

USF alum to be guest speaker at Tampa Sports Club awards banquet

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TAMPA, Fla. (Feb. 3, 2004) - Mass Communications graduate Ann Liguori will be the guest speaker at the Tampa Sports Club awards banquet Feb. 13. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church's Higgins Hall in Tampa.

Liguori is a sports talk show host, interviewer, reporter and journalist for radio, TV and print. She is the president of her own television sports production company and owner of the award-winning "Sports Innerview with Ann Liguori" weekly television series, seen on regional sports networks throughout the country.

Liguori is one of only two original WFAN radio sports talk show hosts still on the air at the New York station, which was the first in the nation to go to an all-sports format in 1987.

The 1982 USF graduate wrote *A Passion for Golf - Celebrity Musings About the Game*. The book features a collection of interviews she has done while on the golf course with some of the most successful celebrities in sports, Hollywood, music and business. She also produced, *A Passion for Golf - Celebrity Musings from the Fairways* for the Audio Book Club, an audio version of some of her top interviews.

The Ann Liguori Celebrity Golf Invitational, held every May at the Westhampton Country Club on Long Island, benefits the American Cancer Society.

Liguori is on the advisory board of USF's [College of Arts and Sciences](#) and she has established an endowed scholarship in memory of her brother Jim. The \$500 scholarship is designated for an undergraduate [mass communications](#) student with a telecommunications emphasis. The scholarship is provided by Ann Liguori, members of the Liguori family and other individuals and organizations in memory of Jim Liguori.

Individual and team winners in both amateur and professional sports categories will be announced at the 43rd annual Tampa Sports Club awards banquet. Former CFL and NFL player Earl Edwards and longtime cross-country coach Bobby Ennis will be inducted into the Tampa Sports Club Hall of Fame.

Fred Ridley, resident of the United States Golf Association, will receive the Florida Sports Personality Award. Some of the past winners include Tampa Bay Buccaneers head coach Jon Gruden, Olympic gold medallist Brooke Bennett and Devil Rays head coach, Lou Pinella.

For banquet and ticket information call Terry Brimmer at (813) 282-3400.