

## THE BAY AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCE 2025 INDUCTION CLASS:

## DR. HARRY EDWARDS, MIKE MONTGOMERY, ALEX MORGAN, JOE RUDI & ERIC WRIGHT

Enshrinement Dinner to Take Place at The Hyatt Regency Embarcadero on Thursday, May 15

The <u>Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame</u> (BASHOF) Class of 2025 Enshrinement Dinner, presented in part by KNBR 680 AM, will be held on Thursday, May 15 at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco. The exceptional Class of 2025 inductees include **Dr. Harry Edwards** (Distinguished), **Mike Montgomery** (Basketball), **Alex Morgan** (Soccer), **Joe Rudi** (Baseball) and **Eric Wright** (Football).

Tables for the induction ceremony, which includes a seated dinner, are now on sale now at <u>bashof.org</u>. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Special Olympics Northern California.

"The Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame class of 2025 represents a wide array of Bay Area sports history, and we are thrilled to welcome these legendary individuals," said **Mario Alioto**, Board Chair of BASHOF. "Each of these distinguished inductees has made a positive impact in their respective field and serve as a reminder of the long history and quality of athletes and distinguished contributors that have impacted our region."

The Class of 2025 showcases the rich lineage and generational impact the inductees have left on the Bay Area sports landscape and includes those who made their mark on and off the field in the 1960's, 1970's, 1980's and 2000's.

**Dr. Harry Edwards:** Human and civil rights icon and distinguished American sociologist; Two-sport athlete (basketball and track & field) at San José State University; Architect of the Olympic Project for Human Rights; Professor Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley; co-founder of the Institute of Study of Sport, Society and Social Change at San José State University; Staff Consultant San Francisco 49ers and Golden State Warriors.

**Mike Montgomery:** Esteemed Bay Area basketball head coach including Stanford University (1986-2004), University of California, Berkeley (2008-2014) and two seasons with the NBA's Golden State Warriors (2004-2006); Inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame (2016); Over his 32-year collegiate coaching career, Montgomery's teams made 16 NCAA Tournaments, captured six conference championships, and amassed nearly 700 victories. He also led Stanford to the NIT championship in 1991, and a Final Four appearance in 1998.

**Alex Morgan**: 2x FIFA Women's World Cup Champion (2015, 2019), 3X Olympian (Gold Medal 2012, Bronze Medal 2020); Ranks in the Top-10 all-time in USWNT appearances, goals and assists; 2x U.S. Soccer's Female Athlete of the Year (2012, 2018); NWSL Champion 2013 and WPS Champion 2011; UEFA Champions League (2016-17); University of California, Berkeley soccer (2007-2010).

**Joe Rudi:** 3x Oakland Athletics World Series Champion (1972, 1973, 1974); 3x MLB All-Star (1972, 1974, 1975); Most Valuable Player runner-up (1972, 1974); 3X Gold Glove (1974, 1975, 1976) Led AL in hits (1972); 1974 World Series-clinching home run in Game 5; Oakland Athletics Hall of Fame (2022); native of Modesto, CA.

**Eric Wright:** 4x San Francisco 49ers Super Bowl Champion (1981, 1984, 1988, 1989); NFL Pro Bowl (1984, 1985), First-Team All-Pro (1985); Second-Team All-Pro (1984); Led NFL with two touchdown interceptions and return yardage (164 yards) in 1983.

The Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded in 1979 by Lou Spadia, former president of the San Francisco 49ers. Spadia had long dreamed of a Hall of Fame to honor the Bay Area's athletic legends which simultaneously raised funds to help kids play sports.

The Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame, which is supported by its Champions Circle sponsors including the Golden State Warriors, San Francisco 49ers, San Francisco Giants, and San Jose Sharks, has previously enshrined 194 outstanding athletes and individuals and donated more than \$4 million to youth organizations in our local Bay Area communities.



Special Olympics Northern California (SONC) enriches the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities through sports, health, leadership and inclusive school programs. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization offers free year-round programming in 44 counties across Northern California, empowering athletes to be their best both on and off the field. More information is available at <u>SONC.org</u>.