

Soccer great Wambach to speak at Coe

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Abby Wambach, one of the world's greatest soccer players of all time, will be the speaker for the 13th Coe College Contemporary Issues Forum at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, in Eby Fieldhouse.

Wambach is the all-time leading scorer in international soccer history with 184 career goals. She is also a leading voice for women's sports as

well as for her generation of female soccer players and athletes.

A limited number of tickets are available for the event for \$10 each. They can be purchased online at www.coe.edu/boxoffice, or by calling the Coe College Box Office at 399-8600, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wambach is a double Olympic gold medalist (2004 and 2012), FIFA Women's World Cup champion and the 2012 FIFA World Player of the Year. A six-time winner of the U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year award, Wambach has been a regular on the U.S. women's national soccer team since 2003.

In May 2015, she was included in Time Magazine's Time 100 list as one of the most influential people in the world. Wambach has also played for several professional soccer teams during her career.

After announcing her retirement in October, Wambach appeared in her final game in December when the U.S. played the last match of its 10-game Victory Tour following the team's win at the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Among many other organizations, Wambach has done philanthropic work for the Epilepsy Foundation and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She is an ambassador for Athlete Ally, a non-profit organization that focuses on

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ending homophobia and transphobia in sports. In 2013, Wambach married her longtime partner, Sarah Huffman, who is also a nationally recognized soccer player.

Established by the late K. Raymond Clark '30, the Contemporary Issues Forum presents the views of distinguished leaders whose work has shaped and altered the course of world events.

The forum has featured former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, former Poland President Lech Walesa, deep-sea oceanographer Robert Ballard, civil rights activist Myrlie Evers-Williams, former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, "Doonesbury" cartoonist Garry Trudeau, ecology expert Jared Diamond, documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Leonard Pitts, celebrated author Sir Salman Rushdie, former Senate Majority Leader and Special Envoy George Mitchell, and Pulitzer Prize-winning global health expert Laurie Garrett.