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FORMER WNBA STAR TO KEYNOTE ANNUAL SENIOR GIRL ATHLETE AWARDS BANQUET

Fresno, CA- **Adrian Williams-Strong** will be the guest speaker at the Junior League of Fresno's 29th Annual Senior Girl Athlete Awards on Monday, April 19th at 6:00 pm. The banquet will take place at the Central High School- East Campus. The public is welcome to attend, tickets cost \$25 per person and include dinner.

Williams-Strong was a professional women's basketball player in the WNBA. After graduating from Clovis West, Williams-Strong attended the University of Southern California and graduated in 1999. While attending the University of Southern California, she played four seasons with the Trojans and graduated with a degree in Psychology. She finished her USC career ranking ninth all-time in rebounding (694), ninth in blocks (97), and 10th in free throws made (258). She was one of only 19 players to reach the 1,000 point plateau (1,185 career points).

After her collegiate career, she was selected during the second round of the 2000 WNBA draft by the Phoenix Mercury. She pulled down a Mercury franchise record of 184 defensive rebounds during one season, and ranked sixth in the league in steals and ninth in rebounding. In 2003, she was named to the WNBA All-Star Team where she recorded nine points, six rebounds and two steals in 19

minutes of action. Williams-Strong was acquired by the San Antonio Silver Stars in 2004, signed by the Minnesota Lynx in 2006, and later acquired by the Sacramento Monarchs in 2007, where she played until her retirement in 2009.

Additionally, in 2003, Williams-Strong was named to the WNBA Select Team that earned the Silver Medal in the 2003 FIBA World Cup. She was also named Female Athlete of the Year by Athletes International in 2003. Williams-Strong played overseas in Korea in 2005 and in Spain during the 2006-2007 offseason.

The Senior Girl Athlete Awards Banquet is an event honoring female athletes from 21 local high schools. Each honoree is recognized for her outstanding contributions to athletics, academics and citizenship and awarded a scholarship and medallion at the event.

For additional information, call the Junior League office at (559) 221-2646.

About The Junior League of Fresno

Serving the Valley since 1959, the Junior League of Fresno is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The focus area of the Junior League of Fresno is women and children in need with the emphasis on education and health.

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