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significant contributions to the sport of judo and/or  
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May 6, 2020

Dear Braziel Sensei

We are honored to officially inform you that the Board of Directors of the United States Judo Federation has confirmed your induction into the U. S. Judo Hall of Fame Class of 2021.

Your Hall of Fame induction reflects your significant contribution to judo at the highest levels. Your success will be recognized in several ways:

- Your personal judo biography and some favorite judo photos will be placed on the USJF website in honor of your membership in the class of 2021
- There will be a formal ceremony to honor your induction at the next annual USJF Board of Directors meeting
- Your Yudanshakai will be encouraged to celebrate your induction with a local/regional presentation ceremony
- During one of these celebrations, you will be presented with a USJF plaque, certificate, hall of fame ring, and special lapel pin all intended to commemorate your Hall of Fame Induction

We will be sending to you and your nominator the biography that was created and presented to the Hall of Fame Committee for their deliberations. We would like you to review this document in order to ensure its accuracy. If you want changes, please use the “sticky notes” function in your pdf Reader to tell us what changes you want made. Also send any additional pictures you want included as a reflection of your Judo activity and let us know where in the biography they should be placed. Please review these materials and return them by May 28, 2021 at the latest to Neil Simon ([NJSimon@aol.com](mailto:NJSimon@aol.com)) with CC to Stilman Davis, USJF Webmaster ([stilman.davis@heuristika.co.uk](mailto:stilman.davis@heuristika.co.uk)).

Our U. S. Judo Hall of Fame Committee works exclusively with the respected master jeweler, Daniel Boettcher, owner of The Intrepid Wendell. He has created the beautifully designed and exclusive Hall of Fame Ring and Lapel Pin jewelry with its related judo symbolism. This jewelry will then be delivered in a wooden display box. We know you will enjoy these gifts honoring your Hall of Fame Induction. You will be receiving an email from [dan@theintrepidwendell.com](mailto:dan@theintrepidwendell.com) with a letter and form that needs to be completed. Please fill out and return that form to Daniel Boettcher ([Dan@theintrepidwendell.com](mailto:Dan@theintrepidwendell.com)) with CC to Neil Simon ([NJSimon@aol.com](mailto:NJSimon@aol.com)) also by May 28, 2021 at the latest so your ring can be created to order.

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Chairperson and Secretary*

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Finally, we believe your Hall of Fame Award should be publicized. One way to do so is to use a simple covering letter as a press release explaining your induction and the nature of the U.S. Judo Hall of Fame together with a copy of the material you want included in the U.S. Judo Hall of Fame website. We suggest this press release be mailed to local news organizations especially in your hometown. If your dojo or yudanshakai has a website or Facebook page, that would be another useful outlet for such publication.

Again, congratulations on this very special honor!

Yours in service to judo,

Mitchell Palacio, USJF President

Neil Simon, HOF Committee Chairperson

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