

## Yosinoff Honored for Career Milestone

Emmanuel College Head Women's Basketball Coach Andy Yosinoff earned his 600th career victory early in the 2008–2009 season. Achieving the milestone on December 9th with a win over Lesley University, Yosinoff placed himself among elite company, becoming only the fifth Division III women's basketball coach to ever accomplish the feat.

Emmanuel College President **Sister Janet Eisner, SND** and the Athletic Department honored Yosinoff's achievement during a pre-game presentation on January 21st. The ceremony took place in the Jean Yawkey Center gymnasium prior to the start of the Saints' game against Suffolk University.

Yosinoff was presented with the 600th-win game ball and a proclamation from Mayor Thomas Menino officially declaring the day "Andy Yosinoff Day" in the city of Boston. In recognition of his accomplishment, the College also made a contribution to his mother's scholarship, the Freda Yosinoff Memorial Scholarship Fund.

"To achieve the milestone of 600 wins is truly amazing," said Emmanuel College Director of Athletics and Recreation **Pam Roecker**. "Andy has dedicated his entire basketball career to Emmanuel College, maintains incredible relationships with his former players and preserves a strong commitment on a daily basis to his current team members. This is all possible because of the unmatched level of enthusiasm and dedication he brings to the profession. Andy believes in Emmanuel College, is a tireless worker, and with his energy level I am expecting to celebrate many more career and victory milestones along the way."

Currently in his 32nd year as head coach of the Saints, Yosinoff has compiled a list of impressive credentials, including a record of 618-204. He ranks fifth in career victories among Division III women's basketball coaches, while his .752 winning percentage places him among the top 20 of his peers, both active and all-time.

Under Yosinoff's direction, the Saints have made 14 NCAA tournament appearances and claimed 13 Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) titles, including five straight from



*President Sr. Janet Eisner, SND, Coach Andy Yosinoff, Vice President of Student Affairs Patricia Rissmeyer and Director of Athletics and Recreation Pam Roecker during the ceremony to celebrate the 600th victory.*

2000–2005. During the 2000-2001 season, he led Emmanuel College to its first NCAA Final Four appearance, becoming the first coach in Boston to make it to the national basketball semifinals in any category (men's or women's, Division I, II or III). That season, Yosinoff was named GNAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year while the Saints were voted the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Team of the Year.

In 2006-2007, Yosinoff guided Emmanuel College to an NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance and a Division III-best 29 wins, which included a perfect 12-0 mark in GNAC play. Between 2000-2006, the Saints went undefeated in the GNAC, winning 72-straight regular season games, the longest Division III regular season conference win streak to date.

Last January, Yosinoff was honored for his contribution to women's athletics with a "Heights Award," presented by the Massachusetts State Lottery and Boston



*Coach Yosinoff celebrates his 400th win with Brianne Bognanno '02*

College Athletics at Boston College's Conte Forum. The award recognized individuals in the Boston community who have exhibited a long-term commitment and dedication to the growth of women's athletics.

Last winter Yosinoff also organized a historic team trip to Beijing, China, where the Saints participated in exhibition games against a number of local teams. From December 28, 2007 to January 5, 2008 the team had the opportunity to experience Chinese culture and visit some of the country's most historic sites, just months prior to the country hosting the XXIX Olympiad.

A 2003 inductee of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, Yosinoff's résumé also includes serving as the USA Maccabiah Open head women's basketball coach in 2005, where he guided Team USA to its first-ever gold medal during the Maccabiah Games in Israel. He is a 1970 graduate of the University of Rhode Island.



*LaTeisha Johnson '07, Anne Plante '82 and Catherine Gallant '07 joined Coach Yosinoff to recognize his 30th year at Emmanuel.*



*Current players and alumni congratulate Coach Yosinoff.*