



FOUR HONORARY MEMBERS ADDED TO HOOP HISTORIANS



CLASS OF 2022: Donny Daniels, Ebony Donahue, Dave Holmquist and Jenna Wright.

Two legendary coaches and two lifetime service personnel are the newest honorary members of the Hoop Historians. The foursome was elected at this year's Annual Business Meeting in New Orleans.

Donny Daniels had a 40-year career in college basketball working as an assistant coach at Utah, Cal State Fullerton, UCLA and Gonzaga. **Ebony Donahue** has served the National Basketball Coaches Association as the Director of Membership Services and has worked for the NABC team since 1998. **Dr. Dave Holmquist** is the current Head Basketball Coach at Biola University in California and has won over 1,000 games in a 43-year coaching career. And **Jenna Wright** has worked with the NABC in some capacity as a volunteer, consultant, and manager since 1998 and is the group's Director of Convention Housing for the coaches association at each Final Four. Congratulations to all on a lifetime of service to the sport! Individual biographies on each member can be found online on the Hoop Historians website at: www.hoophistorians.com/members-home.htm

CHECK OUT THIS YEAR'S FINAL FOUR PHOTO GALLERY

www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.329133229315880&type=3 And here's the link to the past Final Four Photo Galleries with the Hoop Historians: www.hoophistorians.com/gallery.htm

THE BIGGEST ASSIST OF THE SEASON



For several years Hoop Historian **Darren Sack** and his wife, **Loren**, have hosted children from Ukraine who needed temporary relief from difficult situations. The children learned or perfected their English and the Sack Pack learned some Ukrainian and some Russian. In December, 2021, they hosted a sister and brother who lived with their grandmother. In February Loren got a frantic text from the grandmother due to the Russian invasion. Coach Loren assembled a team from Hungary, California, Arizona, New York, Idaho and from her community in Austin. Through hours of hard work (many in the middle of the night in Texas, daytime in Ukraine), and miles of scary driving and bewildering flying, Grandma, her husband, and the two kids (ages 10 and 9) have made it to their new home court in Austin, Texas (furnished by caring folks in Loren's circle of friends). English practice will begin in a few days for all four. Will basketball practice be around the corner for the kids?

MARCH MADNESS 2023: IT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD



APRIL 1 & 3, 2023

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED



Don MacKay, **Dennis Mishko** and **Tom Tallarito** were elected by the membership to serve on the Hoop Historians Board of Directors. Mishko and Tallarito were elected to two-year terms and MacKay will serve a one-year term. The threesome joins **Ted Reineking** and **Al Sack** on the Board. Reineking was renamed chairman by the Executive Board.

HOOP HYSTERIA CONTEST GOES DOWN TO TITLE GAME



For the second straight year, the Hoop Historians Hoop Hysteria Contest was decided in the title game as **Joe Lyons** is this year's winner. Lyons was the only one of the 41 entrants to correctly pick Kansas as his champion. Also finishing in the top ten were **Greg Blanford**, **Dorothy Kim**, **Larry Holley**, **Don MacKay**, **Rick Schabowski**, **Dennis Mishko**, **Billy T. Haynes**, **Sam Lima** and **Dick Clish**.



WE ARE THE HOOP HISTORIANS: The Hoop Historians are a group of individuals with a wide range of basketball backgrounds. There are 58 full members, 14 honorary members and 12 memorial members in the group. Through their love of the game, they have been an unofficial goodwill ambassador for the sport of basketball, by sharing their previous experiences, renewing past acquaintances, meeting new people, and continuing to promote the game through education and goodwill.



HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

Send your pictures to: hoophistorians@hotmail.com

2022 FINAL FOUR EDITION



Kitty & Bren Petar have been a staple at March Madness. This year Bren attended his 40th Final Four.



Former Kansas State coach **Bruce Weber** and Hoop Historian **Brian Burmeister** take some quality time to visit.



Tom Tallarito and **Al Sack** pose outside American's oldest continuous bar **Lafitte's** in the French Quarter.



One of the newest Hoop Historians, **Dave Holmquist** and son stopped by the Hoop Historians Final Four reception.



Don MacKay couldn't wait to sample one of those Bourbon Street hot dogs.



Kevin McCann was recognized at the Annual Business Meeting for his 15 years as a Hoop Historian.



Three Division I basketball officials from present and past. **Steve Honacki**, **Billy T. Haynes** and **Gordon Welch** are on the call.



Annual Business Meeting election judges **Mike** and **Carrie Gibbons** made sure that the ballots were counted correctly.



The crew from Connecticut is in the house. **Ted Murphy**, **Guy Baldwin**, **Dave Fray** have attended together since 2015.



New honorary Hoop Historian **Ebony Donahue** is hard at work at the NABC Coaches Convention booth.



The annual Floppy Hat shot. **Joe Makowski**, **Marty Makowski** and **Mike Gibbons** have been at the Final Four together since 2009.



The guys from Jersey won the Hoop Historians Trivia Contest. **Dustin Graiff**, **Justin Bowens**, **Bob Hutchings**, **Al Etter** and **Ryan Hutchings** took home some vintage Final Four hats.



The commonwealth of Kentucky was well represented with the **DeGraff** and **Haynes** Hoop Historian contingents.