

Press Release

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**Introduction of New Coaches at 2006 Annual Awards Banquet
- Herm Edwards to speak at the Kansas City Sports Commission Banquet -**

(*Kansas City, Mo.*) — Kansas City Chiefs head coach Herm Edwards will speak to a sell-out crowd at the 34th Annual Kansas City Sports Commission Awards Banquet on June 20. Edwards will be among many area coaches and successful athletes who will be recognized at this year's event. Bill Snyder, Kansas State University's head football coach will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award and Kansas City legend Buck O'Neil will be awarded the Special Achievement Award for Professional Athletics.

Other Coaches on hand to be introduced:
Bob Huggins, Kansas State Head Basketball Coach
Ron Prince, Kansas State Head Football Coach

Select honorees:

CASEY Award

Billy Mills (University of Kansas, 1964 Olympic Gold Medalist)

Lifetime Achievement Award

Bill Snyder, (Kansas State University, Head Football Coach)

Joe McGuff Sports Journalist of the Year

Wright Thompson (The Kansas City Star)

Special Achievement for Professional Athletics

Buck O'Neil (Kansas City Monarchs and Major League Professional Baseball)

Kansas City Collegiate Male and Female Athletes of the Year

Don Czyz, University of Kansas, Baseball

Bree Beattie, Emporia State University, Softball

Special Athletic Achievement Award (new award)

Steven McKinney (Special Olympics Missouri)

Tuesday, June 20th
Hyatt Regency Crown Center Ballroom
2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Event is at the open to all media. Detailed information will be sent closer to the event date.

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