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**INTERNATIONAL VB HOF MEMBERS, OLYMPIANS, NCAA
CHAMPS HIGHLIGHT 2020 SCIVBHOF INDUCTION CLASS FOR
MAY 3**

The 2020 Southern California Indoor Volleyball Hall of Fame (SCIVBHOF) induction class includes 12 individuals that cover the first USA Olympic Team (**Jane Ward**) to the last NCAA men's volleyball championship (**Alan Knipe**). They will be honored at the fourth induction banquet/charity auction on Sunday night, May 3 at Anaheim's Highway 39 Event Center. There are International Volleyball and AVCA Hall of Fame members and names that are legends in the sport. Headlining are 1964 & 68 Olympian **Jane Ward**, triple USA All-Era team member **Manny Saenz** and NCAA champion as a player and coach as well as 2012 USA Olympic Coach **Alan Knipe** from Long Beach State.

Other inductees include a rare USA indoor and beach Olympian and NCAA championship player **Jeff Nygaard**, who is currently the USC men's head coach and 1968 Olympic starting setter and San Diego State men's coach for its only NCAA school title, **Jack Henn**. More include Henn's SDSU star player and also NCAA championship coach **Duncan McFarland**, plus NCAA champion and 1988 Olympic Gold Medalist **Troy Tanner**, who coached Kerri Walsh-Jennings and Misty May-Treanor to Olympic Gold on the beach in 2008. Add in retired Long Beach State women's coach **Dixie Grimmett**, who coached the first unbeaten team in collegiate history.

Completing the SCIVBHOF lineup are USA National Team standout, UCLA All-American and coach for over 400 college wins, **Terry Condon**, plus the 'father of USC men's volleyball' and two-time NCAA championship coach **Ernie Hix**. Two-time Olympian, Hawaii All-American and College Player of the Year **Tee Williams-Slacanin** is joined for induction with NCAA champion, Olympic Coach and from one of the first families of volleyball, **Gary Sato**. The two SCIVBHOF Lifetime award winners being honored are UC Riverside NCAA championship coach **Sue Gozansky** and Orange County Club champion legend **Charlie Brande**.

“We are excited to have such a historical and unique group of honorees for 2020,” said Mike Gallups, President of the SCIVBHOF. “To have players from the 1940s to the 2000s and a wide range of Olympians to national collegiate champions, makes for another great class of inductees on May 3.”

Here is the list of 2020 inductees & the SCIVBHOF Lifetime Service winners.

Terry Condon

Dixie Grimmett

Jack Henn

**Ernie Hix
McFarland**

Alan Knipe

Duncan

Jeff Nygaard

Manuel Saenz

Gary Sato

Troy Tanner

Jane Ward

Tee Williams-Slacanin

Charlie Brande (Lifetime Service)

Sue Gozansky (Lifetime Service)

International Hall of Fame members in SCIVBHOF (26): Andy Banachowski, Mike Bright, Patty Bright, Craig Buck, Tara Cross-Battle, Bob Ctvrlík, Col. Edward DeGroot, Marv Dunphy, Dusty Dvorak, Rolf Engen, Jean Gaertner, Debbie Green, Kathy Gregory, Flo Hyman, Karch Kiraly, Ron Lang, Misty May-Treanor, Michael O’Hara, Larry Rundle, Al Scates, Gene Selznick, Sinjin Smith, Jeff Stork, Steve Timmons, **Jane Ward**, Paula Weishoff.

AVCA Hall of Fame members in SCIVBHOF (15): Andy Banachowski, Deitre Collins-Parker, **Terry Condon**, Marv Dunphy, Brian Gimmillaro, **Sue Gozansky**, Debbie Green, **Dixie Grimmett**, Mick Haley, Karch Kiraly, Debbie Landreth Brown, Liz Masakayan, Nina Matthies, Al Scates, Rudy Suwara,

“The 2020 SCIVBHOF class and lifetime selections represent volleyball history from the international and Olympic aspects to the college game and go back to the origins of USA men’s and women’s volleyball,” said Michael Sondheimer, SCIVBHOF Executive Director. “The committee’s job gets tougher each year with less spots available, but 14 selected for recognition are well deserved.”

2020 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INDOOR VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME (SCIVBHOF) BIOGRAPHIES FOR INDUCTEES/LIFETIME

Terry Condon: She had an outstanding volleyball career as a top player, coach

and administrator. She played as a setter-hitter for the USA National team throughout the 1970s. She was named a seven-time First Team All-American, two-time Second Team All-American and was the USVBA Player of the Year in 1971. The 6-footer played on the 1970 USA World Championship team as well as the 1971 and 1975 Pan American Games teams. At UCLA, she had an 89-12 playing record, which included a pair of national titles in 1974 and 1975 and a national runner-up finish in 1976. Named to the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992, she was also honored as one of the 25 greatest players in Bruin history. Her playing accomplishments were recognized by selection to the USA Volleyball 75th Anniversary Women's 'All- Era' Team (1949-77) and her honor as an 'All-Time Great Female Player' by the USAV in 1983. She was a Bruin assistant coach to SCIVBHOF member Andy Banachowski for many years and head coach at Cal State Bakersfield, Texas A & M, and U Mass-Boston, winning over 400 college matches. She also did athletic administration around coaching. Condon was inducted into the AVCA Hall of Fame in 2015.

Dixie Grimmett: She became the Long Beach State women's VB head coach in 1971 after being at the university since 1964. She coached the 49ers to consecutive AIAW Titles in 1972 and 1973 in her first two seasons. She was AIAW national coach of the year for 1972- 1973 when the Beach in 1972 became the first undefeated team (32-0) in men's or women's collegiate volleyball history. She won 250 matches in a career which lasted until 1984 and was inducted into the Long Beach State Athletic HOF in the same year. She coached the USA World University Games team in 1975. Grimmett was inducted into the charter class of the AVCA Hall of Fame in 2003. She was part of CSULB for 45 years as coach, then a professor in the Kinesiology Department and finally as an administrator before retiring in 2010. She is currently living in Utah taking care of her 106 year-old mother.

Jack Henn: He was raised in Mission Hills and went to San Diego HS as a basketball player before turning to indoor volleyball in the early 1960s. In 1968 he was the starting setter for the USA Olympic team in Mexico City team which finished 7

th after being an Olympic alternate in 1964. He started the San Diego State men's VB program in 1966 as a graduate player and won USVBA 'Small Schools Title' then. He led the Aztecs to the school's only NCAA title in 1973 beating Long Beach in finals before biggest crowd in college history after being runner-up in 1972. In 1974 he had the courage to put SCIVBHOF member Laurel Brassey Iversen on the men's team despite objections by the Athletic Director and was let go as coach after the season. He was brought back in 1995 and coached the women for six more years for his alma mater. He was given the USAV Tom Haine 'All-Time Great Player' award in 2011. He is in the San Diego Sports Association Hall of Fame.

Ernie Hix (Deceased in 2016): Ernie is known as 'The father of USC Men's Volleyball' and the person most influential in making the sport nationally successful for the Trojans. He coached USC to their first two NCAA Titles in 1977 and 1980 and was NCAA runner-up in 1979 and 81 in the best four year stretch in school history before retiring. Hix attended USC as a basketball player in the 1950s after playing twice in the LA City finals at Hollywood HS. He started at USC volleyball in the early 1970s as assistant coach and became head coach in 1974, which began the national rise. He not only coached numerous All-Americans, but raised the necessary funds so the program would have the full NCAA scholarship allotment necessary to win. He brought in SCIVBHOF member Bob Yoder as his successor, who continued the NCAA success.. Hix had a 138-49 (.738) record in 7 seasons (1974-81). His former players and coaches remember him yearly at 'the Ernie Event' on the Trojan campus. He passed away on June 5, 2016.

Alan Knipe: Perhaps the most successful current NCAA men's collegiate coach, Knipe has guided Long Beach State, his alma mater, to its second and third NCAA titles in 2018 and 2019. He has made 4 straight trips to NCAA Volley Four. He has made 6 overall NCAA appearance as head coach, with a loss in the finals in 2004 in 5 sets and semi-finals losses in 2008, 2016, 2017 and a 3-time AVCA Coach of the Year and has won 334 matches in 16 seasons. He was the LBS starting middle blocker and leading NCAA final match hitter on school's first title team in 1991 and was All-Tournament. He started on the 1990 NCAA runner-up team. In 2018 he became the fourth in men's history to win titles as player and head coach—Rod Wilde, Bob Yoder, John Speraw) and 5

th coach to ever win 2 straight NCAA titles in 2019. The 6-5 Knip played two-years for the USA National Team. He was Head Coach for the 2012 USA Olympic Team in London which finished 5th. He also coached Golden West to 1995 JC State title. He was a standout prep player at OC's Marina HS.. He was inducted in 2011 to the LBS HOF. His son is a freshman setter at LBS.

Duncan McFarland: He is perhaps the greatest all-around player to attend San Diego State after starting his volleyball career at Mira Costa HS in the South Bay. At San Diego State he was NCAA Tournament MVP in leading the Aztecs to the 1973 NCAA title while playing for also SCIVBHOF inductee Jack Henn. Duncan skipped the 1972 season trying to qualify for the Olympics and led his USVBA Team to the National Championship. He won three USVBA titles and was a multi-time All-American. The 6-5 McFarland was a key member of the USA National Team from 1969-1975 and part of 1972, 76 teams that just missed qualifying for Olympics. He won a silver medal at the 1971 Pan-American Games and also played three years in the IVA professional league after college before turning to coaching. He won a NCAA Division III women's title coaching at UC San Diego in 1997 after previously being the long-time men's coach there. He also coached at his alma mater before the SDSU program was eliminated. He was selected for the USA 'All-Time Great Player' award in 2015. He is a member of the San Diego State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jeff Nygaard: Nygaard came to UCLA from Wisconsin and became a college star after redshirting his first season. He was the National Freshman of the Year in 1992 playing for SCIVBHOF member Al Scates. He was a two-time VB Mag collegiate MVP (the first to win back to back awards in 1994, 95) and three-time All-American. He won NCAA titles in 1993 (set NCAA record with .867 hitting percentage, while being co-NCAA MVP) and 1995 (finished with school record 123 aces while being named NCAA MVP). The 6-8 Nygaard then became a 3-time Olympian, the first two indoors (1996, 2000) and a rare beach volleyball Olympian after indoors (2004, teaming with Dain Blanton). After retiring, Nygaard went into coaching, first volunteering at USC, then moving to USC as an assistant before being named the head coach in 2015. He led the 2019 Trojans to the NCAA Tournament. He has also been working with the USA National team program. The 6-8 Nygaard played 10 years on the pro beach tour and was AVP MVP and won 7 tournaments. He was named to the Pac-12 All-Century

team in 2016 and has been inducted into the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame.

Manuel ‘Manny’ Saenz (Deceased 2000): In 1955 Saenz was voted by the Helms Athletic Foundation as Los Angeles County’s volleyball ‘Player of the Half Century’ for both his indoor and beach successes. He was the only Male Player to be recognized. He was the 5-6 setter for the Hollywood YMCA in the 1940s and into the 1950s and won 5 USVBA National Championships and was a 8-time All-American. USA Volleyball selected him to the ‘All Era’ team as an Indoor Player, Beach Player, and as a Coach, the first time in history a person was on three era teams. He dominated beach game in the 1940s and 50s playing primarily with Bernie Holtzman. He was Selected for the USA ‘All-Time Great Player’ award in 1976. Considered as the first great coach of female players, he led the Santa Monica Mariners women’s team to 6 straight USVBA titles from 1955-60. He coached the USA Women to second place at 1959 Pan-American Games. He was inducted into the CBVA Beach VB HOF in 2005. In 2006 he was named a USA Volleyball ‘All-Time Great Coach’ in the Pioneer Division. He was deceased in 2000.

Gary Sato: The current USC Men’s Volleyball Assistant Coach was a three-time USA Olympic Men’s Assistant (1988, 1992, 2012) after starting his playing career at Santa Monica HS and Santa Monica College. He then moved on to UC Santa Barbara, where he was an All-American outside hitter at 5-6. He was an assistant coach on Pepperdine’s 1978 and 2005 NCAA men’s title teams for SCIVBHOF honoree Marv Dunphy. He was the head coach of Pepperdine’s women’s team for 4 years (1979-82), making the tournament. He spent 2013 as the head coach of the Japan men’s national team before moving to USC. He has been with the USA program, including head coach for the 1985 USA World Cup title team when Dunphy was on leave. He has been inducted into the Santa Monica HS, Pepperdine Athletics, California Community College Sports and Santa Monica College Sports Halls of Fame. He is a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine and has his own practice, Sato Chiropractic. He is the founder of the Gary Sato Volleyball Clinics/Grow the Game and president of the Association of Beach Volleyball Coaches. His mother Elise, and siblings Liane & Eric are in the SCIVBHOF.

Troy Tanner: Troy played as the setter-outside hitter in Pepperdine’s 6-2 two hitter system and helped lead the Waves to the 1985 and 1986 NCAA titles, after

being runner-up to UCLA in 1983. He earned multi-time All-American honors after starting his volleyball career at Los Altos HS in Hacienda Heights. He then went to the USA National Team and won a 1988 Seoul Olympic Games Gold Medal as an outside hitter after taking a silver medal at the 1986 Goodwill Games. After retiring he became a club girls head coach and also head coach for Pepperdine women's team while also coaching the beach game. While earning a Master's degree he helped assist the BYU men to two NCAA titles. The 6-4 Tanner was the beach coach for Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor when they compiled a 76-1 record and won the 2008 Beijing Olympic Gold Medal. He is the owner and founder of TStreet Club volleyball and specializes in elite beach coaching. He is a member of the Pepperdine Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jane Ward: Jane moved to Southern California in the early 1950s after growing up in Buffalo. She was the most dominant female player of her era from 1954-1968. She was a 5-7 outside hitter, who also set, and led her USVBA teams to 13 national championships, winning All-American honors each year and was USVBA MVP five times. She played primarily for the Long Beach Ahern Shamrocks. She started on the 1964 Tokyo and 1968 Mexico City Olympic Teams, after starting in the 1956 and 1960 World Championships. She also competed in the Pan-Am Games in 1955, 1959, 1963 (silver medals) and won the gold medal in 1967. She was head coach at Cabrillo College in Santa Cruz from 1969-78 (winning the State Title in 1978) and inducted into their HOF. She was also the successful head coach at San Jose State in the AIAW era. In 1969 she won the USVBA 'All-Time Great Player' award. She was inducted into the International Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1988.

Tonya 'Tee' Williams Slacanin: Tee is from Lakewood area St. Joseph's HS where she won the CIF title and was Player of the Year. She then went to Hawaii and was a three-time All-American leading Hawaii to the 1987 NCAA title and 1988 NCAA runner-up spot and a 99-8 three-year record. She was the 1987 NCAA Player of the Year and the Co-Player of the Year in 1989 with SCIVBHOF member Tara Cross-Battle. She started with the USA National Team in 1990 and won a bronze medal with the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Team and competed with the USA in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. During her six years with the USA team she won medals at the World Championships and FIVB Championships. She played overseas for another eight years before retiring. She made the NCAA first All-Decade Team with her dominating hitting. She was inducted into the Hawaii Athletic HOF in 1998. She is the mother to three

children and lives in Germany.

SCIVBHOF LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD WINNERS:

Charlie Brande: Charlie is a coaching and administrative club legend for both the Orange County girls and Balboa Bay Club boys' volleyball teams. Brande has primarily spent his 40-year plus coaching career in Orange County, coaching both boys and girls on the club and high school levels, including both Newport Harbor and Corona Del Mar. He also was the head coach for both the UC Irvine men's and women's teams. Numerous Brande players have received college scholarships and he has coached many Olympians and USA National Team members. Brande has been the administrator or coach for 35 club championships over the past 40 years. While the UCI head coach, he won both MPSF (men) and Big West (women) Coach of the Year honors. He coached at both Hawaii for Dave Shoji and UCLA for Andy Banachowski in the early 1980s. Over 200 of the OC/Balboa Bay club's male and female players have earned college volleyball team spots. He won two CIF boys and two CIF girls titles and one state title.

Sue Gozansky: Sue was a former USA national team player and the Hall of Fame coach at UC Riverside where she won three NCAA titles. Gozansky was a six-sport star at Cal Poly Pomona before finishing a master's degree at UCLA around traveling with the USA National team. She put UC Riverside on the map during her 39 years of volleyball coaching, which included winning the championships and 674 matches. She led UCR to 20 straight NCAA berths and was always a NCAA title contender throughout the 1980s and 90s in winning the three NCAA titles. She was inducted into both the UC Riverside and Cal Poly Pomona Athletic Halls of Fame as well as the AVCA and Southern California Jewish Sports Halls of Fame. Gozansky, who in recent years was a volunteer volleyball assistant at Claremont High School after retiring from college coaching, has coached the USA in numerous internationally competitions. She also coached in the Olympic Sports Festival. The author of two books also coached four times in the Maccabiah Games in Israel. She was inducted in 2016 into the Riverside County Sports Hall of Fame.

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