<u>Villanova Head Coach Jay Wright to Receive the 2018 Nell and John Wooden Excellence in Coaching Award on Monday, September 24</u>

Who: Villanova Men's Basketball Head Coach Jay Wright

Nell and John Wooden Award Creator and local basketball force Bob Geoghan

The Voice of Villanova Basketball Ryan Fannon

What: The 2018 Nell and John Wooden Excellence in Coaching Award Ceremony

When: Monday, September 24, 2018

12:15pm - 1:00pm Luncheon

1:00pm - 1:45pm Award Presentation*

1:45pm - 2:00pm Media Availability*

Where: Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club

7719 Wisconsin Avenue

Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Media Information: *Media availability will begin at 1:00pm with b-roll and photo opportunities. Coach Wright will be available for interviews between 1:45pm - 2:00pm. *Media interested in attending should contact Nicole Hawkins at nicole@nicolehawkins.com* or 202.491.6980 no later than 5:00pm on Sunday, September 23.

Jay Wright has been the Men's Head Basketball Coach at Villanova University since 2001. Over the past four seasons, Villanova has won more games than any program in America (129-17), two NCAA National Championships (2016 and 2018), two BIG EAST Tournament titles (2015 and 2017) and four consecutive BIG EAST regular season championships. Under the direction of Coach Wright, the Wildcats have advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 12 of the last 13 seasons. He is a two-time winner of the Naismith National Coach of the Year Award (2006 and 2016). In Addition, he is a five-time winner of the BIG EAST Coach of the Year Award (2006, 2009, 2014, 2015 and 2016).

A native Washingtonian, Bob Geoghan is intimately involved in the local basketball community. He has been an instrumental force in the grassroots and collegiate basketball communities for nearly 50 years. He created the Capital Classic High School All Star Game, the longest running high school basketball all-star game in the country. In addition, Geoghan founded the Washington Metropolitan Basketball Hall of Fame in 1983 to honor the players, coaches, referees, broadcasters, and contributors who excelled at the high school, college and professional level.