



## GSHF ANNOUNCES MASTER OF CEREMONIES JULIE MORAN FOR 69TH ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Chairman Earl Wright is honored to announce the Master of Ceremonies for the 69th Annual Induction Ceremony will be Georgia-born veteran journalist, sportscaster, and television host Julie Moran.

Julie, an All-State basketball player who still holds the rebound record of 41 at Brookwood Academy in Thomasville, Georgia, followed in her athlete father's footsteps and attended the University of Georgia, graduating magna cum laude from the Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication in 1984. She began her career that same year as a reporter for ESPN's *Sports Focus* with Dr. J. By 1989, Julie was in NYC co-hosting NBC Sports' *NBA Inside Stuff* with Ahmad Rashad before working as a college football sideline reporter with Brent Musburger and Dick Vermeil, as well as college basketball with Musburger and Jim Valvano. Julie was the first woman ever to have an NBA trading card created in her honor and in 1992 became the first woman to solo anchor ABC's *Wide World of Sports*, following legendary sports reporters Frank Gifford and Jim McKay. That same year, Julie was named one of *People Magazine's* "50 Most Beautiful People".

Julie joined *Entertainment Tonight* in 1994 as an anchor and correspondent and went on to interview high-profile celebrities and cover exclusive entertainment news, while continuing to host and anchor important sports events, such as the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and prestigious pageants and awards shows, including Miss Universe, Miss USA, and Miss Teen USA, as well as the 73<sup>rd</sup> Academy Awards pre-show and the 1999 Grammy Awards pre-show.

Julie has been married to husband Rob since 1987. They are parents to two daughters; actress Maiya Moran, and college volleyball player Makayla Moran.

The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Ceremony will take place on February 22, 2025 at Historic Macon City Auditorium. The Class of 2025 is **Courtney Kupets Carter, Terry Holder, Tim Hudson, Marquis Grissom, Terance Mathis, Leo Mazzone, Bob Rathbun, Theron Sapp, Dennis Scott, and Jeff Wallace**. Induction activities will begin Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> with the GSHF Golf Classic hosted at Brickyard Golf Club. Friday evening, the annual Jacket Ceremony (a private, non-ticketed event) will be held at the Hall. On Saturday at midday the annual FanFest Autograph session will once again be held at the Hall. FanFest is open to the public and free of charge.

For ceremony ticket information, or to sign up for the Golf Tournament, please call 478.752.1585.