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Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame Announces Induction Banquet

Honolulu, HI – The Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame proudly announces its annual Induction Banquet to be held on **Thursday, August 8, 2024**. This prestigious event celebrates the outstanding achievements of Hawaii's finest sports figures. The evening promises to be a memorable occasion filled with honor, camaraderie, and the spirit of Aloha.

This year's distinguished inductees include:

- **James Leahey (Contributor)**

James "Jim" Leahey was a legendary sportscaster in Hawaii, renowned for his work spanning nearly six decades. Known as the primary voice for the University of Hawaii sports on television and radio from 1973 until his retirement in 2018, he provided play-by-play commentary for football, basketball, baseball, and many other sports. During his career, he was known for his meticulous preparation and his ability to capture the emotional essence of the games, often becoming the soundtrack to many memorable moments in Hawaii sports history.

- **Christopher Woo (Swimming)**

As a former competition swimmer and world record-holder, Christopher Woo represented the United States at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, Quebec. Woo competed in the

final of the men's 100-meter breaststroke and finished eighth in a time of 1:05.13. He also swam for the gold medal-winning U.S. team in the preliminary heats of the men's 4×100-meter medley relay.

Join us as we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of Hawaii's sports legends, James Leahey and Christopher Woo.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, August 8, 2024
- **Time:** 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (formal program and dinner will commence at 6:15 p.m.).
- **Location:** Honolulu Country Club
- **Attire:** Aloha attire is recommended to celebrate in true Hawaiian spirit.

Ticket Information:

- **Cost per Ticket:** \$200.00
- **Registration:** Tickets can be purchased online at <https://hawaiisportshalloffame.com/>

Don't miss the opportunity to support the Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame in its mission to preserve and promote Hawaii's rich sports history. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <https://hawaiisportshalloffame.com/>.

About The Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame

HSHOF is the State Museum for Sports history in Hawaii to record outstanding accomplishments of Hawaii's world class athletes. It is an educational repository to honor athletes, pioneers, and contributors of Hawaii's rich sports history and to serve as role models for our youth, encouraging them to emulate the same characteristics of devotion, dedication, pursuit of athletic excellence, steadfast and moral character.

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