

## **FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DANIEL E. DOYLE, JR.**

Daniel E. Doyle, Jr. is founder and executive director of the Institute for International Sport. Mr. Doyle is a graduate of Bates College, where he was co-captain of the men's varsity basketball team. He holds a Masters degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and honorary doctorate degrees from Bridgewater (MA) State College and The University of Rhode Island.

Mr. Doyle was a highly successful intercollegiate basketball coach, having led his Trinity College (Connecticut) team to national rankings. In 1979, under Mr. Doyle's direction, Trinity became the first United States team to travel to Cuba since the 1959 revolution. Mr. Doyle was named New England Coach of the Year for the 1980-81 season and he compiled an overall record (high school and college coaching) of 142-45. His final team at Trinity College was 22-4, and nationally ranked. Upon his resignation from Trinity, Mr. Doyle was honored at a testimonial dinner at which Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT) was the principal speaker.

In 1986, Mr. Doyle founded the Institute for International Sport, a non-profit organization that uses sport as the medium to promote and improve international relations. The far-reaching programs of the Institute are intrinsic to the vision of its founder. The Institute's most ambitious program, the World Scholar-Athlete Games, was actually conceived by Mr. Doyle when he was studying at the Fletcher School. To read more about the Institute, please visit the [History](#) page.

In January 2002, Mr. Doyle founded the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. The inaugural induction ceremony took place on October 4, 2002 and honored a wide variety of players, officials, and teams who have made special contributions to the history and culture of New England basketball. Among those honored were Bob Cousy, the 1995 UConn Women's National Basketball Championship team, Jim Calhoun, the 1947 Holy Cross Men's National Basketball Championship team and Calvin Murphy. The New England Basketball Hall of Fame Induction ceremony has become one of the largest sports dinners in America. The most recent dinner and ceremony, held October 9, 2009 at the Mohegan Sun, attracted a sell-out crowd of over 1,600 people.

"Renaissance Education" was founded by Mr. Doyle in 1996. The concept of Renaissance Education involves the integration of athletic and scholarly pursuits through a competition. Mr. Doyle administered a series of pilot programs in West Hartford, Connecticut, and a major pilot program in Northern Ireland. Following these events, in April 1998 an intercollegiate Renaissance program was held at Bates College, which involved the participation of 80 students from 29 U.S. and international colleges in a four-day Sparta versus Athens competition. In 1999, the Rhode Island Interscholastic League administered a highly successful pilot "Renaissance Games" program which involved the participation of eight Rhode Island high schools. Since that time, the Rhode Island Renaissance Games has become an important state event. From August 11 to 18, 2000, the Institute administered a pilot Renaissance Games program at the University of Limerick in which 40 American students and 20 Irish students participated. In June 2005, the Institute hosted the first intercollegiate Renaissance Games at URI. Nine American colleges and the University of Queensland (Australia) sent delegations to the event. The post-event

evaluations by the participants suggested that it was one of the most meaningful educational experiences of their lives.

Mr. Doyle was founder and Chairman of the Irish American Sports Foundation, an all-volunteer organization that developed athletic programs for children across Ireland. In 1992, The Irish American Sports Foundation completed construction of Ireland's first multi-purpose sports arena, a \$4-million facility located in Dublin. Mr. Doyle was responsible for raising virtually all of the funds for the arena, including a lead gift of \$1 million from the Irish government, which he personally negotiated with then Prime Minister Charles Haughey. The Irish American Sports Foundation sent more than 400 US coaches to Ireland to conduct clinics in various sports. In the mid-1980s, Mr. Doyle successfully coached the Irish Men's National Basketball Team, and arranged for several all-expense paid tours to the United States for both the Irish National Men's and Women's teams.

Mr. Doyle is also founder and director of two successful summer youth camps - The Kingswood-Oxford Skills Development Basketball Clinic and Camp Renaissance ([www.doyleprograms.com](http://www.doyleprograms.com)). Both camps have gained acclaim for the innovative nature of their programs and, in the last decade, both camps have been fully enrolled with waiting lists.

At age 26, Mr. Doyle promoted, over an 18-month period, an American Basketball Association exhibition basketball game featuring David Thompson and Julius Erving; a gymnastics exhibition featuring 1976 Gold Medalist Nadia Comaneci, which sold out the Hartford Civic Center faster than any other event up until that point; and two US Olympic basketball exhibitions, featuring the 1976 Olympic team, coached by Dean Smith, against a professional all-star team, coached by Bob Cousy and including the likes of Julius Erving, Doug Collins, and Nate Archibald. The two Olympic exhibition basketball games were part of an eight-game Olympic team exhibition tour. Mr. Doyle's two promoted games outdrew the other six combined by more than double and were the forerunners for the extensive promotional/exhibition tour the US Men's Olympic Basketball Team now takes every four years prior to the Olympic Games. Mr. Doyle also promoted Olympic Gold Medal boxer, Sugar Ray Leonard's third professional fight in Hartford. Based on the success of this fight, Mr. Leonard contracted with Mr. Doyle to promote approximately 15 other of his fights.

Mr. Doyle also founded and served as Chairman of "The Bob Cousy," an international basketball tournament for players 6'2" and under which was held in Worcester, Massachusetts in July, 1996. "The Bob Cousy" included the participation of 22 international teams and the tournament was called by the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* "a huge success." A number of local charities benefited from "The Bob Cousy."

Mr. Doyle is the author of *Are You Watching, Adolph Rupp?* a novel on the state of intercollegiate sport. The novel was reviewed favorably and was featured in over 50 publications, including the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe* and *USA Today*, and by such authors as James Michener. Of the book, Mr. Michener wrote "Fascinating... impressive... exceptional. I envy Doyle's skill in keeping the reader's attention."

In 2008, Mr. Doyle published "The Encyclopedia of Sports Parenting." The book has drawn international acclaim, has already received two major book awards, and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize by a group of distinguished academicians, coaches and authors. Mr. Doyle is now writing a follow-up manual entitled, "The Master Coach." The objective of this manual is to set the standard for coaching excellence and societal impact in the future. Mr. Doyle's second novel, "An African Rebound", is scheduled for publication in 2012.

Mr. Doyle has also published a number of op-ed pieces in various newspapers and journals. The op-ed's have addressed issues ranging from "Fair Play," to "Turning 60," and many have drawn significant - and favorable - reaction from readers.

As a result of his work as an author, Mr. Doyle founded and served as Director of the Young Writers Institute (YWI), from 1990 to 2001. The Institute was an all-volunteer program that utilized internationally-known authors such as William Kennedy, Richard Ford, Annie Dillard, Susan Fromberg Schaeffer, Dave Barry, Joyce Carol Oates, and the late Robert Ludlum as mentors for young writers who were primarily from urban environments. The YWI was acclaimed as one of the most innovative writing programs in the United States, and was the subject of a number of feature stories, including one that appeared in the *New York Times*. In his capacity as Director of the YWI, Mr. Doyle founded the Aran Islands International Poetry & Prose Festival. In developing the Festival, Mr. Doyle put together a collaborative partnership which involved US Ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy-Smith, the University of Galway, the Irish Tourist Board, Aer Lingus, and the Aran Islands Cultural Center. The inaugural 1997 Festival included the participation of Nobel Prize for Literature Winner Czeslaw Milosz; Poet Laureate of the United States Robert Hass; and internationally renowned Irish poet Eavan Boland. The Festival drew participants from around the world and was hailed by the Irish media as one of the finest poetry festivals in Ireland in many, many years. The 1999 Aran Islands International Poetry & Prose Festival was held from August 6 to 14. Readers included Pulitzer Prize winners Rita Dove, William Kennedy, and Frank McCourt; 1998 National Book Award winner, Alice McDermott; famed Irish novelists, Edna O'Brien and Roddy Doyle, and Chinese dissident poet, Xue Di.

Mr. Doyle's interest in literature has led to the creation of a new Institute initiative, the "Hall of Fame Press", a small publishing house that will publish two sport-themed books per year.

Mr. Doyle has been the principal speaker at over 450 functions, including major addresses at The University of Virginia, the Columbia School of Journalism, The Queen's University in Belfast, a White House conference on ethics, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Dinner in Scranton, Pennsylvania (where past speakers have included two U.S. Presidents, two Irish Prime Ministers, and many U.S. Senators), and the Melberger Awards Dinner, the Division III "Heisman" trophy dinner. For the eighth consecutive year, Mr. Doyle has been selected by the NCAA Foundation to deliver lectures on sportsmanship and leadership through the Foundation's distinguished lecturer program. Through this program, Mr. Doyle has spoken at approximately 125 Division III institutions, including schools such as Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, Kenyon, Pomona, Caltech, Whittier, Wheaton (IL) College, North Park College, Elmhurst College, Saint John Fisher and Elmira, as well as a number of Division I institutions, including three speeches at Clemson University.

Mr. Doyle has appeared on many nationally televised programs, including regular appearances on ESPN's "Outside the Lines."

Mr. Doyle has received numerous awards, including:

- February 7, 1993, Mr. Doyle was honored by Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds at the official opening of the aforementioned National Basketball Arena in Dublin. At the ceremony, Prime Minister Reynolds presented Mr. Doyle with a Waterford vase for his role in the construction of the Arena and his work with Irish youth.
- April 4, 1993, Mr. Doyle was honored by his high school alma mater, St. John's High of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. He was presented the "Distinguished Alumnus Award." Mr. Doyle was the 15th recipient of this award, which was instituted at St. John's in 1978.
- On May 7, 1993, Mr. Doyle was presented the "Irish Sports Person of the Year" award by Irish President Mary Robinson at a reception at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. This award was presented to Mr. Doyle for his "significant work on behalf of youth in Ireland and Northern Ireland."
- On June 29, 1994, Mr. Doyle was presented with the "Key to the City of Worcester" for his Belfast United program.
- On May 9, 1996, Mr. Doyle was presented with the "Varsity Club" award at Worcester Academy. This award is presented annually to an alumnus who has distinguished himself or herself in athletics and career. Past recipients have included former UConn Men's Basketball Coach Donald "Dee" Rowe; Olympic Decathlon Gold Medalist Bill Toomey; and former Big East Commissioner Dave Gavitt.
- On November 22, 1998, the Board of the Greater Hartford Hoop Club decided to name an award, "The Daniel E. Doyle, Jr. Humanitarian Award," in Mr. Doyle's honor.
- On January 28, 2000, Bridgewater State College conferred an honorary doctorate of international relations to Mr. Doyle.
- On February 11, 2000, Mr. Doyle was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.
- On November 8, 2000, Mr. Doyle received the "New England Hero Award" from the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University.
- On January 4, 2001, Mr. Doyle received the "Hero Among Us" award from the Boston Celtics.
- In January 2002, Mr. Doyle was listed in *The Sporting News* as one of "Ten to Watch" powerful sports figures.
- May 2003, The University of Rhode Island conferred an honorary doctorate of humane letters to Mr. Doyle.
- May 2003, Mr. Doyle was elected to a five-year term on the Bates College Board of Trustees.
- June 2003, Mr. Doyle was appointed by Governor Donald Carcieri of Rhode Island as a member of the Rhode Island Commodores, a group of prominent business and civic leaders dedicated to assisting the economic development efforts of the State of Rhode Island.
- On October 9, 2003, Mr. Doyle was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the New England Basketball Coaches Association.
- May 7, 2006, Mr. Doyle was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

- June 17, 2009 Mr. Doyle was presented with the Terrence Cardinal Cook Humanitarian Award by the New York Catholic Youth Organization at a major New York City dinner aboard the Intrepid.

Mr. Doyle served on the West Hartford (Connecticut) Board of Education from 1979-1983. At age 29, he was the youngest man ever elected to the Board and was the leading Democratic vote-getter for all contested offices. In 1999, Mr. Doyle was listed in the Providence Journal as a top prospect for the US Senate seat, which he decided not to seek. In 1986, Mr. Doyle co-founded the Nutmeg State (Connecticut) Games, a U.S. Olympic-sanctioned athletic and cultural program which involves the participation of over 5,000 children and adults in Connecticut. Mr. Doyle served as an advisor to the Michael Jordan Institute for Families at the University of North Carolina. He also serves on several boards, including the Worcester County Young Writers Institute, which he helped found; and is a corporator at the American School for the Deaf (CT). Mr. Doyle is an elected member of the College Key of Bates College, an organization of Bates men and women who have distinguished themselves in academic performance, athletic or extracurricular pursuits, service to the community, and strength of character. Mr. Doyle chaired a successful Bates College fundraising initiative to endow a "Bates College Scholar Fund" in honor of his former Bates basketball coach, George Wigton. Mr. Doyle was a member of the nine-person Capital Campaign Cabinet of St. John's High School, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. He founded and endowed the Bates Scholar-Athlete Society, a program that involves a yearly induction ceremony for undergraduate and graduate scholar-athletes from Bates College. Mr. Doyle is also an avid tennis player and jogger, having run in both the New York and Dublin Marathons.

Mr. Doyle is married to the former Katherine Butler and they are the parents of six children. Daniel, the eldest child is autistic and lives at home with his parents. Matthew is a graduate of Duke University and holds a Masters in Public Policy from Stanford University. Matthew has recently completed his J.D./M.B.A. Program at Northwestern University. Andrew is a graduate of Williams College and holds an M.B.A. from Stanford University. Andrew is now Vice President, Owned IP Finance of Activision/Blizzard in Santa Monica, California, where he resides with his wife, Betsy Haley Doyle and their child. Meg is a graduate of Bates College and is now enrolled in the Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute in New York City. Caroline is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, and is in business school. Julie has just graduated from Oberlin College.

Daniel E. Doyle, Jr. can be reached by e-mail at [ddoyle@internationalsport.org](mailto:ddoyle@internationalsport.org).