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By **Gilbert Ngabo** Sports Reporter

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Recent winners include sportscaster Joe Bowen, television executive Gordon Craig, voice of the Blue Jays Jerry Howarth and broadcaster Harnarayan Singh.

DiManno has been a journalist at the Star since 1975 and a columnist since 1989, where she continues to cover current affairs and sports. She has been nominated for multiple National Newspaper Awards and is the author of several books, including

“Coach: The Pat Burns Story” and “Glory Jays: Canada’s World Series.”

In 2012, DiManno was honoured by the Canadian Olympic Committee for covering more than 10 Olympic Games.

“It just means I’m old,” DiManno said at the time. “But I was just 19 when covering my first Games (the Montreal Olympics in 1976) for the Star.”

DiManno is being honoured alongside a cohort of athletes and media personalities that will be inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame this fall.

The class of 2024 also includes ice dancing duo Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, Hockey Hall of Famer Geraldine Heaney, high jumper Derek Drouin, football player Neil Lumsden, racquetball player Mike Ceresia, lacrosse player John Tavares and journalist Brian Williams.

Alongside DiManno, NBA star [Shai Gilgeous-Alexander](#) took home the Syl Apps Ontario Athlete of the Year award, sports visionary Stacey Allaster won the Bruce Prentice Family Legacy Award, Raptors Superfan Nav Bhatia won the Sandy Hawley Community Service Award while the 1973 Toronto Marlboros hockey team earned the Conacher Family Heritage Award.

The induction ceremony is set to take place on Oct. 17 in Toronto.



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