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World-class sporting stars welcomed into University Hall of Fame

A world champion, an archery star and one of Britain's most successful hockey players have joined the list of sporting greats in the University of Edinburgh's Sports Hall of Fame.

Swedish orienteering World Champion Linnea Gustafsson will become the first international student to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Joining her will be European archery champion, Naomi Jones, who took up the sport while a student at the University, along with hockey player Stephen Dick, who has 149 caps for Scotland and Great Britain and has scored more than 25 goals during his international career.

The Hall of Fame newcomers will be welcomed by the Principal of the University, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea in front of current students and fellow athletes for the University of Edinburgh's annual celebration of sporting excellence, the Blues and Colours sports dinner.

Jim Aitken, the University's Director of Sport and Exercise, said: "All three Hall of Fame inductees have demonstrated excellence in their respective sports to earn this honour, which is the highest sporting accolade the University can give. The Sports Hall of Fame celebrates inspirational athletes who have excelled in their chosen sport and underlines the University's commitment to athletic achievement."

Edinburgh's Hall of Fame now boasts 27 world class athletes in its roll-call. Previous inductees include six-time Olympic gold medal-winning cyclist Sir Chris Hoy, Olympic gold medallist rower Katherine Grainger, and Olympic 400 metre running champion Eric Liddell.

To be welcomed in to the Hall of Fame, inductees must be a graduate of the University, and a major games (Olympic, Commonwealth, Paralympic, World or European) medal winner or have gained more than 100 senior international caps for their country.

Photographers are invited to the awards ceremony at 1830 tomorrow (Tues, 2 June) at the University's Playfair Library, Old College. Please email kathryn.dunlop@ed.ac.uk to book. Images are also available on request.

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