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Former athletes honored

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Last weekend's Athletics Department **Hall of Fame Class of 2015** inductions gave me an opportunity to reflect on and pay tribute to former student-athletes whose contributions enhanced the campus and the community.

Former women's soccer standout **Jamie Farrell** and the **1972-73 Men's Basketball Team** were honorees during the ceremony held at the Woodstock Country Club in Indianapolis. Their inclusions bring the elite IUPUI Hall of Fame to 62 distinguished individuals and two teams.

Farrell powered the IUPUI women's soccer program to an impressive four-year stretch -- from 2006 to 2010 -- that included a pair of Summit League titles and the Jaguars' first-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament. After a 13-win season as a junior in 2008, Farrell led the Jaguars to a school record 17 victories as a senior, including an NCAA berth.

A three-time All-Summit League performer, Farrell was named the league's Tournament MVP her senior season.

The St. Louis, Mo.-native finished as IUPUI's all-time leader in **shutouts** (21.0), saves (394), save percentage (.835), wins (37), goals against average (1.09), minutes (6438:27), matches (76) and starts (72). She becomes the second-ever inductee from the women's soccer program, joining Karrie Reising.

The 1972-73 men's basketball squad became the second team induction, joining the team of the previous year. The 1972-73 team is credited with having played the first full season of any sport in IUPUI history - led by head coach George Dickison and assistant Sam Johnson. The then-Metros went 11-14 in that first season.

Top players were **Charlie Battle** with a team high 13.8 scoring average and top rebounder **C.J. Roach**. Other team members were **Jim Fowler, Gerald Trotter, Larry Dodge, Marc Coapstick, Jamie Gill, Kim Lease, Leon Nellinger, Bruce Parker, Phil Sheridan, Tom Swain, Ronnie West** and **Jim York**.

Today's student athletes at IUPUI are maintaining their legacy.

The IUPUI Athletics Department today has an early leg up on the competition for this year's Summit League Commissioner's Cup standings after the Jaguars led in the fall 2014 season. From the five fall sports completed, IUPUI earned two league titles - cross country (for the first time) and volleyball -- as well as a runner-up finish in women's soccer.

But everything that is conceivable for today's student-athlete at IUPUI is at least in part attributable to the strong foundation laid by those who preceded them. It was a pleasure to join in the recognition of their feat. This weekend was their moment to once again shine!

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