



EAST SUBURBAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Athletics

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MARIST • NAZARETH • NOTRE DAME • PROVIDENCE • ST. PATRICK • ST. VIATOR**

ESCC Hall of Fame to induct nine on April 10

A trio of coaching legends will highlight an impressive group of nine to be inducted as the ninth Hall of Fame Class for the East Suburban Catholic Conference, which has its annual banquet scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at Crystal Sky Banquet Hall in McCook, Ill. Benet golf coach Dan Nagis, Redwing women's basketball coach Peter Paul and Saint Viator golf coach Jack Halpin lead the sterling list of inductees that also includes four former IHSA state champions.

Nagis has spent 33 of his 44 years at Benet as head boys golf coach, leading the Redwings to nine ESCC titles and four trips to the IHSA state finals. As head girls basketball coach at Benet for 29 years (45 years overall), Paul has guided squads to five ESCC crowns, 18 IHSA regionals titles and four IHSA Sectional championships. Three consecutive IHSA titles (2007-09) highlight Halpin's 16-year boys golf reign at Saint Viator, a career that has also produced eight ESCC titles, six regional and four sectional championships.

Marist will be represented by 1982 IHSA shot put and discus state champion Gary Kostrubala and 1983 138-pound IHSA wrestling state champion Tony Evensen. A pair of contributors to Carmel Catholic's 2003 IHSA football state champion will be inducted, including eventual Big 10 athletes Jack Simmons and Mark Venegoni.

The 2014 class will be rounded out by former Marian Catholic basketball standout Adam Savick, who was a three-year all-conference selection at Illinois Institute of Technology, and John Dacey, longtime women's basketball officials' assignor for the ESCC.

Tickets reservations (\$50) for the 7 p.m. dinner (6 p.m. reception) on April 10 may be made through any of the ESCC school athletic departments and more information and history are also available on the ESCC web site at www.eastsuburbancc.com.

The 1994 Joliet Catholic Academy baseball state championship team, 2004 Joliet Catholic football state champions and 2004 Notre Dame baseball state champions will be recognized at the April 10 event as well. The ninth ESCC Hall of Fame class brings the number of current inductees to 95, representing 10 of the current 12 member schools and former members Holy Cross and Saint Joseph.

More information about the ESCC Hall of Fame or induction dinner may be obtained by contacting Chair Mike Hennessey, Notre Dame High School Athletic Director, at 847-779-8652.