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**TEWAARATON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES PANAMA JACK TO SPONSOR THE 2018 TEWAARATON WOMEN'S LEGENDS AWARD**

WASHINGTON, May 30 – The Tewaaraton Foundation is pleased to announce the 2018 Tewaaraton Women's Legends Award will be sponsored by longtime foundation supporter Panama Jack. The 2018 Tewaaraton Women's Legend is former Temple University star and current University of Florida coach Amanda Moore O'Leary.

The Tewaaraton Legends Award annually honors recipients who played college lacrosse prior to 2001, the first year in which the Tewaaraton Award was presented.

"We are thrilled to have Panama Jack as a partner for the seventh year in a row," said Sarah Aschenbach, Executive Director of The Tewaaraton Foundation. "We are grateful for their continued support of the Tewaaraton Award and the sport of lacrosse and Native American scholarships."

In honor of O'Leary and in support of higher education for Native American student athletes, Panama Jack is donating a scholarship to the Native Vision camp. Native Vision scholarship recipients are selected based on their academic success, leadership and community involvement.

O'Leary was a four-year starter for Temple's lacrosse and field hockey teams, twice earning All-America honors in both sports. A two-time Midfielder of the Year and NCAA All-Tournament Team selection (1987-88), O'Leary led Temple to a perfect (19-0) national championship in 1988, being named Lacrosse Magazine's Player of the Year in the process.

A 2005 inductee to the US Lacrosse National Hall of Fame, O'Leary was also inducted into the Temple Owls' Hall of Fame in 2004 and named to the NCAA Women's Lacrosse 25th Anniversary Team in 2006. Now in her ninth season as Florida's head coach, she spent 14 years as Yale's head coach and also won two gold medals with Team USA.

"Mandee is if not the best, one of the best athletes that has ever played the game," said former Temple coach Tina Sloan Green. "Not only could she attack, score and defend, she was a smart, effective leader on and off the field. Well-deserved."

Amanda Moore O’Leary, an experienced coach who played the sport at its highest level, finished her ninth season at the helm of the Florida Gators in 2018 with the program’s eighth NCAA Tournament bid. O’Leary has turned her team into a national powerhouse since its inception in 2010. Her impressive career record of 310-101 (.754) ranks among the best of active head coaches in the nation. In nine seasons, she has taken Florida to an NCAA Final Four, five NCAA quarterfinal appearances, four BIG EAST regular season, four BIG EAST tournament titles, four American Lacrosse Conference regular season titles and two ALC tournament championships. She has also coached 15 Gators who have earned 55 All-America honors, four Tewaaraton Award finalists and two Honda Sports Award nominees.

Tewaaraton Legend recipients are chosen on the basis that their collegiate performance would have earned them a Tewaaraton Trophy, had the award existed when they played. The previous Legends Award winners are Syracuse’s Jim Brown (2011), Cornell’s Eamon McEneaney (2012), Johns Hopkins’ Joe Cowan (2013), Navy’s Jimmy Lewis (2014), Syracuse’s Brad Kotz (2015), Maryland’s Frank Urso (2016), Penn State’s Candace Finn Rocha (2016), Army’s Peter Cramblet (2017) and Virginia’s Cherie Greer (2017).

O’Leary will receive her award at the Tewaaraton Award Ceremony May 31st, 2018, in Washington, D.C.

For more information on the Tewaaraton Legends Award or to attend this exciting event, visit [tewaaraton.com](http://tewaaraton.com). Like and follow The Tewaaraton Foundation at [facebook.com/tewaaraton](https://facebook.com/tewaaraton), [twitter.com/tewaaraton](https://twitter.com/tewaaraton) and [instagram.com/tewaaraton](https://instagram.com/tewaaraton).

### **About The Tewaaraton Foundation**

First presented in 2001, the Tewaaraton Award is recognized as the preeminent lacrosse award, annually honoring the top male and female college lacrosse player in the United States. Endorsed by the Mohawk Nation Council of Elders and U.S. Lacrosse, the Tewaaraton Award symbolizes lacrosse’s centuries-old roots in Native American heritage. The Tewaaraton Foundation ensures the integrity and advances the mission of this award. Each year, the Tewaaraton Award celebrates one of the six tribal nations of the Iroquois Confederacy – the Mohawk, Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora – and presents two scholarships to students of Native American descent. To learn more about The Tewaaraton Foundation, please visit [www.tewaaraton.com](http://www.tewaaraton.com).

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