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Dave Winfield to Receive 2016 Living Legend Award from Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory

Winfield to accept award in Louisville on November 11th

Louisville, KY – *October 24, 2016* – [Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory](#) will honor Baseball Hall of Famer Dave Winfield with its 2016 Living Legend Award on Friday, November 11th. Winfield will be recognized during a special ceremony that kicks-off the 13th Annual Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory Auction.

"To be named this year's recipient of Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory's Living Legend Award is a true honor for me," said Winfield, who was 22 years old when he signed a contract with Hillerich & Bradsby Co., the makers of Louisville Slugger bats, in 1973. "Throughout my career, Louisville Slugger was an important part of my success. It's a name synonymous with baseball greats. I was always proud to be part of the Louisville Slugger team and appreciated how they supported me during each stop of my career," Winfield added.

Dave Winfield Highlights

Dave Winfield is the only athlete in history to be drafted by four different leagues, but in the end he chose Major League Baseball over the NFL, the ABA and the NBA, where he found a home and was successful throughout his tenure.

A complete player who intimidated the opposition with his immense stature, power, aggressive base running and dominant defense, Dave Winfield is one of only seven players in the history of Major League Baseball to reach over 3,000 hits and over 450 home runs.

He began his career as a Williams Scholar at the University of Minnesota, where he played Big Ten basketball and baseball. An All-American in baseball, he was voted MVP of the 1973 College World Series as a pitcher, was a No. 1 draft pick and never spent a day in the minor leagues.

His professional career took off in 1973 with the San Diego Padres, followed by eight All-Star seasons with the New York Yankees. In 1990, he joined the California Angels, followed by a magical year with the Toronto Blue Jays where he drove in the winning run of the 1992 World Series.

Winfield then returned to his native Minnesota and reached the 3,000th hit milestone with the Twins. He ended his 22-year career after the 1995 season with the American League Champion Cleveland Indians.

Winfield was a 12-time All-Star selection who amassed 3110 hits, 465 home runs and 1833 RBI during his career. He was a first-ballot inductee into the Hall of Fame in 2001, and was selected to the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006.

Outside of baseball, Winfield is credited with being the first professional athlete to establish his own charitable foundation. From its humble beginnings in 1975, to an internationally acclaimed substance abuse prevention leader, the David M. Winfield Foundation provided services to underprivileged youth and families in need in the cities where he played. His charitable generosity served as a role model for future athletes.

“Dave Winfield is the embodiment of a true Hall of Famer. A dynamic player during his career, Winfield has been equally successful in the broadcast booth, the front office and with everything he does to give back,” said Anne Jewell, Vice President and Executive Director of Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. “The Living Legend Award was created to honor a player who exemplifies greatness both on and off the field, and Dave is a terrific representative on both fronts.”

Limited Edition Louisville Slugger Bat

Winfield was known to use several Louisville Slugger models throughout his storied career. One of the Louisville Slugger models he used was the W273, which was created specifically for him. To honor the Living Legend, Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory has produced a limited edition W273 model collector bat for this special occasion. In addition to Winfield’s signature, the handsome, two-tone brown and gold commemorative bat features career facts on the back barrel. Only 200 autographed bats are available. The cost is \$299.99 per bat, which includes two tickets to the invitation-only Living Legend celebration. For more information or to purchase a bat, please call 502-588-7286 or purchase online at www.sluggergifts.com.

Living Legend Past Recipients

With the Living Legend recognition, Winfield joins a prestigious group of baseball Hall of Famers to receive the award. Past recipients of Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory’s Living Legend Award include: Andre Dawson (2015), Ozzie Smith (2014), Cal Ripken, Jr. (2013), Tony Gwynn (2012), Johnny Bench (2011), Ernie Banks (2010), Hank Aaron (2009), Frank Robinson (2008) and Ken Griffey, Jr. (2007).

About Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory:

Experience history-in-the-making as you stroll through the factory where world-famous Louisville Slugger bats are created. Award-winning factory tour, newly renovated galleries with interactive exhibits, historic memorabilia, and more. Create a Louisville Slugger bat with your very own name on it, just like the pros. Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, 800 West Main Street, is open Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., with extended summer hours. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$13 for seniors (60+), \$8 children (6-12), and free for children 5 and under. For more information, including holiday hours and extended summer hours, visit sluggermuseum.com or call 502-588-7228.

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