

# **Wayland Baptist University's Flying Queens Women's Basketball Team Again Seeks Nomination For Induction Into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame**

*Entry into the Hall of Fame Would Cement A Long, Rich History For Women's College Team From West Texas*

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**PLAINVIEW, TX – December 10, 2018** – Wayland Baptist University's women's basketball team, the Flying Queens, is seeking nomination for enshrinement into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame 2019. The Queens were finalists for Enshrinement earlier this year.

The Queens hold the record for most wins by a women's collegiate team; 300 plus more wins than any other women's college team in USA history.

During the past 70 years (1948-49 through 2017-18) of basketball the Queens have a winning percentage of .743.

The Flying Queens are also the current record holder for consecutive wins by either a women's' or men's' team. From 1953 to 1958 the Flying Queens won 131 consecutive games.

In the early 1950s, Wayland began providing 13 full scholarships for women's basketball players, becoming the first four-year college program to do so, decades prior to Title IX. As a result, annual tryouts attracted women from all over the nation.

The team has won 10 National AAU Championships (Amateur Athletic Union), 9 consecutive NWIT titles (National Women's Invitational Tournament), and received 212 All American Honors.

"The Queens and their coaches, over the decades, have strongly influenced women's collegiate basketball," said Wayland Baptist University President Dr. Bobby Hall. "Through educating athletes, advancing the concept of postseason play, winning championships, modernizing rules and playing internationally, this team has a strong history of trailblazing that has laid the foundation for today's game."

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame will announce the nominations later in December, the finalists for consideration in February and the Enshrinement Class in March. Induction will take place in September.