

Introducing the Bill Wedlake Athletic Award

In honour of Bill Wedlake, UWinnipeg Wesmen Athletic Director from 2000 – 2008 and Wesmen Basketball Coach 1984-2000, The University of Winnipeg on February 12, 2008 announced the naming of the new fitness facility in Duckworth Centre as the Bill Wedlake Fitness Centre.



As well, through The University of Winnipeg Foundation, the University established the Bill Wedlake Athletic Award to build on his tremendous legacy of strengthening UWinnipeg’s athletic recruitment and retention programs. With the support of many, the Bill Wedlake Athletic Award helps to shape and define the lives of future generations of athletes and uphold the outstanding levels of excellence achieved by UWinnipeg Wesmen teams under Bill Wedlake’s leadership.

In 2008, as the University pays tribute to Bill Wedlake’s leadership role for Wesmen Athletics, UWinnipeg is ranked as Canada’s leading university for national championships - #1 in Canada this year, claiming 20 National Championship victories since 1967. In fact, one of the outstanding records UWinnipeg set in 1993 still stands, when the Wesmen men’s and women’s basketball and volleyball teams were all ranked #1 countrywide at the same time.

An athlete in his student days, Bill Wedlake has become a sports icon who dedicated his career to developing student athletes and building successful teams. He has served as coach, director, mentor, role model, and legacy builder, influencing the lives of all who have had the privilege to know him. UWinnipeg regards Bill Wedlake as “one of the biggest, brightest, and best basketball men ever.”

We invite the public, current student body, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, corporate sponsors, and friends to help us honour Bill Wedlake.

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