

2009 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Twenty-seven Peace graduates and coaches were inducted into the second class of Queen of Peace's Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony Oct. 2, 2009.

The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes players, coaches, teams, athletic directors and friends of Peace athletics who have made significant contributions to the athletic program.

Honorees

1995 Volleyball Team – State Quarterfinalists

The 1995 Volleyball team, under the direction of head coach Linda Lucchetti Vivona, finished second in the GCAC Red Tournament and proceeded to advance to the regional, sectional and supersectional championships in the IHSA Tournament. The team ended its season with a 35-8 record and is only the second Peace volleyball team to advance to the state finals. Many members attended college on athletic scholarships and now stay active in the sport through coaching.

Erica Anderson Cahill '97, Angela Banyas '98, Bianca Camarena '97, Catherine Carroll Clarke '97, Colleen Donahue '98, Kristen Duckhorn '98, Ann Hintz '97, Margaret Howaniec '98, Deanna Lazouskas '96, Jennifer Utz Maita '96, Beth Lynch McCue '96, Jacqueline Utz Murphy '97, Genevieve Ramos O'Malley '97, Sandra Rokosik Kletzel '97, Elizabeth Wagner McGlynn '96 and head coach Linda Vivona.

1991 Cross Country Team – 10th Place at State Championship Meet

The 1991 Cross Country team finished in 10th place at the Illinois High School Association State (IHSA) Final Meet. Prior to that meet, the team took first in the GCAC Conference Meet and advanced to the state finals after placing first in the Rich East Sectional.

Karen Wozniak Arias '92, Karen Sears Duggan '94, Kasey Dillon '94, Deborah Lacki-Sheahan '93, Renee Rubino '93, Kristin Seifert '94, Pamela Tucker '92 and Barbara Wiczek '92.

Individual Awards for Outstanding Achievement

Gina Spano-Domjan '98 – basketball
Yvette Vazquez '99 – tennis
Megan Smith '98 – softball
Tom Naughton – basketball, softball coach

What they Said ...

Athletic Director Darlene Graf: "The progress made in women's sports over the last 36 years has been truly amazing. Many of the women being honored were direct beneficiaries of the opportunities that resulted from the advances during that time. When you read or hear about these inductees, you will realize the role that their experiences at Peace, as students and as athletes, contributed to their successes not just in high school, but in their futures as well."

Linda Lucchetti Vivona (1995 Volleyball head coach): "This is a wonderful event. (Athletic Director) Dar Graf has spent many hours contacting people. I'm happy to see so many girls here, and it's wonderful to see the success they achieved athletically and in life. I still feel connected to the school, and I feel blessed to have been part of the staff at Peace. I always feel welcome here."

Tom Naughton (Peace coach since 1990): "You can't win if you don't have a cohesive group. There were never any divisions (on my teams) and I stressed unity, fundamentals and the opportunity to always improve."

During his 19-year coaching career at Peace, Tom has coached more than 100 student-athletes who have continued their athletic careers in college. During that time, he has stressed academics and team camaraderie.

Megan Smith (three-year Varsity Softball captain and now the Athletic Director and head women's Softball coach at Robert Morris University): "The Athletic Hall of Fame was a good chance to reconnect with alum and also see school spirit. It was an honor and very inspiring to hear the stories of each woman. We were all in the same starting place, and we now have different successes."