

## Women's Basketball Hall of Fame

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## THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2024 INDUCTEES

## Four Players, Two Coaches, and One Contributor Compromise 25th Anniversary Class

Knoxville (TN) – The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the only female-only basketball hall of fame recognizing the national and international game, has announced its' Class of 2024.

"We are thrilled to pay tribute to seven pioneers and legends of this great game," said Dana Hart, President of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. "Seimone Augustus, Rita Gail Easterling, Taj McWilliams Franklin, Maya Moore, Violet Palmer, Sue Phillips, and Roonie Scovel are a stellar group. We celebrate them as the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame commemorates its' 25th anniversary."

The Hall of Fame will also recognize Cheyney University as the recipient of the "Trailblazer of the Game" award. The "Lady Wolves" of Cheyney State College (now Cheyney University) is the only Historically Black College and University (HBCU) to have won a women's or NCAA Division I Basketball Conference/Regional Championship. It is also the first to have an all-African-American Coaching staff, led by Hall of Famer C. Vivian Stringer.

The "For the Love of the Game" award will be presented to the Afghan Resettlement Program, a group of 13 coaches and players from Afghanistan. These young, brave, and courageous women's basketball players embody the "For the Love of the Game" mantra, as they have risked their lives, leaving their families behind in Afghanistan in pursuit of the freedom to play basketball without fear of imprisonment, torture, or death.

The Tennessee Theater will host the induction ceremony on April 27, 2024, at 5:30 PM. Each recipient will receive the Berenson Trophy, named after Sendra Berenson, who is considered to be the Mother of Women's Basketball. Smith College sponsors the Berenson Trophy.

Tickets to the 2024 Induction Ceremony will go on sale December 1, 2023 at www.tennesseetheatre.com

**About the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame:** Discover the past, present and future of women's basketball at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the world's only hall of fame dedicated solely to the accomplishments of women's basketball.

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