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## PANAMA JACK TO SPONSOR 2016 SPIRIT OF TEWAARATON AWARD

**WASHINGTON, February 12** - The Tewaaron Foundation has announced that Panama Jack will sponsor the Spirit of Tewaaron Award. The Spirit of Tewaaron is presented to an individual who has contributed to the sport of lacrosse in a way that reflects the spirit of the values and mission of the Tewaaron Award. Past recipients include Dick Edell, Diane Geppi-Aikens, Sid Jamieson, A.B. “Buzzy” Krongard, Roy Simmons Jr., Richie Moran, Bob Scott, Brendan Looney and Oren Lyons. The 2016 recipient is Tina Sloan Green.

“We’re happy to continue our sponsorship of the Tewaaron Foundation by honoring a true pioneer in women’s lacrosse,” said Jack Katz, founder of Panama Jack. “Our involvement with Tewaaron and the sport has been a rewarding experience, and we’re proud to be a part of the lacrosse community.”

“We are thrilled to have Panama Jack as a partner for the fifth year in a row,” said Sarah Aschenbach, Executive Director of The Tewaaron Foundation. “We are grateful for their continued support of the Tewaaron Award and the sport of lacrosse.”

As head coach of the Temple University women’s lacrosse team from 1973-92, Tina Sloan Green held the distinction of being the first African-American head coach in the history of women's intercollegiate lacrosse. During her 32-year career at Temple, she amassed a 207-62-4 record with a .758 winning percentage, leading the Owls to three NCAA championships and 11 consecutive NCAA Final Four appearances.

Green was a member of the U.S. Women’s National First Team, the first African-American named to the national team and the reserve team from 1969-71. She was part of the U.S. touring team to Australia and New Zealand, followed by Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 1969. She has written two books and founded the Black Women in Sports Foundation in 1992. She also founded the Inner City Field Hockey and Lacrosse Program at Temple. She is the program director of Temple's National Youth Sports Program and has helped to establish clinics and mentoring programs for girls in cities across the country. Green was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators, and is currently Professor Emeritus in the College of Education at Temple University. She was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1997.

“I have a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for Tina Sloan Green, not only as my college coach at Temple, but as a trailblazer for women in sports. She helped put the sport of lacrosse on the map — and did so by breaking through gender and race barriers to reach success

at the highest level possible in collegiate athletics with a number of national championships,” said Amanda O’Leary, head coach of the University of Florida women’s lacrosse team. “But more important than winning titles, Tina has devoted her life to being a pioneer in women’s sports. She has paved the way for other women in athletics and has ensured along the way that African-American women in sports have equal opportunities for success.”

The Spirit of Tewaaron Award will be presented to Tina Sloan Green at the Tewaaron Award Ceremony, presented by Under Armour, June 2, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

The Tewaaron Foundation will unveil the 2016 Tewaaron Award Watch Lists live at a special fundraising reception in New York City on Feb. 23.

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

### **About Panama Jack**

Founded in 1974, Panama Jack has built a powerful international brand and loyal following with products synonymous with a casual lifestyle. Its offerings include sun care, eyewear, apparel, headwear, footwear, beach bags, and beach accessories. The brand also continues to increase its presence through product expansions that bring its relaxed lifestyle into people’s daily lives. Today, Panama Jack Beach Cruisers and Panama Jack Home Collections provide consumers with even more freedom to enjoy what’s most meaningful to them and their families. In addition, new Panama Jack retail stores are slated to open at top travel destinations and multiple global initiatives are underway. To learn more, please visit [www.panamajack.com](http://www.panamajack.com).

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