

4<sup>th</sup> FRANCISCAN  
SPORTS BANQUET  
& SILENT AUCTION

June 2, 2026





## 2026 Honorees

### **Saint Francis Award**

**Emeka Okafor**

*Former NBA & UCONN  
Basketball Player*

### **Saint Clare Award**

**Ilana Nunn Okafor**

*Former Sports Public Relations Specialist*

### **Dean of Sports Award**

**Chris LaPlaca**

*Former Head of  
Corporate Communications at ESPN*

### **Distinguished Athletes**

**Special Olympians  
of Connecticut**

### **Mother Shaun Appreciation Award**

**Anthony & Cynthia Petrello**

*Long-time Title Sponsors of the  
Franciscan Sports Banquet*

### **Dedication to Community Service Award**

**Jim & Pat Calhoun**

**Aqua Turf Club**

**Plantsville, CT**

**5:30 pm- 9:30 pm**

**Reservations Required**

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and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice**