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### ***Northeast-10 Inducts 16 Members and the 1994 Merrimack Softball Team Into Second-Annual Hall of Fame and Awards Ceremony***

**South Easton, Mass.** – The Northeast-10 Conference inducted new members into the Northeast-10 Hall of Fame last night at the Colonnade Hotel in Boston, Mass. The 16 new members of the 2007 class of the Northeast-10 Hall of Fame, along with the 1994 Merrimack Softball team were honored at this year's second annual Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Ceremony.

The 2007 induction class included 14 student-athletes, an administrator, a coach and one team. All 16 inductees were chosen by a vote of the Northeast-10 Hall of Fame committee. Wendi Nix of ESPN Inc., a Boston based bureau reporter for ESPN, was the master of ceremonies.

The former student athletes include: Drew Adderly (Basketball: 1988-1992) of Assumption College, Maria Bras-Benitez (Volleyball: 1991-1995) of Bryant University, Jen Bunce (Field Hockey: 1996-1999) of Bentley College, David French (Golf: 1985-1989) of Bryant, Juana Garcia (Basketball: 1992-1996) of American International College, James Hector (Basketball: 1990-1994) of American International, Michael Hill (Baseball: 1993-1997) of Bentley, Lucas Jaramillo (Soccer: 1992-1996) of Bentley, Stephanie Martin (Soccer & Softball: 1996-2000) of Assumption, Carolyn McGowan (Softball: 1995-1999) of American International, Gary Mello (Cross Country: 1997-2001) of Bentley, Mary Naughton (Basketball: 1985-1989) of Stonehill College, Sue Plante (Soccer: 1986-1990) of Merrimack College, Hassan Robinson (Basketball & Baseball: 1991-1995) of Springfield College.

Other inductees include Donna Guimont, who was inducted for her service as the Saint Anselm Women's Basketball Head Coach. Guimont currently serves as the Associate Athletic Director at Saint Anselm. Ed Markey, a former administrator at Saint Michael's was also inducted.

In addition, the 1994 Merrimack Softball team was inducted for their accomplishments on the field during that magical season in 1994. The Warriors put the Northeast-10 on the map, winning the conference's first-ever National Championship. These 16 players sparked the national recognition of the Northeast-10.

The Northeast-10 also recognized Assumption College senior tennis player Matt Stopp and Saint Michael's College senior softball player Meggan Roberge as they were named the 2006-2007 Northeast-10 Scholar-Athletes of the Year as selected by the Northeast-10 Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) Council.

Finally, the conference acknowledged Bryant University and presented the Bulldogs with the 2007 Northeast-10 President's Cup. The Presidents' Cup is presented annually to signify overall athletic excellence in the Northeast-10 Conference and is awarded to the institution that compiles the most points based on the placement at the conclusion of the regular season of each of its programs which compete in league championships.

The Northeast-10 is one of the largest and is the most diverse NCAA Division II playing conference in the nation. It sponsors 23 championship sports including baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's cross country, women's cross country, football, field hockey, men's golf, men's ice hockey, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, men's indoor track and field, women's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field, men's tennis, women's tennis, softball, women's volleyball, men's swimming and diving, and women's swimming and diving

Full Members of the Northeast-10 include American International College, Assumption College, Bentley College, Bryant University, Franklin Pierce College, Le Moyne College, The University of Massachusetts Lowell, Merrimack College, Pace University, Saint Anselm College, Saint Michael's College, The College of Saint Rose, Southern Connecticut State University, Southern New Hampshire University, and Stonehill College.

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