



INTERNATIONAL TENNIS HALL OF FAME

Jorge Andrew honored with Tennis Educational Merit Award by the International Tennis Hall of Fame

NEWPORT, R.I. – Jorge Andrew has been a meaningful contributor in tennis in nearly every possible way – as a professional player, a coach, a teaching professional, a community leader, and a volunteer at local, state, sectional, and national levels. In recognition of his dedication to the sport of tennis, Andrew has been honored by the International Tennis Hall of Fame with the Tennis Educational Merit Award. The award is presented annually by the Hall of Fame to a man and a woman who have made notable contributions at the national level and have demonstrated leadership and creative skills in areas such as instruction, writing, organization, and promotion of the game of tennis.

Andrew received the award in a special ceremony in March at the USTA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. He was honored alongside Delaine Mast of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who also received the honor. The Tennis Educational Merit award was presented by ITHF CEO and former ATP World Tour standout Todd Martin.

Of the honor Martin commented, “Coming off the ATP World Tour, Jorge Andrew turned his ‘retirement’ into a tremendous career in service to our sport. His commitment to teaching tennis and teaching teachers of tennis knows no limits. The International Tennis Hall of Fame is committed to celebrating all that is great about our sport. We celebrate its history, and we celebrate its people - from the inspiring champions who have won the sport’s biggest titles to the dedicated industry leaders like Jorge who are committed to growing the game every day. We are very pleased to be able to recognize Jorge’s commitment to our sport with the Tennis Educational Merit Award.”

Andrew, who is originally from Venezuela, competed on the ATP World Tour for more than 10 years, and he was a player and captain for the Venezuelan Davis Cup team. After retiring from his playing career, Andrew settled in Lexington, South Carolina where he has been an integral part in the tennis community. Today he is the Director of Tennis Operations for the Lexington County Recreation Commission with 51 courts in two large facilities. He has brought numerous notable tournaments to the area including junior, high school, and collegiate events.

Andrew is highly involved with efforts to grow the sport through his work with PTR, USPTA, and the USTA. He has served on USTA committees for more than 15 years, and is currently a member of the USTA Hispanic Task Force. He is a PTR International Master Professional, one of the original eight to be certified. He is the second person in the world to become a USPTA Master Professional, the organization’s highest teaching designation. He is also a USTA Master Trainer for 10 & Under tennis.

Andrew is the Immediate Past President of PTR, and remains highly engaged in the organization’s activities. He has taught well over 100 tennis teacher workshops in 25 states and 11 countries, in both English and Spanish.

About the International Tennis Hall of Fame

Established in 1954, the International Tennis Hall of Fame is a non-profit institution that preserves and promotes the history of tennis and celebrates its champions, thereby serving as a vital partner in the growth of tennis globally. The Hall of Fame is located in Newport, Rhode Island, USA, on a seven-acre property that features an extensive museum that showcases the history of the sport and honors the 247 Hall of Famers; 13 grass tennis courts and an indoor tennis facility; and a rare Court Tennis facility. Annually in July, the venue hosts the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships for the Van Alen Cup, an ATP World Tour event. For information on the International Tennis Hall of Fame and its programs, visit tennisfame.com. *Media Contact: Anne Marie McLaughlin, amclaughlin@tennisfame.com or 1-401-626-7615*