

Press Release
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**The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation
Selects 2005 Honorees**

(Kansas City, Mo.) – The Kansas City Sports Commission has selected local collegiate and high school athletes of the year to be honored at the 33rd Annual Sports Commission and Foundation Banquet for Tuesday, June 21 at the Hyatt, Crown Center. The complete list of this year's honorees follows.

The 2005 collegiate and high school honorees are:

Kansas City Collegiate Male Athlete of the Year Presented by Sportkc.org

Wayne Simien
Basketball
University of Kansas
Leavenworth High School

Kansas City Collegiate Female Athlete of the Year Presented by Sportkc.org

Alisha Robinson
Gymnastics
University of Missouri
Oak Grove High School

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

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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

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

Joe McGuff Sports Journalist of the Year Presented by Ticketmaster

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

"The 2005 selection process was a difficult one. The qualified high school and collegiate student athletes in the area is astonishing. Kansas, Missouri and the entire Kansas City area should be proud to have this level of talent at the high school and college level," said Kevin Wicker, Director of Local Special Events.

The 2005 Special Achievement for Professional Athletics Award will be presented to Trent Green, Kansas City Chiefs Quarterback.

The 2005 CASEY Award honor goes to Anson Dorrance, North Carolina Women's Head Soccer Coach.

A press conference with this year's honorees will be at 4:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Crown Center, in room Empire A. Please contact Lisa Stalcup for media information.

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