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Kauai Gymnastics Academy Head Coach/Co-Owner to Receive Award

Lihue, Kauai, September 18, 2007—Jack Leonard, the Head Coach and co-owner of Kauai Gymnastics Academy, will be inducted into the Albert Einstein High School (AEHS) Sports Hall of Fame in October. Leonard was contacted after he was nominated as a candidate by a fellow classmate. After following the submission guidelines, which involved providing a history of his accomplishments, the committee unanimously voted to include him as one of the Inductees for 2007.

To quote from last year's program about the Sports Hall of Fame, the AEHS Booster Club wishes to "honor and recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to the Albert Einstein High School athletic program. You were great representatives of our school then, and you are still making us 'Titan Proud' today."

Leonard's high school career in gymnastics included 14 first places, 8 second places and 10 third places in his Junior and Senior years and included County and Washington Metro meets, as well as YMCA National Championships. At Ohio State, Leonard was Captain, Most Valuable/Memorial and High Score awards for two years in a row. He won 5 National Tumbling Titles and 4 National YMCA titles. He was also a Big Ten Conference medal winner in 1971 and represented the USA in the United Kingdom and across the USA in gymnastics exhibitions in 1972 and 1973. He was awarded the prestigious Nissen/Grisswold Award in 1972 for Tumbling Excellence and he was awarded the Medal of Recognition for Outstanding Services to Sport & Youth in London, England in 1973. He is recognized as the First National Tumbling Champion for the U.S. Tumbling and Trampoline Association (USTTA). He was also listed in the U.S. Gymnastics Federation 1991 "Who's Who in U.S.A. Gymnastics" book, and he is currently a leading expert in gymnastics on www.Allexperts.com, a leading website for expert advice.

After graduating from Ohio State in 1973, Leonard returned to his home in Montgomery County, Maryland as a Physical Education Teacher and a gymnastics coach, positions he held for 32 years before retiring and moving to Kauai as the new owner of Kauai Gymnastics Academy.

Leonard will return to MD in October to receive the award at an Induction Ceremony at his alma mater. He and his wife have owned and operated Kauai Gymnastics Academy (KGA) since July 2005. KGA is located in the Puhi Industrial Park and has classes for one year olds through adults. The Fall Session begins the week of October 1st.

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