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GWSHOF SPEAKERS LUNCHEON FEATURES ANTONELLI

WILMINGTON, North Carolina – Nationally-known college basketball analyst Debbie Antonelli will serve as the featured speaker for the upcoming Greater Wilmington Sports Hall of Fame’s speakers luncheon series.

The luncheon will be held on Friday, July 24, 2026, from 11:45-1:15 p.m. at Wrightsville Beach Brewery, 6201 Oleander Drive, in Wilmington.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased by contacting Louise McColl, GWSHOF chair, at 910-233-0999. The deadline for buying tickets is July 20, 2026.

A native of Cary, N.C., Antonelli has been one of the nation's most popular hoops analysts over the last three decades, working for ESPN, Big Ten Network, CBS, Fox Sports Net and Westwood One Radio. She provides commentary for WNBA games for ESPN and NBA-TV and has served as an analyst for the WNBA's Indiana Fever since 1997.

Antonelli attended Cary High School and played collegiately for Hall of Famer Kay Yow at NC State from 1982-86. She helped the Wolfpack advance to the NCAA Tournament all four years, including a pair of Sweet Sixteen appearances.

Antonelli was inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2022. In 2024, she was named recipient of the Curt Gowdy Media Award by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

A two-time Emmy Award winner, Antonelli was inducted into NC State’s “Ring of Honor” for her many contributions to the Wolfpack.

In 2007, she was the recipient of the Mel Greenberg Award given by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) to the professional who has best displayed a commitment to advancing the role of the media in promoting women's basketball.

Antonelli is also the voice of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and a longtime member of its Board of Directors. She is a lifetime member of the Kay Yow Cancer Fund Board of Directors, selected by Coach Yow to carry out her vision for the fund.