend), Hall of Famer recognition events, Hall of Fame organized basketball tournaments, clinics and camps, Awareness Receptions, etc.*