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Christine Brennan

Most Widely Read Female Sports Journalist

Christine Brennan is an award-winning sports columnist for *USA Today*, an ABC News and ESPN commentator, an NPR *Morning Edition* contributor, a best-selling author, and a nationally-known speaker. Twice named one of the country's top 10 sports columnists by the Associated Press Sports Editors, she has covered 14 consecutive Olympic Games, summer and winter.

Brennan was the first woman sports writer at the *Miami Herald* in 1981 and the first woman to cover the Washington Redskins as a staff writer at the *Washington Post* in 1985. She was the first president of the Association for Women in Sports Media and started an internship-scholarship program that now honors nine female students annually.

She is the author of seven books. Her 2006 sports memoir, *Best Seat in the House*, was the first father-daughter memoir written by a sports writer. Her 1996 best-seller, *Inside Edge*, was named one of the top 100 sports books of all-time by *Sports Illustrated*.

Brennan broke the news of the pairs figure skating scandal at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. Her *USA Today* column in April 2002 on Augusta National Golf Club triggered the debate on the club's lack of female members. In December 2002, *Sports Illustrated's* Golf Plus section named her one of golf's 12 heroes of the year.

Among Brennan's honors, she was named the 1993 Capital Press Women's "Woman of Achievement;" named the University of North Carolina's 2002 Reed Sarratt Distinguished Lecturer; won the 2003 Jake Wade Award from the College Sports Information Directors of

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America; was named Woman of the Year by WISE (Women in Sports and Events) in 2005; received the inaugural Women's Sports Foundation Billie Award for journalism in 2006; won Chi Omega's 2006 Woman of Achievement Award, and won Northwestern University's Alumni Service Award in 2007.

Brennan, a native of Toledo, is a member of the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame and Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism Hall of Achievement.