



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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HOOP HISTORIANS NAME FINAL 4 HEADQUARTERS



As the Final Four returns to a familiar place in Indianapolis, the Hoop Historians will return to a familiar hotel to make as their 2015 Final Four Headquarters in April. The **Comfort Suites City Centre**, 515 S. West Street in Indianapolis, will host many of the Hoop Historians activities during Final Four week and will be the site of the Annual Business Meeting. Many Hoop Historians selected the Comfort Suites as their hotel of choice while staying in the Circle City for the 2010 Final Four.



ABOVE: The Comfort Suites City Centre is about 500 feet from the entrance to the Lucas Oil Stadium, site of the Final Four.

HOOP HISTORIANS PLAN WELCOME DINNER 2015

Be sure to mark your calendars as the Hoop Historians Annual Welcome Dinner will again be the can't miss event of Final Four week. This year's Welcome Dinner will be held at **The Old Spaghetti Factory**, 210 South Meridian Street in downtown Indianapolis on

Friday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. The last time the Hoop Historians met for the Welcome Dinner in Indianapolis, a record number 43 people attended.



FUTURE FINAL FOUR SITES ANNOUNCED THRU 2021



Travel plans for the next few years can start to take shape, as the NCAA announced locations for the Final Four from 2017 through 2021. Joining Indianapolis in 2015 and Houston in 2016 are five cities that the Hoop Historians plan to visit each April. Becoming the first city west of the Rockies since 1995 to host a Final Four, **Phoenix** will secure its first Final Four in 2017. Games will be played at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. A favorite of just about everyone, **San Antonio** returns to the rotation as the 2018 Final Four host. The Alamo City held the event three times from 1998-2008. Chilly **Minneapolis** gets the nod for 2019 in its soon-to-be-built one billion dollar Vikings Stadium. The Twin Cities was also awarded the Super Bowl in 2018 and will be hosting the Final Four for their fourth time. Completing a perfect geographical balance, **Atlanta** wins the bid for 2020. The Final Four was held in the Big Peach on four other times and will be played at the New Atlanta Stadium, a 1.2 billion dollar retractable roof facility. The home city of the NCAA offices, **Indianapolis**, was awarded the 2021 event. Since 1991 Indy has been home to the Final Four seven times, and never missed holding a tournament final within more than a six year span.

FUTURE FINAL FOUR SITES

The Road to the Final Four Ends Here

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| 2015 Indianapolis | 2019 Minneapolis |
| 2016 Houston | 2020 Atlanta |
| 2017 Phoenix | 2021 Indianapolis |
| 2018 San Antonio | |

HOOP HISTORIAN EXCITED FOR THE NEW SEASON

The start of the basketball season is always an exciting time for all followers of the game, but it is an especially fun time for one of the Honorary members of the Hoop Historians. **Jim Harrick**, has been through more than 60 season openers and appears to enjoy each new one as much as those from the past. Harrick was featured in a recent Los Angeles Times article. The Hall of Fame coach won nearly 500 games at the NCAA Division I level and captured the 1995 National Championship while coaching at UCLA. Jim was a charter member of the honorary induction class of the Hoop Historians in 2010, and still exhibits his youthful enthusiasm anywhere near the basketball court. The full feature article can be found at: www.hoophistorians.com/la-times-jim-harrick.htm



The Mission of the Hoop Historians is sharing its past experiences of our members to promote the great game of basketball through education and goodwill.

BACK HOME AGAIN



APRIL 4 & 6