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## Annual Leadership Breakfast

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Chesapeake Conference Center

Featuring Nancy Lieberman

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Nancy Lieberman is a pioneer in women's basketball, recording several unprecedented accomplishments in a playing career that spanned three decades. "Lady Magic" gained widespread notoriety while playing here in Hampton Roads, Virginia.

Growing up in Far Rockaway, NY, she had the toughness, court savvy, and natural ability to compete in the male-dominated New York City basketball scene. She became one of the top women's basketball players in the country, earning a spot on the USA's National Team while in high school.

She joined Old Dominion University in 1976, winning a Women's National Invitation Tournament championship in 1978 and two Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women championships in 1978-79 and 1979-80.

Lieberman was known for her precision passing, tenacious defense, and accurate shooting touch, which enabled her to average 18.1 points per game over her four-year career. She was named the national player of the year twice at ODU. When she graduated in 1980, she was the school's all-time leader in assists and steals.

She led the United States to a gold medal in the 1975 Pan American Games. She was part of the silver medal-winning 1976 U.S. Olympic team. She made the 1980 Olympic team, which did not play due to an American boycott of the Games.

In 1980, she was the #1 draft pick of the Dallas Diamonds of the Women's Basketball League, the first women's professional league. After the WBL folded, she was the first draft pick of the Women's American Basketball Association. Lieberman became the first woman to try out for a National Basketball Association team and became the first woman to play in a men's professional league with the Springfield Fame in the United States Basketball League.

Lieberman joined the Washington Generals to play against the Harlem Globetrotters in 1988, making her the first woman to participate in a Globetrotters world tour. In 1997, she joined the Phoenix Mercury for the inaugural season of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). Lieberman became General Manager and Head Coach of the WNBA's Detroit Shock in 1998 for three seasons. She later worked as a women's basketball analyst on ESPN. In 2008, at age 50, Lieberman signed a seven-day contract with the Shock, breaking her previous record as the oldest player in league history.

She became the first woman to coach a professional men's basketball team on the Dallas Mavericks' NBA Developmental League team in 2009. In 2015, Lieberman joined the coaching staff of the Sacramento Kings for two seasons, becoming the second female assistant coach in NBA history. In 2018, she became head coach of Power in the BIG3, the 3-on-3 league of former NBA players co-founded by entertainer Ice Cube. Lieberman led her team to the league championship with its best record and was named coach of the year in her first season.

Lieberman was inducted into the ODU Sports Hall of Fame in 1985, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1996 and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 1999. In 2008, she was in the inaugural class of the Hampton Roads Sports Hall of Fame. In 2012, ESPN and *Sports Illustrated* both recognized her as one of the top 40 female athletes of the last 40 years.

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