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TEWAARATON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES AMONTE HILLER AND PIETRAMALA AS 2020 LEGENDS

WASHINGTON – The Tewaaron Foundation is pleased to announce the 2020 Tewaaron Legends honorees are former University of Maryland star Kelly Amonte Hiller and former Johns Hopkins University defenseman Dave Pietramala.

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

Watch the official announcement tonight at 9 p.m. EST exclusively on Lax Sports Network. LSN can be found at laxsn.com or through the FTFNext app in your favorite store: iOS, Android, Roku, Chromecast, AppleTV, Amazon Fire or XboxOne.

“Kelly is one of the greatest women’s players of all-time and Dave is widely regarded as the best defensive player of all-time, so we’re incredibly proud to be able to honor these legends on the same night,” said Jeffrey Harvey, Chairman of the Tewaaron Foundation. “Both have had an incredible impact on the game, and were revolutionary players on the field.”

While at Maryland, Amonte Hiller was a four-time All-American in lacrosse, ending her career as the school's all-time record holder for career goals (187), assists (132) and points (319, 70 more than second place). A two-time NCAA champion (starting Maryland’s streak of seven straight titles), Amonte Hiller also earned All-America accolades in soccer for the Terrapins and was named the ACC Female Athlete of the Year in 1996 for all sports.

Amonte Hiller's National Lacrosse Hall of Fame playing legacy extends to the national program as well. She was a member of Team USA for more than a decade, including the U.S. Women's Elite Team beginning in 1997, and won IFWLA World Cup titles with the Elite Team in 1997 and 2001. Her last appearance in the World Cup in 2005 saw her garner All-World Team recognition in Annapolis, Md., where the U.S. finished second to Australia.

Additional accolades include the ACC’s 50th Anniversary Lacrosse Team (2002), NCAA Division I 25th Anniversary Lacrosse Team (2006), and a ranking of 21st by *Sports Illustrated* on its list of Massachusetts’ Greatest Sports Figures of the 20th Century (2000).

As the Combe Family Head Coach at Northwestern, Amonte Hiller led the Wildcats to a remarkable seven women's lacrosse national championships in 10 years, reaching the national semifinals 10 years in a row from 2005 to 2014 and tying an NCAA record with eight straight title game appearances. Under Amonte Hiller's leadership, Northwestern has a record of 280-73 (.793), has won 10 American Lacrosse Conference championships, and has gone 42-8 (.840) in the NCAA Tournament, making Amonte Hiller the winningest coach in NCAA Tournament history.

“Kelly was such a remarkable player for me at the University of Maryland,” said Navy head coach Cindy Timchal, who won eight national titles as the head coach at Maryland and is the NCAA’s all-time leader in career wins for DI women’s lacrosse. “Because of her, the team was able to win national championships and start a string of success at Maryland that has not been matched. She is truly a legend and it is so amazing that she is being recognized this year as a Tewaaron Legend. I am so happy for her.”

Pietramala was a three-time first-team All-American during his career at Johns Hopkins. He led the Blue Jays to the 1987 NCAA Championship and an appearance in the 1989 NCAA Championship Game. He was the recipient of the William C. Schmeisser Award as the nation’s outstanding defenseman in 1988 and 1989 and earned the Lt. Raymond J. Enners Award as the nation’s most outstanding player in 1989 as well.

In addition, he was one of 10 Johns Hopkins players named to the NCAA Silver Anniversary Team in 1995 and he was selected to the All-Time Johns Hopkins Team at the end of his career. Pietramala also played in the club ranks with Mt. Washington and professionally in the Major Indoor Lacrosse League. He was inducted into the Johns Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001 and the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2004.

Pietramala was named to *Lacrosse Magazine*’s All-Century Team, and he was the Most Outstanding Player at the 1990 World Championships in Australia for Team USA, also earning All-World honors in 1994 when he helped lead the U.S. to another gold medal.

“Dave Pietramala was a millennial talent at the defensive position,” said University of Denver head coach Bill Tierney, a seven-time NCAA champion who began his DI coaching career at Johns Hopkins. “His impact on Johns Hopkins lacrosse, the U.S. Team, and the game of lacrosse in general, transcends time. He was athletic, fast, confident in his abilities, and a surgeon with his stick. Having the honor of recruiting and coaching him was one of the true highlights of my career. More importantly, his passion for the game, love of his players, and loyalty to our friendship are extremely meaningful to me.”

Tewaaron Legend recipients are chosen on the basis that their collegiate performance would have earned them a Tewaaron Trophy, had the award existed when they played. The previous Legends Award winners are Syracuse’s Jim Brown (2011), Cornell’s Eamon McEaney (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), Virginia’s Cherie Greer (2017), Johns Hopkins’ Larry Quinn (2018) and

Temple's Mande Moore O'Leary (2018), Delaware's Karen Emas Borbee (2019) and North Carolina's Tom Sears (2019).

Amonte-Hiller and Pietramala will receive their awards at the 20th Anniversary Tewaaron Award Ceremony May 28, 2020, in Washington, D.C.

The Tewaaron Foundation will unveil the 2020 Tewaaron Award Watch List live at a special fundraising reception in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 13.

For more information on the Tewaaron Legends Award or to attend this exciting event, visit tewaaron.com. Like and follow The Tewaaron Foundation at facebook.com/tewaaron, twitter.com/tewaaron and instagram.com/tewaaron.

About The Tewaaron Foundation

First presented in 2001, the Tewaaron 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. Lacrosse, the Tewaaron Award symbolizes lacrosse's centuries-old roots in Native American heritage. The Tewaaron Foundation ensures the integrity and advances the mission of this award. Each year, the Tewaaron 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 Tewaaron Foundation, please visit www.tewaaron.com.

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