



PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE COACH BATTISTA HEADS ICER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES THIS SATURDAY

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The Penn State Icers will induct three new members into the Icer Hall of Fame this Saturday when they take on long time rival Delaware at 3:30pm.

Icer Head Coach Joe Battista (PSU 1983), former teammate John Grainda (PSU 1981), and John P. Surma (PSU 1976) will be formally inducted into the Icer Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Nittany Lion Inn on Saturday prior to the game as a part of the Icers annual Alumni weekend. The trio will be recognized on the ice between the first and second periods of the Saturday game. Also, during the second intermission, the Icers will recognize the 1980 MACHC Championship team and the 1990 and 2000 National championship teams as well. The annual alumni game will follow the Icers game at 6:15pm.

John P. Surma was a standout defenseman for the Icers from 1973-1976 after helping Mt. Lebanon High School win the WPIHL Championship in 1972. John is currently the President and CEO of United States Steel Corporation and sits on the Board of Visitors for Penn State's Smeal College of Business as well as the College's Undergraduate Program Committee. John Grainda was an outstanding two way forward on the 1979 and 1980 MACHC Championship teams scoring 4 goals in the 1979 Title game vs. Delaware. John was President and Executive Director of the Hockey Management Association and President of the PSU Chapter of the American Marketing Association and is currently a Marketing Manager with Alcoa in Indianapolis. Coach Battista was a two-time MACHC all-star defenseman (1979 & 1980), Team Captain and MVP (1982) and has coached the Icers since 1987. He was twice Named ACHA National Coach of the Year and his teams' have captured 6 ACHA National titles during his tenure.

ACHA National Champions	1984, 1990, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
National Runner-Up	1983, 1985, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2004
