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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Silver Anniversary Marks Career Highlights for Girls Basketball Head Coach** *Karen Self inducted into H.S. Coaches Hall of Fame, named AIA Coach of the Year*



*Head Coach Karen Self with Seton Catholic sophomore Megan Giacobbi*

CHANDLER, Ariz., May 4, 2017—The 2016-17 high school basketball season marked Girls Varsity Head Coach Karen Self's 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary at Seton Catholic Preparatory. Self's silver anniversary at the East Valley's premier Catholic college preparatory high school also brought a number of career accolades and highlights.

On April 30, Self was inducted into the Arizona High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame. On May 15, she will receive the 4A-6A Coach of the Year award during the annual Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) Champions Awards Luncheon at the University of Phoenix Stadium.

In addition, Self was selected as one of 12 finalists—the only high school coach from Arizona—by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) for the 2017 U.S. Marine Corps/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year.

Self's silver anniversary at Seton also marked the ninth state championship for the Lady Sentinels under her leadership, as well as the team's second invitation—one of four girls' teams in the country—to compete in the DICK'S Sporting Goods (DSG) High School Nationals, held annually in New York and televised live on ESPN.

"The dedication of Coach Self has set the bar high for her team and for our overall athletic program," said Seton Catholic Prep Athletic Director Matt Mayo. "She not only knows how to win, her leadership and development of our student-athletes on and off the court is exceptional, and her players go on to do great things."

One such student-athlete among the Lady Sentinels is junior guard Sarah Barcello, who received the Big Schools Athlete of the Year Award from azcentral.com at the Sports Awards event April 30 at ASU Gammage. Also, twin seniors LeeAnne and Jenn Wirth (the last of five sisters to play for Self) will attend Gonzaga University in the fall.

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## **Silver anniversary marks career highlights for Coach Karen Self – Add One**

Finishing the season at 29-4, Seton Catholic's Lady Sentinels are ranked No. 1 by azcentral sports' "Arizona's Best High School Girls Basketball Programs" and No. 13 on USA Today Sports' "Super 25 Expert Rankings." Over the course of her coaching career at Seton thus far, Self has led the Lady Sentinels to 655 wins and 13 state title games since the team's first appearance in 1996. Nine state titles range from 2A through Division II/4A and account for more than any other girls' coach in Arizona history, according to azcentral.com Sports columnist Scott Bordow.

### **About Seton Catholic Preparatory**

Seton Catholic Preparatory is a private, coeducational high school in Chandler, Arizona, open to students of all faiths and dedicated to academic excellence, leadership and loving service to others. Seton Catholic Prep, founded in 1954, serves young men and women from parochial, private, charter, public and home schooling backgrounds and is the only Catholic college preparatory high school in the East Valley of Phoenix. The Seton experience allows ample opportunity for students to discover and develop their God-given talents in a supportive community, thus enabling them to succeed in higher education. Seton Catholic Prep is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Western Catholic Education Association. For more information, visit [www.setoncatholic.org](http://www.setoncatholic.org).

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