

Press Release – For immediate release
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**The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation
Press Conference**

(Kansas City, Mo.) – The Kansas City Sports Commission will hold a press conference for the 2005 Athletes of the Year at the Hyatt Crown Center in room Empire A.

Prior to the Annual Awards Banquet, please join the honorees and the Kansas City Sports Commission for a 30-minute press conference on Tuesday, June 21st at 4:30 p.m. hosted by Dave Stewart.

The 33rd Annual Sports Commission Awards Banquet is Tuesday, June 21 at the Hyatt, Crown Center.

4:30 p.m. – Press conference and one-on-one interviews

5:00 p.m. – Cocktails & Silent Auction

6:30 p.m. – Dinner and awards banquet

The complete list of this year's honorees follows.

CASEY Award Presented by Global Spectrum/Kemper Arena

Anson Dorrance
Head Women's Soccer Coach
University of North Carolina

Special Achievement Award for Professional Athletics Presented by Sprint

Trent Green
Quarterback
Kansas City Chiefs

Special Achievement Award for Amateur Athletics

Darren Sproles
Football
Kansas State University

Special Achievement Award for Amateur Athletics

Kendra Wecker
Basketball
Kansas State University

Kansas City Collegiate Male Athlete of the Year

Wayne Simien
Basketball
University of Kansas
Leavenworth High School

Kansas City Collegiate Female Athlete of the Year

Alisha Robinson
Gymnastics
University of Missouri
Oak Grove High School

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Kansas High School Male Athlete of the Year Presented by Metro Sports

Mack Brown, Shawnee Mission North High School
Ryan Highfill, Gardner Edgerton High School
Dustin Moomau, Olathe North High School

Kansas High School Female Athlete of the Year Presented by Metro Sports

Charity Stowers, Leavenworth High School
Elizabeth Valenti, Blue Valley West High School
Jessica Stewart, Gardner Edgerton High School

Missouri High School Male Athlete of the Year Presented by Metro Sports

Louis Caputo, Blue Springs High School
Brock Christopher, Kearney High School
Mike Walczuk, Rockhurst High School

Missouri High School Female Athlete of the Year Presented by Metro Sports

Jessica Bush, Blue Springs High School
Lisa Fahey, Park Hill High School
Krishna Lee, O'Hara High School

Additional awards will be presented to:

Special Recognition Award Presented by Propulsion Advertising & Design

Rich Zvosec
Head Men's Basketball Coach
UMKC

Earl Smith Greater Kansas City Amateur Sports Hall of Champions

Jamillah Lang
Basketball
Washington High School
University of Colorado

Russ Morman
Baseball
William Chrisman High School
Wichita State University

Alex George Male Volunteer of the Year Presented by All Star Awards & Ad Specialties

Joe Bessenbacher

Alex George Female Volunteer of the Year Presented by All Star Awards & Ad Specialties

Sydney Martins

Joe McGuff Sports Journalist of the Year Presented by Ticketmaster

Finalists:
Jack Harry, KSHB-41 and 38 The Spot
Wright Thompson, The Kansas City Star
Mechelle Voepel, The Kansas City Star

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Please note that some honorees will not be present at the Press Conference.