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Celebrating the Artist & the Athlete



DeMarcus Cousins, Shakyla Hill Named United States Sports Academy January Athletes of the Month

New Orleans forward DeMarcus Cousins and Grambling State University guard Shakyla Hill have been named the United States Sports Academy's Male and Female Athletes of the Month for January.

Cousins became the first player since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1972 to record a 40-20-10 triple-double in an NBA game after collecting 44 points, 24 rebounds, 10 assists, four steals and one block in a 132-128 win for the Pelicans against the Chicago Bulls on 22 January 2018.

Hill collected the first quadruple-double in women's Division 1 basketball in 25 years in a 93-71 win over Alabama State on 3 January 2018. A junior guard, Hill finished with 15 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists and 10 steals in the win.

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Artists Valyraki, Weldon Hold 'Women Bridging Worlds' Exhibit in Greece

Two highly accomplished artists from different continents separated by thousands of miles are coming together for a joint exhibition in Greece through a relationship built upon shared involvement with the United States Sports Academy's American Sport Art Museum & Archives (ASAMA).

Reflecting the global reach of the Academy and ASAMA, artists Dr. Mina Papatheodorou Valyraki of Athens, Greece, and B'Beth Weldon of Fairhope, Ala., will share a month-long exhibition in Athens entitled "Women Bridging Worlds: Celebrating Artistic and Cultural Crossroads."



After an opening reception on Friday, 16 March 2018 at 7 p.m., the exhibition will run through 14 April 2018. It will be held at the famed Ikastikos Kiklos Sianti Gallery in Athens.



Weldon serves on the Academy's Art Committee and Valyraki is the Academy's 2002 Sport Artist of the Year, a member of the Academy's Board of Visitors and an Emerita member of the Academy's Board of Trustees. Both have taught sport and art classes as members of the Academy's National Faculty, a group of highly qualified individuals who teach the Academy's post-secondary non-degree programs around the world.

The two became acquainted through Academy Founding President Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, who also founded ASAMA on the Academy campus in Daphne, Ala., where both artists have works on display. The two artists met in Greece in 2017 and decided on the joint exhibit.

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Academy News

Master Personal Trainer Fairfax Hackley Wins United States Sports Academy 2017 Eisenhower Fitness Award

Master personal trainer and champion bodybuilder Fairfax Hackley, who for many years applied his coaching skills in support of the famed Arnold (Schwarzenegger) Sports Festival, has been named the United States Sports Academy's 2017 Dwight David Eisenhower Fitness Award winner.

Hackley was presented the honor by Academy trustee Dr. Gary Cunningham of Santa Barbara, Calif., at the Academy's 33rd Annual Awards of Sport celebration held on the Academy's campus in Daphne, Ala.



Hackley has spent more than 20 years in bodybuilding, winning the International Federation of Body Building and Fitness (IFBB) Silver and Gold Awards for Excellence in Administration. He won 12 class titles in the sport and later served as a judge and as director of the Mr. America contest. He has trained numerous celebrities and athletes, including boxers and MMA fighters.

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Dr. Kimberly Willis Teaches for the Academy in the United Arab Emirates

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Experienced professor of sports marketing and law Dr. Kimberly Willis recently taught a sports media relations course for the United States Sports Academy as part of its international sports education program to enhance the training of football (soccer) administrators in the United Arab Emirates.

A resident of the Raleigh-Durham, N.C. area, Willis taught a two-week, B-level course on sports media relations to students at the United Arab Emirates Football Association (UAEFA).

The Academy has played a role in the development of the Football Club Operators License Program in cooperation with the UAEFA. The agreement between the Academy, its Emirati colleagues and the UAEFA led to the development of the football club administrators' education program for the Football Association Academy (FAA). The FAA effort includes football certification programs that offer professional preparation and training designed to meet the needs of coaches, athletes, administrators and operatives in the UAE football club system.

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Academy's Dr. Brandon Spradley Selected as Reviewer for the Journal of Concussion

United States Sports Academy director of sports management Dr. Brandon Spradley, who has been heavily involved in addressing the issue of concussion in sports, has been named as a reviewer for an international



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of concussions.

Spradley will review articles for the Journal of Concussion, a peer reviewed, open

access journal devoted to a multi-disciplinary, broad-based approach to head injuries and their care. The journal encourages concussion-related research in neurosurgery; neurology; psychiatry; ear, nose and throat; physiotherapy; rehabilitation; sport; transport and epidemiology. It is published by Sage Publishing, which has offices in Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore and Washington, D.C.

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Academy Continues SACSCOC Accreditation Reaffirmation Process, Shares Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)



The United States Sports Academy recently welcomed Dr. L. Dean Adams, chair of the Academy's Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Onsite Reaffirmation Committee, to campus for a pre-visit as the Academy prepares for a campus visit from the full committee on 20-22 March 2018. From left are Director of Sports Studies Dr. Sandra Geringer, Director of Communications Keith Ayers, President and CEO Dr. T.J. Rosandich, Dean of Administration and Finance Holly McLellan, Adams, Dean of Student Services Dr. Vincent Nix and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Stephen Butler. Adams is vice president for student services and enrollment

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The Sport Digest

PyeongChang Olympics Cost Estimated \$10 Million Per Hour

The PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics cost an average of \$10 million per hour according to the Korea Times Daily, lamenting that the Games' main stadium will be demolished after the Games.

"Hosting the Olympics could be seen as an opportunity to upgrade the country's infrastructure or to bring in more tourists from all over the globe," writes Kim Hyun-bin, adding: "However, the event comes with a hefty price tag."

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