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2016 NFHCA Hall of Fame Profile: Gina Buggy

CHANDLER, Ariz. – As a player, coach and administrator, Gina Buggy has known nothing but success in her career.

Buggy will be formally inducted into the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Hall of Fame on January 5. The induction ceremony will be part of the 2017 NFHCA Annual Convention held from January 4-6 at Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club in Naples, Florida.

Buggy's accomplishments on the field began at a young age as a three-sport athlete in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse at Plymouth-Whitemarsh (Pennsylvania) High School. She earned first-team All-Suburban honors in all three sports, and was both the co-captain and Most Valuable Player in field hockey.

Buggy went on to play collegiately at Ursinus College where she was a four-year starter in both field hockey and lacrosse. She was the captain of each sport in 1981 and earned All-America status in both sports that season.

The collegiate success led Buggy to competition on the national level. After playing on the United States National Lacrosse Team from 1980-81, she competed for the U.S. National Field Hockey squad for four years from 1981-84. Buggy was a member of the World Cup Team which competed in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 1982 and was on the bronze medal-winning U.S. squad at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Buggy soon moved on to The Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania where she has led both the field hockey program and the athletic department as a whole to outstanding achievements in the last 30 years. She took over as the field hockey coach in 1986 and has led the program to 12 Inter-Ac championships. In the four-year existence of the Pennsylvania Independent School Athletic

Association State Championship, Buggy has led her squad to three championships and one runner-up finish.

But Buggy's legacy with athletic accomplishments at The Episcopal Academy goes far beyond her tenure as a coach. She has served as the school's Director of Athletics since 1993 and is the first and only female athletic director in The Boys' Inter-Ac Athletic League. Buggy is in charge of an athletics program that offers 30 varsity sports and has produced national, state and regional champions as well as both All-Americans and Academic All-Americans. Nearly one-third of the school's seniors are recruited to compete collegiately each season.

Buggy's induction to the NFHCA Hall of Fame comes after she also received the recognition from Plymouth-Whitemarsh and Ursinus and was inducted into the Montgomery Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. She was also named the Women's Sports Foundation Coach of the Year in 1995.