

A Celebration of Excellence & Puerto Rican Culture: Honoring UConn Stars Earl Kelley and Olympian Vicente Ithier



Hartford, Connecticut Jul 26, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The University of Hartford is excited to announce the “1st Annual Legends of Ball”, a momentous event dedicated to honoring the extraordinary contributions of Vicente Ithier, the acclaimed 1988 Puerto Rican Olympian and UConn basketball star, alongside Earl Kelley, a celebrated figure in Connecticut sports history. This intimate yet prestigious event will take place on July 26th, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Gengras Student Union,

University of Hartford.

Vicente Ithier has left an indelible mark in both sports and community service, inspiring countless individuals through his achievements. Earl Kelley, who led the nation with an impressive 40 points per game during his senior year, was recognized as the Big East Rookie of the Year in 1982 and drafted by the San Antonio Spurs in 1986. The event will also feature attendance from other notable legends, including Big Jim Moye, Senator Doug McCrory, and Paul Spence, among others.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend this significant occasion, offering an opportunity to interview attendees. This gathering will not only celebrate their remarkable achievements but also emphasize their unwavering commitment to uplifting the community and inspiring future generations. This event will include presentations of four prestigious citations from esteemed guests, including local elected officials and sports icons, paying tribute to Vicente and Earl's accomplishments and community service.

We invite you to join us for this extraordinary celebration that honors the legacy of these sports icons and highlights the importance of cultural appreciation within our community.

Light refreshments will be provided by MofonGo Restaurant, Puerto Rican Cuisine, located at 1400 Park Street in Hartford.

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