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Celebrating the Artist & the Athlete



DeMarcus Cousins
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Shakyla Hill
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DeMarcus Cousins, Shakyla Hill Named United States Sports Academy January Athletes of the Month

New Orleans forward DeMarcus Cousins and Grambling State University guard Shakyla Hill have been named the United States Sports Academy's Male and Female Athletes of the Month for January.

Cousins became the first player since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1972 to record a 40-20-10 triple-double in an NBA game after collecting 44 points, 24 rebounds, 10 assists, four steals and one block in a 132-128 win for the Pelicans against the Chicago Bulls on 22 January 2018.

Hill collected the first quadruple-double in women's Division 1 basketball in 25 years in a 93-71 win over Alabama State on 3 January 2018. A junior guard, Hill finished with 15 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists and 10 steals in the win.

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Artists Valyraki, Weldon Hold 'Women Bridging Worlds' Exhibit in Greece

Two highly accomplished artists from different continents separated by thousands of miles are coming together for a joint exhibition in Greece through a relationship built upon shared involvement with the United States Sports Academy's American Sport Art Museum & Archives (ASAMA).

Reflecting the global reach of the Academy and ASAMA, artists Dr. Mina Papatheodorou Valyraki of Athens, Greece, and B'Beth Weldon of Fairhope, Ala., will share a month-long exhibition in Athens entitled "Women Bridging Worlds: Celebrating Artistic and Cultural Crossroads."

After an opening reception on Friday, 16 March 2018 at 7 p.m., the exhibition will run through 14 April 2018. It will be held at the famed Ikastikos Kiklos Sianti Gallery in Athens.



Weldon serves on the Academy's Art Committee and Valyraki is the Academy's 2002 Sport Artist of the Year, a member of the Academy's Board of Visitors and an Emerita member of the Academy's Board of Trustees. Both have taught sport and art classes as members of the Academy's National Faculty, a group of highly qualified individuals who teach the Academy's post-secondary non-degree programs around the world.

The two became acquainted through Academy Founding President Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich, who also founded ASAMA on the Academy campus in Daphne, Ala., where both artists have works on display. The two artists met in Greece in 2017 and decided on the joint exhibit.

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