



OBJECT ID	F2013.38
OBJECT NAME	Plaque
DATE CREATED	July 25 – 30, 1982
EVENT	Basketball Training Associates Isiah Thomas Camp of Champions
MATERIAL	Fiberboard; Metal
OBJECT ENTITIES	Ganakas, Gus (is related to) Thomas, Isiah (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	1982 award basketball Basketball Training Associates Metal plaque

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Fiberboard plaque in the shape of a pointed shield. Fiberboard has black edges. On the back is a notch for hanging the plaque on the wall. Centered on the wooden plaque is a sheet of metal with a copper-colored finish. The metal sheet is fastened with three screws. Engraved on the metal sheet is:  
"Basketball Trianing Associates Isiah Thomas Camp of Champions July 25-30, 1982 Outstanding Community Service Award Gus Ganakas."

#### ORIGIN

Found in collection. Awarded to Gus Ganakas in 1982 by the Basketball Training Associates Isiah Thomas Camp for Champions for "Outstanding Community Service." Isiah Thomas is a retired professional basketball player. He played in the NBA from 1981 to 1994 with the Detroit Pistons and is in the Basketball Hall of Fame. Upon retiring he has coached for the Indiana Pacers, New York Knicks and Florida International University. He has also been active in philanthropic work, both during his career and in retirement, in the Chicago area, his hometown. Gus Ganakas is a sports broadcaster for Spartan Sports Network, the Michigan State University sports network. Ganakas is a graduate of MSU and was assistant men's basketball coach for MSU from 1966-1969. From 1969-1976 Ganakas took over the head basketball coaching job for the MSU men's team. From 1976-1998 Ganakas served as

MSU's assistant athletic director and from 1998-2000 he served as a special assistant to men's head basketball coach, Tom Izzo. In 1972, Ganakas was awarded the AHEPA Harry Agganis Award for the "Outstanding Hellene in the Field of Athletics."

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#### CITATION

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