Philadelphia University Basketball Coach Herb Magee – the Most Winning DII Coach in NCAA History – to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award from Philadelphia Sports Congress

PHILADELPHIA, June 2007 – Philadelphia University Men’s Basketball Coach Herb Magee, who this past season became the most winning Division II in NCAA history, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Philadelphia Sports Congress on June 27.

In his 40th season at Philadelphia University this year, the 66-year-old Magee became the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division II basketball history when he notched his 829th coaching victory on Feb. 1. He finished the season with 833 wins, ranking him fifth all-time among all divisions, behind only Bob Knight, Dean Smith, Adolph Rupp and Don Meyer.

“Herb Magee has been an extraordinary coach and mentor to all his players over the years and he has inspired us with his dedication, commitment and, ultimately, great success during his 40 years of coaching,” said Philadelphia University President James P. Gallagher, Ph.D. “It is a legacy that anyone would be proud of, and we couldn’t be more thrilled that he is being honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. It is well earned.”

At the PSC awards ceremony, Philadelphia Phillies’ first baseman Ryan Howard will receive the John Wanamaker Athletic Award for his outstanding 2006 season, which earned him the National League’s Most Valuable Player Award. Howard became only the second player in history to win Rookie of the Year and MVP honors in back-to-back seasons. Work to Ride, an equestrian program geared towards disadvantaged youth, will receive the Community Service Award.

The awards ceremony will take place at noon on Wednesday, June 27 in the Wanamaker Building’s Crystal Tea Room, 100 Penn Square East. CBS-3’s Beasley Reece will emcee the event.

The Philadelphia Sports Congress, a division of the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, seeks to attract major sporting events and conventions to the Philadelphia area.

Philadelphia University, founded in 1884, is a private university with 3,200 full- and part-time students enrolled in more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs. The University includes Schools of Architecture, Business Administration, Design and Media, Engineering and Textiles, Liberal Arts and Science and Health.