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MICHIGAN

Benefit Dinner 2025

Everyone needs mentors – people to encourage, guide, and empower your potential as you discover who you are meant to be.

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with Guest Speaker

GREG KAMPE

Head Coach - Men's Basketball
Oakland University

Monday, June 16th
Radisson Plaza Hotel



Since 1978, the Annual Benefit Dinner has played an important role placing Bigs into the lives of local children.

Bigs help the children they mentor realize their potential. Bigs and Littles develop one-to-one friendships that ignite the power and promise of youth in our community.

By supporting the Annual Benefit Dinner, you play an important role in ensuring the success of our one-to-one mentoring programs: from recruiting new Bigs, to matching them with a Little, and then providing professional support for the life of the match.

Thank you for your support!

GREG KAMPE: A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN BASKETBALL



for cancer research and supporting initiatives like the Boys & Girls Club. For his dedication, he received the Sparky Anderson Community Excellence Award in 2016.

Entering his 41st season as Oakland University's men's basketball head coach, Greg Kampe has built a program synonymous with success, resilience, and community impact. Under his leadership, Oakland claimed its first outright Horizon League regular-season title in 2023-24 and secured its first-ever NCAA Tournament Round of 64 victory with a historic upset over Kentucky, marking Kampe's 699th career win.

Kampe's impact transcends wins. He has mentored NBA talents like Kendrick Nunn and Kay Felder, coached 18 consecutive first-team all-league players, and led his team to eight 20-win seasons and six Summit League championships. His commitment to excellence earned him induction into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

Beyond the court, Kampe champions community service, raising over \$500,000

Guided by the mantra "Consistency is the hallmark of success," Kampe has transformed Oakland basketball into a national contender, with eight postseason berths and 32 professional players emerging under his tutelage. His coaching philosophy prioritizes student-athletes' growth, both on and off the court, ensuring they succeed beyond basketball.

From NCAA Tournament triumphs to his unwavering commitment to his players and community, Greg Kampe's legacy is a testament to the power of vision, dedication, and heart.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Registration
5:15 to 6:30PM

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
5:15 to 6:30PM

Opening Remarks
6:30PM

Dinner

Awards

Silent & Live Auctions

Raffle

Guest Speaker Greg Kampe

TICKETS:

Tickets may be purchased [here](#)
or by calling **269-382-6800**.

PREVIOUS GUEST SPEAKERS

2024	Jerome Bettis	2011	Jim Schwartz	1999	Bill Walton	1987	Gary Player
2023	WMU Coaches Panel	2010	Greg Jennings	1998	Kirk Gibson	1986	Jack Brickhouse
2022	Jim Craig	2009	Lindsay Tarpley	1997	Sparky Anderson	1985	Ben Davidson
2021	Wade Boggs	2008	Mark Dantonio	1996	Mike Singletary	1984	Mickey Spillane
2019	Austin Hatch	2007	Bob Griese	1995	Bill Laimbeer	1983	Bart Starr
2018	Gregory Kelsner	2006	Charlie Weis	1994	Rick Pitino	1982	Al McGuire
2017	Tim Lester	2005	Mike Ditka	1993	Johnny Bench	1981	George Plimpton
2016	Kirk Cousins	2004	Sugar Ray Leonard	1992	Dick Vitale	1980	Dick Butkus
2015	Lloyd Carr	2003	Chris Spielman	1991	Bobby Knight	1979	Rocky Bleier
2014	Jim Caldwell	2002	Bo Schembechler	1990	Terry Bradshaw	1978	Monte Clark
2013	John Beilein	2001	Tom Izzo	1989	Mickey Mantle		
2012	Tom Izzo	2000	Ernie Harwell	1988	Joe Theismann		