

Press Release

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**The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation
Selects CASEY, Professional and other Award Honorees**

(Kansas City, Mo.) – The Kansas City Sports Commission has selected the 2006 CASEY, Professional and other Award honorees for its 34th Annual Awards Banquet.

This year's event will feature a CASEY Award Honoree, a Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Male and Female Collegiate and High School Athletes of the Year, and the Joe McGuff Sports Journalist of the Year. In addition, a Special Athletic Achievement Award will be given to an athlete with physical or mental disability.

“The 2006 Annual Awards Banquet will be better than ever. We're really excited to introduce some of Kansas City's incredible athletes, new coaches from around the area and local sports enthusiasts,” said Kevin Wicker, Director of Local Special Events. “This is the one event in Kansas City that honors amateur athletes in the same evening as professional athletes. It means a lot to these kids when they have been nominated by their coach or athletics director, selected from other very qualified competition and then have the opportunity to share the stage with some of the biggest names in sports. It's a night they'll never forget.”

Other honorees include:

CASEY Award Honoree

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

Special Tribute: 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

To Be Named

Kansas and Missouri High School Male and Female Athletes of the Year

To Be Named

Earl Smith Greater Kansas City Amateur Sports Hall of Champions Inductees
Ted Chittwood,
Linda Jones

Special Athletic Achievement Award
To Be Named

Introduction of Coaches

Herm Edwards
Ron Prince
Bob Huggins

The event is open to all media. A press conference will be held at 4:30 p.m. the day of the event, which will include comments from Banquet honorees and provide the media with one-on-one opportunities.

Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation's 34th Annual Awards Banquet

Tuesday, June 20th, 2006

Press Conference: 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Reception and Silent Auction: 5:00 p.m.

Dinner and Award presentation: 6:30 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Crown Center

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