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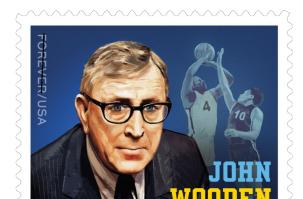












U.S. Postal Service to Release Stamp Honoring John Wooden

When: Saturday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. PST

What: The first-day-of-issue event for the new commemorative Forever stamp

celebrating the legacy of legendary basketball coach John Wooden.

Who: The Honorable Derek Kan, member of the USPS Board of Governors, will serve

as the dedicating official.

Where: Pauley Pavilion, East Plaza

University of California, Los Angeles

325 Westwood Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90095

RSVP: Attendees are encouraged to register at <u>usps.com/johnwoodenstamp</u>.

Details: The dedication ceremony will feature special guests, a presentation on the

significance of the stamp, and photo opportunities. The event is free and open to

the public.

Customers can preorder the John Wooden stamp online at *The Postal Store*

beginning Jan. 24.

News of the stamp is being shared on social media with the hashtag

#JohnWoodenStamp.

About the Stamp

Legendary coach John Wooden (1910-2010) led the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Bruins to a record-setting 10 Division I men's basketball national championships. Often considered the greatest coach in the history of American sports, Wooden coached the Bruins to 88 consecutive wins and four perfect (30-0) seasons.

The stamp features a portrait of Wooden. In the "UCLA blue" background, a player defends a shot. The numbers on the two players' jerseys, 4 and 10, evoke the Bruins' four perfect seasons and the 10 national championships during Wooden's tenure.

Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp using original artwork by Alexis Franklin.

The John Wooden stamp will be issued as a Forever stamp in panes of 20, with 18 million scheduled for production.

Forever stamps will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price.

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products online at <u>The Postal Store</u>, by calling 844-737-7826 or at Post Office locations nationwide. For officially licensed stamp products, shop the <u>USPS</u> <u>Officially Licensed Collection on Amazon</u>.

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