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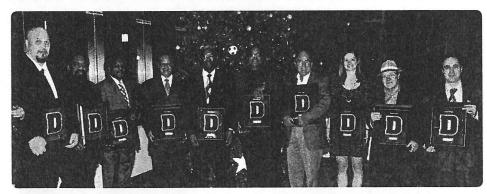
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Paul Hurley, a representative of the Conti family, presents the John Conti Award to Jermaine Jackson '99, center. At right is UDM Director of Athletics Robert C. Vowels, Jr.

## Former Horizon League Player of the Year receives John Conti Award

The University of Detroit Mercy Department of Athletics recognized alumnus and former Titan and professional basketball player Jermaine Jackson '99 with the 2014 prestigious John Conti Letterman of Distinction Award. A 2010 Detroit Titan Hall of Fame inductee and two-time All-Horizon League standout, Jackson earned four letters at UDM from 1995-99 and is 21st all-time in scoring with 1,341 career points. He is also fifth in University history with 504 assists and tenth in steals with 142.



#### Titans add athletes to Hall of Fame

The Department of Athletics inducted the 2014 Hall of Fame class in early December adding many Titan greats.

Inducted were former men's basketball head coach Perry Watson, women's cross country and track standout Kim Hemstreet '03 '04, men's soccer's Jorge Ferreira '99, women's soccer's Mary (Parker) Latham '83, men's basketball's and former NBA player Lee Knorek and women's basketball's Lisa Blackburn '82, along with the 1972 NCAA National Championship men's fencing team.

"The Hall of Fame Class of 2014 is an incredible group of honorees and they represented the University with determination, dedication, class and character in their respective roles," Director of Athletics Robert C. Vowels, Jr., said. "Each established a legacy that cannot be equaled."

Members of the 1972 NCAA Championship fencing squad, Ferreira, Latham, Watson and members of the Blackburn family were on hand at the Hall of Fame ceremony held at the Student Fitness Center. They were then honored on the court the next day during halftime of the men's basketball game against nationally ranked Wichita State.

Hemstreet could not make the banquet and ceremony, but was honored during half-time of the men's basketball game against Wright State in January.

With the addition of the seven inductees in the Class of 2014, the Detroit Titans Hall of Fame, established in 1977, has 122 individuals and teams.

#### **UDM to host 2018 NCAA Tournament**

University of Detroit Mercy along with Olympia Entertainment and the Detroit Sports Commission will host the NCAA first-and second-round games for the 2018 men's basketball tournament on March 16 and 18, at the new Red Wings arena planned in downtown Detroit.

#### Student-athletes honored

In January, the Detroit Titans Athletic Director's Honor Roll recognized 257 student-athletes for attaining a minimum 3.0 GPA during the 2014 academic year. The list includes student-athletes from every varsity sport as well as spirit group members, including the pep band, dance and cheer squad.

## Students use school break to help others

During spring break (Feb. 28-March 7), 25 students and seven faculty and staff members traveled to five different U.S. locations to provide community service. The groups traveled to Salem, W. Va., to address rural poverty and environmental issues; Pittsburgh, to work on women and family issues; South Bend, Ind., to serve the incarcerated; Chicago, to serve the disabled, and Milwaukee, to work with immigrants. In addition, a group of colleagues worked in Detroit. During winter break (Dec. 18-22), a group also served the hungry and homeless in Cincinnati.

## Libraries receive DALNET grant

University of Detroit Mercy Libraries/ Instructional Design Studio has been awarded a Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET) grant of \$13,520 for the UDM Marine Historical Collection Negative Preservation project. The collection holds more than 17,000 negatives in need of preservation and digitizing.

Edward J. Dowling, S.J., donated the Marine Historical Collection to UDM in 1993, and it is considered one of the most complete private collections of information on the subject of Great Lakes marine history. Associate Dean of Technical Services and Library Systems Sara Martin will serve as the grant coordinator.