Belliveau enters Hall of Fame

Cabrillo instructor to be inducted Wednesday in Connecticut

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Forgive Kim Belliveau if she didn’t believe it when organizers from the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame informed her of her induction.

She didn’t even know she was nominated.

“It was kind of out of the blue,” said Belliveau, a kinesiology instructor at Cabrillo College who previously coached the women's basketball team for nine seasons.

“Is someone totally pranking me?” she thought.

Despite being away from the game of basketball since the 2001-02 season, when she retired from coaching the

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continued marks in both assists and

stalwart actress and

steals categories.

“I don’t care what state it is,” Cabrillo College athletic
director Dale Murray said.

“When your state induces you into the hall of fame, that’s a big
deal.”

After coaching stints at the
University of Connecticut,
Fresno State and San Jose
State, Belliveau began coach-
ing the Seahawks in 1991,
replacing John McGushin. She
went on to coach the team for
the next eight seasons before
taking a one-year sabbatical
in 1999.

With no team during the
2000-01 campaign, Belliveau
returned to coach Cabrillo for
her final year in 2001-02.

“Growing up, I was very
single-minded about basketball
and that’s all I wanted to do,” said Belliveau, who first
began playing the game when she was 7. “I was just ready to
do something else.”

Belliveau spent her sabbatical studying yoga, which she
now teaches at Cabrillo, among other classes.

The Connecticut Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame
includes roughly 150 players, coaches and referees at both
the high school and collegiate levels. Past inductees have
included UConn greats Jennifer Rizzotti and Rebecca
Lobo.

“These people have dedicated their lives to women's
basketball,” Belliveau said.