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Rutgers Coach C. Vivian Stringer to Join Tim Howard NJCTS Leadership Academy

Basketball Hall of Famer to lead workshop on resilience

New Brunswick, NJ- The Tim Howard NJCTS Leadership Academy is turning up the star power with the addition of C. Vivian Stringer to the agenda. The women's basketball coaching legend will present a workshop on resiliency.

On August 1, 23 teens will arrive at Rutgers University to spend a three-day intensive training on life skills necessary to succeed with Tourette Syndrome (TS). TS is a neurological disorder characterized by involuntary movements known as tics. It's frequently accompanied by other disorders. Because it's such a "visual" disorder, as Tim Howard of Team USA and Everton explains, it often leads to greater degrees of bullying and isolation.

"The whole idea of the Academy is that [kids with TS] need to view themselves as successful and resilient- and the goal of the program is to have them see those possibilities," said Faith W. Rice, executive director of the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders (NJCTS).

Stringer is the coach of Rutgers Women's basketball team and a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame- inducted in 2009, the same class as Michael Jordan. While she is famous for her coaching ability, Stringer has turned personal struggles into a lesson in overcoming adversity.

Tim Howard, who conceived the Academy with NJCTS, is happy to share a new connection to Stringer, or "Mrs. Stringer" as he calls her. Howard grew up in North Brunswick and remembers when her family moved to Middlesex County when Stringer came to Rutgers. In a recent press conference, Howard fondly recalled his friend and fellow basketball player- David Stringer- Vivian's son.

Stringer, the author of *Standing Tall: A Memoir of Tragedy and Triumph* will no doubt draw on her life experiences to inspire the Academy participants in an intimate and interactive workshop. Other Academy presenters include leading TS clinicians and educators.

"We are pleased that C. Vivian Stringer will lead this special presentation," said Rice, "She is a gracious partner in inspiring TS kids and advocates." For more information about the Academy, visit www.njcts.org or call 908-575-7350.



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