

**May 1, 2011 • Royal Park Hotel • Rochester**

**Rochester College welcomes you  
to the 40th annual  
Partnership Dinner featuring**

**All-Time Winningest  
NCAA Men's Basketball Coach**

**DON MEYER**

**Honoring  
Coach Garth Pleasant**



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# EVENING PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies  
*Rubel Shelly, President*

Opening Prayer  
*Jim Randolph*

Dinner

Student Comments  
*Joshua Jones*

Alumnus of the Year  
*Ron Losher*

Recognition of Garth Pleasant

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Introduction of Speaker

*Don Meyer*

Closing Prayer  
*John Todd*

# MENU

*Royal Park House Salad  
with Traverse City Cherry Vinaigrette*

*Fresh Rolls and Butter*

*Chef's Choice of Fresh Vegetable*

*Chicken Picatta  
in Lemon Caper Butter*

*Ice Cream Filled Profiteroles  
with Sanders Hot Fudge*

*Vegan Specialty Available  
Caribbean Ratatouille*

# DON MEYER

During his highly successful career as a basketball coach, Don Meyer accumulated 923 wins in 38 seasons. He currently holds the record as the men's basketball coach with the greatest number of wins in NCAA history.

Meyer began his coaching career at Hamline University. He later coached for 23 years at Lipscomb University, where he mentored Rochester College's Garth Pleasant. Most recently he served as head coach at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., where he still serves as a professor and assistant to the president.

At the 2009 ESPY Awards, Meyer was presented the Jimmy V Award for Perseverance, which is given to a member of the sporting world who has shown special courage in dealing with life challenges. Following a 2008 car crash, Meyer overcame a leg amputation and subsequent battle with cancer. He is the subject of a recently released biography, "How Lucky Can You Be: The Story of Coach Don Meyer," written by ESPN baseball analyst Buster Olney.



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# GARTH PLEASANT

Garth Pleasant, a 1969 graduate of Michigan Christian College, returned to his alma mater in 1972 as a faculty member. The following year, he served as head coach of the men's basketball team before accepting a coaching job at Georgia Christian School. After a five-year absence, he resumed coaching responsibilities at MCC in 1978.

Within a short period of time, Pleasant earned the attention of basketball enthusiasts. His teams won back-to-back district championships in 1982 and 1983. They competed among the final four in twelve national tournaments, capturing championships in 1989, 1994, 2004, and 2005.

Pleasant was named NLCAA Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1997, and NSCAA Coach of the Year in 2004. The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan inducted him into their Hall of Fame in 2008. He achieved an incredible record of 720 wins, making him the coach with the greatest number of wins in Michigan collegiate history. More significantly, he has influenced the lives of hundreds of young men with his message of character and faith in God.



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