



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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HOOP HISTORIANS FINAL FOUR ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED



The Hoop Historians will tip-off Final Four Week with an informal gathering at their **Final Four Welcome Event**, which will be held at the **Range Restaurant**, which is located on the property of the Embassy Suites, 125 E Houston Street, on **Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 pm**. Plans have also been finalized for the **Hoop Historians Annual Business Meeting**, which will be held on **Sunday, April 6 at 11:00 am** inside the Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium. A series of Social Hours will also take place at the Embassy Suites Riverwalk each night during Final Four Week which are scheduled to include nightly trivia contests. Additional information will be posted on the Hoop Historians website at: www.hoophistorians.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION NOMINATIONS



Nominations are now being taken for the open seats on the Hoop Historians Board of Directors. If you know of a worthy candidate to serve, please submit your request to Executive Director Joe Spagnolo by March 1. Board of Directors applicants must be a member in good standing for at least three consecutive years before serving on the Board. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting. There will be two (2) two-year terms and one (1) one-year term on this year's ballot. Send your nominations to hoophistorians@gmail.com

NEW HOOP HISTORIANS MEMBERSHIPS WANTED



Applications are now being accepted for new membership to the Hoop Historians. Candidates who have been to three Final Fours and have been a Friend of the Hoop Historians for at least one year, are eligible to become a member. Applications will be accepted through March 1 and the application form can be found on the Hoop Historians website at: www.hoophistorians.com/application.htm. In addition, individuals who have distinguished themselves by giving their time and service to promoting goodwill through basketball may be considered as an Honorary Member. Those nominations can be sent to hoophistorians@gmail.com by the March 1 deadline.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME GETS EARLIER TIP-OFF



Our East Coast viewers won't have to stay up as late to watch the men's basketball national championship game this year. The NCAA announced that the March Madness game's tip-off time had been moved up to 8:50 p.m. ET from its traditional start time of 9:20 p.m. It's a welcome move for many after the game has long taken more than two hours to complete and pushed up against midnight in the Eastern time zone.

SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO



APRIL 5 & 7, 2025

HOOP HISTORIANS FINAL FOUR WEEK ITINERARY

Wednesday, April 2

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Manager's Reception – Embassy Suites Riverwalk
7:00 pm – Early Arrivals Dinner – Site TBA

Thursday, April 3

11:00 am – 7:00 pm – NABC Registration – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm – NABC Marketplace – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Manager's Reception – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium
7:00 pm – Hoop Historians Final Four Welcome Event – Range Restaurant – Embassy Suites Riverwalk

Friday, April 4

8:00 am – 5:00 pm – NABC Registration – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
9:00 am – 10:00 am – NABC Opening Ceremony – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
10:00 am – 5:00 pm – NABC Marketplace – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
11:00 am – 3:00 pm – Final Four Team Practices – Alamodome
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
3:30 pm – NABC Reese's College All-Star Game – Alamodome
4:00 pm – March Madness Music Festival – AT&T Block Party – Tower Park at Hemisfair
5:00 pm – NABC Welcome Reception – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
7:00 pm – San Antonio Spurs vs. Cleveland Cavaliers – Frost Bank Center
8:00 pm – Hoop Historians Social Hour – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium

Saturday, April 5

9:00 am – Hoop Historians Executive Board Breakfast
9:00 am – 12:00 pm – NABC Marketplace – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
10:00 am – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
2:30 pm – March Madness Music Festival – Coke Live – Tower Park at Hemisfair
5:09 pm – National Semifinal Games – Alamodome
10:00 pm – Hoop Historians Post-Game Social Hour – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium

Sunday, April 6

11:00 am – Hoop Historian Business Meeting – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
3:00 pm – March Madness Music Festival – Capital One JamFest – Tower Park at Hemisfair
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Manager's Reception – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium
7:00 pm – Hoop Historians Social Hour – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium

Monday, April 7

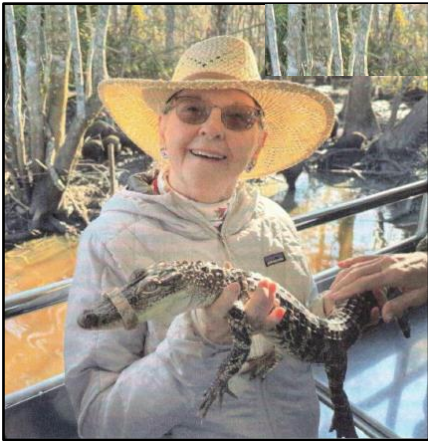
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
7:50 pm – National Championship Game – Alamodome
10:30 pm – Hoop Historians Post-Game Social Hour – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium

All times approximate. Events subject to change. Admission to some events may require a pre-purchased ticket or credential.



HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

Send your pictures to: hoophistorians@gmail.com



Hoop Historian Dorothy Kim went on a Mississippi River Cruise and ended up holding a baby alligator.



Making a pitch for America's Favorite Scorekeeper, Hoop Historians Gordon Welch is caught on the camera on the CW while working a game at SMU.



Former scorer's table alumni Kevin McCann and Ted Reineking at DePaul return to the scene of the crime.



Hoop Historians Kevin McCann, Larry Baker and Joe Lyons are with Judge Russ Hartigan at a DePaul Alumni Event.



Hoop Historian Board Members Ted Reineking and Tom Tallarito are with longtime Friend of the Hoop Historians Walt Cohen.



Happy Holidays from the Wintrust Arena.



Hoop Historian Chairman of the Board Don MacKay finished first in his age group in a recent 5K race in Florida.



Blue Demon Backers Jim Martin, Joe Makowski, Ted Reineking, Kevin McCann and Joe Lyons are having a Hoop Historians moment at a DePaul home game.



The First Family of SMU basketball, George and Laura Bush takes time out to pose with Hoop Historian Gordon Welch. Laura's maiden name is also Welch – but the two of them are not related. However, both are proud graduates of Southern Methodist University.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Sunday, March 2 will be the next Hoop Historians Roundtable Discussion on Zoom

