

Friends of Wellesley College Athletics Awards



Friends of Wellesley College Athletics Honor Award

Established in 1989, this award is given to those individuals who have rendered outstanding service and support to sports at Wellesley College. Each FOWCA Honor Award Winner has made contributions to Wellesley Athletics in her/his own unique way. **2006-07 Recipient: Mindy Mangels.**

Mindy Mangels is the Associate Director of Athletics and has been at the College since 2001. In addition to serving as PERA's FOWCA liaison and compliance and eligibility coordinator during the last six years, Mindy has been both a liaison to and leader in NEWMAC sports and other conference steering groups. She also oversees Wellesley's student-athlete related issues, including serving as the SAAC liaison and an Event Manager. But Mindy's commitment to student-athletes goes beyond the fulfillment of her administrative duties - she has repeatedly and willingly stepped in to do whatever needs done to make each student's athletic experience a positive one.

Past Recipients of the Honor Award include:

- * Nancy Faunce '77 (National Committee) – 2002
- * Martha Goldberg Aronson '89 (National Committee) - 2001
- * Donna Drvaric '77 (National Committee) – 2000
- * Catherine Chuday Feddersen '84 (National Committee) – 2000
- * Tom Hodge (Faculty Friends of Wellesley College Athletics) – 2000
- * Jonathan Knudsen (Faculty Friends of Wellesley College Athletics) – 2000, posthumously
- * Ann Batchelder (PERA faculty) - 1999
- * Joe Twichell (parent, National Committee) – 1999
- * Ken and Helen Sebesta (parents, National Committee) - 1998
- * Lisa Crosby Bonner '85 (National Committee) - 1997
- * Nancy Anderson Brown '74 (National Committee) – 1997
- * David B. Pillemer (Faculty Friends of Wellesley College Athletics) – 1997
- * Melissa Gilbert '95 (sports announcer and avid fan) – 1996
- * Joy Renjilian-Burgy and Elena Gascon-Vera (founding members of Faculty Friends of Wellesley College Athletics) – 1996
- * Wellesley College Swim Team (team spirit) – 1996
- * Dr. Karl E. "Chip" Case (faculty) – 1995
- * Keri Jains Riker '94 (student) - 1995
- * Eugenia Seabury Ware '74 (National Committee) - 1995
- * William E. Merlini (parent) - 1994
- * Winnefrid Rogers (employee) - 1994

- * Claudine B. Malone (National Committee) – 1994
- * Lauri L. Wardell (faculty) – 1994
- * Nancy Angell Streeter '50 (Trustee Cochair, Committee for Sports Center) – 1993
- * Dale Rogers Marshall (Dean) - 1993
- * Mary Ellen Crawford Ames '40 (National Committee) - 1992
- * Janice Lane Hunt '52 (National Committee) - 1992
- * Mary Eliza Turner McDaniel '40 (National Committee) - 1992
- * Maryanne Miller (employee, fan) - 1992
- * Elinor D. Ripley '59 (National Committee) - 1992
- * Peter Roth (parent, National Committee) - 1992

Friends of Wellesley College Athletics Exceptional Service Award

This award for very exceptional service to and in support of women's sports at Wellesley College was established in 1989. It is considered on a case-by-case basis. Potential recipients could be corporate sponsors, Wellesley alumnae, and/or individuals who have made an exceptional contribution (not necessarily monetary) **2006-07 Recipient: Diana Chapman Walsh**

Throughout her tenure at Wellesley, **Diana Chapman Walsh** promoted PERA and the student-athletes through a number of major initiatives and projects. She added golf and softball to the list of varsity sports at Wellesley, while overseeing the reinstatement of the varsity squash team. Thanks to Diana's field project-environmental clean-up, the young sports were welcomed in style with four new fields and an outdoor track, freeing the old fields for recreational use. Diana's commitment to athletics is highlighted by the Blue's many accomplishments during her time at the college, including 64 Seven Sisters Championships, 40 NEWMAC Championships, 21 team NCAA appearances, 30 individual NCAA appearances and numerous Scholar-Athletes, All-Conference qualifiers and All-Americans.

Most importantly, Diana demonstrated her enthusiasm for the students and the department time and again through her presence at events such as employee recognition, sports banquets and recognitions, hoop rolling (won this year by swimmer R.C. Saint-Amour) and countless athletic events. Diana threw the inaugural pitch for the softball team and she paddled out on Lake Waban in the early morning to watch class crew compete. She painted her face at the NCAA volleyball game and paid the NCAA required ticket fee for any student who wanted to attend. Without missing a beat, Diana has supported PERA and the student-athletes in all of her actions.

Past Recipients of the Exceptional Service Award include:

- * Claudine B. Malone '63, former Friends of Athletics National Committee member (2002)
- * Marcia Burick '62, former Co-Chair of Friends of Wellesley College Athletics (1997)
- * Betty Spears (1996)
- * Katherine Curtis Rigler '61, former Co-Chair of Friends of Wellesley College Athletics (1994)
- * Barbara Barnes Hauptfuhrer '49 (1993)
- * Nannerl O. Keohane '61, former President of Wellesley College (1992)
- * Linda Vaughan, former Director of Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics (1990)