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**Former Buffalo State coach Maloney to receive Distinguished Service Award**

FREDONIA – The State University of New York Athletic Conference will honor Gail Maloney at its annual awards banquet on Monday, June 1, 2009, at the Crowne Royal Plaza in Lake Placid, N.Y. Maloney will be presented with the Dr. Patrick R. Damore Distinguished Service Award for her numerous years of commitment and contributions to the growth of the conference.

Maloney spent 21 years as the Buffalo State's women's basketball coach, amassing a record of 374-154. During that time, her teams won seven SUNYAC championships and made nine trips to NCAA playoffs, including a berth in the round of 16 in 1984 and a quarter-final appearance in 1994. She was named SUNYAC Coach of the Year in 1984, 1989, and 1994. Also in 1994, Maloney was named Coach of the Year by the Converse Division III, District II, and the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association. Maloney also held coaching positions in softball and field hockey at Buffalo State.

Maloney was recently honored in the NCAA's publication of Women's Basketball's Finest, which recognized the accomplishments of both players and coaches among all three divisions in concurrence with the NCAA's 25 Anniversary celebration of women's athletics.

Maloney was also part of the athletic administration at Buffalo State. She had served as interim director and assumed the position as Senior Associate Director of Athletics in 2001, which she held until her retirement in March. She served as an administrator for student services, focusing on advancing the welfare of student-athletes. She added business management responsibilities, which helped to improve accounting and budgetary procedures.

Maloney started at Buffalo State in 1978, and in that time helped add women's teams in cross country, track and field, soccer, softball, lacrosse, and ice hockey. She also was a key person in the construction of Buffalo State's Sports Complex.

In addition to her work at Buffalo State, Maloney served on the NCAA Regional and National Softball Committee, the Women's Basketball Division III All-America selection committee, and the Legislative Committee, and also served the SUNYAC on many committees. Maloney was SUNYAC President in 1997-98.

Maloney's work in Title IX has made her one of the foremost experts on the subject. Her dissertation while earning her Ph.D in social Foundations of Education-History of Education at the University of Buffalo in 1995 was titled: The Impact of Title IX on Women's Intercollegiate

Athletics. Maloney also holds a master's degree in student personnel services from Buffalo State and a bachelor's degree in physical education from Cortland. Maloney coached and taught in the Amherst Central Schools before her arrival at Buffalo State in 1978.

Maloney was inducted into the C-Club Athletics Hall of Fame at SUNY Cortland in 1998, was honored with the Buffalo State College President's Award for Excellence in Service to the College in 2004, and received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 2006.

For additional information or to make reservations to attend the banquet, please contact the SUNYAC office at (716) 673-3105.