



## BAYMONT HOTEL TO BE HOOP HISTORIANS FINAL FOUR HEADQUARTERS



The downtown setting of the Baymont Inn & Suites, 175 Piedmont Road NE in downtown Atlanta, will provide an excellent location for the Hoop Historians official headquarters during the Final Four activities this year. The hotel is located eight blocks away from the Georgia Dome and Convention Center. More info on the Final Four activities will be published in future *Hoop Historians News*.

## MEDIA LEGENDS RECOGNIZED AT PREP HOOP EVENT



*Joe Spagnolo (fourth from left) awards Illinois high school media members at the Proviso West Holiday Tournament.*

Proviso West Holiday Tournament Executive Director Joe Spagnolo presented media lifetime achievement awards to four selected members of the Illinois press corps who were instrumental in the promotion and advancement of the historic annual high school hoop event. A review of the award winners and tournament information can be found at the tournament website:

[www.pwhoops.com/Release120306.htm](http://www.pwhoops.com/Release120306.htm)

## FRIEND OF HOOP HISTORIANS CHOSEN FOR HALL OF FAME

Kevin McCann has been involved in basketball for his entire life. Kevin's Dad, John, was Sports Information Director at DePaul University during the fifties, sixties and seventies. Kevin started selling programs there at age eight and attended Ray Meyer's Basketball Camp in the sixties. While in high school, Kevin worked on the Stat Crew at DePaul and learned much about the importance of statistics in basketball. While attending the university as a student basketball manager, McCann became the school's official timer – a position he has remained in for the last 36 years! Kevin was also a basketball official for many years before becoming principal at Jamieson School in 1991. For his accomplishments to the game, McCann will be inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame this spring as a Friend of Basketball. Kevin has attended 16 Mens' Final Fours and will take in his first ever Womens' Final Four this year with his three daughters. Congratulations Kevin!



*Kevin McCann has the best seat in the house for DePaul home games*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM THE  
HOOP HISTORIANS**

## KEEPING ON PAR IN THE RETIREMENT CIRCUIT



Fellow Hoop Historian Frank Wilson had an awesome golf outing a few weeks ago at Industry Hills in La Puente, CA. His golf partner received four free rounds of golf from a friend and their foursome was completed by another friend who had just purchased a Cadillac limo from a private party in Beverly Hills.

## STEVE BENNETT: WORLD TRAVELER

The basketball season is underway for Coach Steve Bennett and the Savanna Rebels, and the team is looking to have another great year, as they have started the season winning six of their first eight games. The Bennett family had a great off season as well, vacationing in Europe this past summer. They spent six weeks in England and Ireland and Steve and wife Vaishali spent their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Paris.

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