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NORTHWOOD ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS

MIDLAND, MICH. – The Northwood University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has announced the members of the inaugural class of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

“With over 40 years of athletic history at Northwood University, we feel it is time to start honoring those who have made that history,” commented Tim Nash, Provost of the Michigan campus. “The Athletic Hall of Fame will recognize the achievements of the people who have made the greatest contributions to our university’s athletic programs.”

The first Hall of Fame ceremony will take place October 7 and will be a part of Homecoming and Auto Show weekend. The reception for the event will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the dinner and program at 7 p.m.

Admission to the reception and dinner will be \$30.00. Net proceeds from the event will fund a Northwood Athletic Hall of Fame scholarship in the name of the inductees. People interested in attending the event should visit <http://www.northwood.edu> and go to the Hall of Fame page on the Michigan Athletics site.

The first class of inductees consists of former athletes, coaches and contributors. They were selected based on their athletic prowess, contributions to the athletic programs, success and character as well as their positive representation of Northwood University.

“We are excited to be able to honor these outstanding individuals and to pay tribute to the long history of Northwood Athletics, said Dave Marsh, Associate Athletics Director. “Each of the inductees was a pioneer in their sport and in the development of our athletic program. Without them we would not be enjoying our current success.”

The list of inductees is on the following page:

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JACK FINN

Football Head Coach and Athletic Director

1969-89

Jack Finn is the winningest coach in Northwood history, totaling 87 victories in 18 years. He posted three GLIAC Championships in his time as coach (1973, 1974, 1976). A 1992 inductee into the Midland County Sports Hall of Fame, Finn worked as the Northwood Athletic Director for 20 years. He was instrumental in the forming of the GLIAC, serving as the first president of the league. Finn also spent time as the golf coach at Northwood. Finn was also a longtime high school coach and was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1983.

KEVIN JONES

Track and Field

1979-82

Kevin Jones earned All-America honors in four straight seasons at Northwood (1979-82). He was named the Harry Gill Outstanding performer, which represented the NAIA National Athlete of the Year at the NAIA Championship meet in 1981. He was the national champion in the 440 yard dash in both 1981 and 1982. Jones also earned All-America honors at the NCAA Division I level in 1981 in the 400 meter dash. Jones still holds four school records at Northwood and two GLIAC Championship records.

PAVLA MELICHAROVA

Volleyball

1992-96

Pavla Melicharova is the all-time leader in kills at the NCAA Division II level, finishing with 2,676 in her four-year career. Melicharova led the country in kills per game all four years she competed. She is the Timberwolves' all-time leader in seven different categories, including kills, attack percentage and digs. Melicharova was a two-time All-American and a three-time First Team All-GLIAC honoree. Her 6.52 kills per game in 1993 is the third-highest season mark in Division II history. She was a member of the NCAA Regional Finalist team in 1996 that went 29-7 overall.

JERRY PETTWAY

Men's Basketball

1963-67

Jerry Pettway is Northwood's all-time leading scorer (2,471) and rebounder (1,370). He finished his career with averages of 30.9 points and 17.1 rebounds per game. Despite averaging just 20 games per season, Pettway currently has 511 more points and 384 for rebounds than any other player in school history. Pettway owns three of the top nine single-season point totals in school history. A member of the Michigan District NAIA All Star team in 1966-67, Pettway went on to play professionally for the Houston Mavericks of the ABA.

R. GARY STAUFFER

Founder – Northwood University

R. Gary Stauffer was not only a co-founder of Northwood University, he was the "Father of Northwood Athletics." Stauffer was the driving force behind the athletic programs at Northwood and served as the first basketball coach in program history. Stauffer's vision in the formative years of Northwood allowed the athletic department to develop competitive programs at the league, regional, and national levels.

Questions about the event should be directed to Dave Marsh, Associate Athletic Director – (989) 837-4389 or dmarsh@northwood.edu.