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Former Cardinal Mathews Highlights Magic Hall Induction Apr. 9

Former Cardinal pitcher T.J. Mathews highlights the 11th Magic Hall Of Fame Induction April 9 at the Holiday Inn Southwest. Also being inducted that evening for athletic excellence at St. Louis Community College - Meramec will be softball/soccer standout Glennis Donnelly, and softball player Linda Meng-McQueen.

In an ironic twist, Mathews will enter the Magic Hall Of Fame the same year that baseball writers turned down Mark McGwire for induction into Cooperstown. Mathews is the Cardinal traded to Oakland in 1997 that brought McGwire to St. Louis. Mathews pitched for Meramec in the 1989-1990 seasons, racking up a combined 17-2 record. He completed his major league career in 2005 in the Houston Astros organization.

Donnelly is the most recent Magic product of the inductees, having played two seasons of soccer and softball for the Magic from 2000-02. The soccer goalie/softball shortstop is a three time Juco All-American (twice for soccer, once for softball) and holds the Meramec career soccer shutouts record with 26. She later played both sports for NCAA Div. I University of Utah.

Meng-McQueen played three sports at Meramec in the late 1970's, but starred in softball, leading the team to a second place national finish in 1978. She hit .455 at the NJCAA National Tourney that year, earning a spot on the All-Tourney squad. She currently serves as the head softball coach at Lutheran South High School.

The ceremony begins with dinner at 6:30. For ticket information, call Karen Brandt at 314-984-7399.