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2023 Honorees Announced for the 50th Annual Kansas City Sports Awards Presented by Populous

KANSAS CITY, MO (April 19, 2023) – The Kansas City Sports Awards Presented by Populous, the region’s longest running and preeminent sports awards program, revealed the honorees for 2023, with recipients from organizations including the **Kansas City Current**, **Kansas City Chiefs** and **Kansas State Wildcats**.

“As Kansas City continues to generate unprecedented excitement for its national and international sporting events, these honorees represent the best of our local sporting community,” says Kathy Nelson, President and CEO of the Kansas City Sports Commission. “Together, these individuals and their organizations play a critical role driving fan engagement, awareness and opportunity for Kansas City.”

The award recipients for this year encompass not only coaches, players and executives, but also recognize the important roles of journalists and architects. Here are the 2023 honorees:

McCownGordon Construction Executive of the Year

[Brett Veach](#), General Manager
Kansas City Chiefs

Spire Community Champion

[Grant Wahl](#)
Internationally Acclaimed Sports Journalist
In Memoriam

Burns & McDonnell Coach of the Year

[Jerome Tang](#), Men’s Basketball Coach
Kansas State Wildcats

Polsinelli Sportsman of the Year

[Chris Jones](#), Defensive Tackle
Kansas City Chiefs

Children’s Mercy Kansas City Sportswoman of the Year

[Lo’eau LaBonta](#), Midfielder
Kansas City Current

T-Mobile Legacy Award

[Ron Labinski](#)
Sports Architecture Visionary
In Memoriam

The Kansas City Sports Awards will be held on Thursday, June 8 at the Muehlebach Tower of the [Kansas City Marriott Downtown](#). A reception at 5:30 p.m. precedes the dinner and awards program, which starts at 7 p.m. Tables are currently available exclusively for sponsors. More information can be found at <https://www.sportkc.org/awards-banquet>.

About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation

The mission of the [Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation](#) is to drive Kansas City’s overall sports strategy, to enrich the quality of life, create economic impact and raise visibility for our region. As a privately-funded nonprofit, we are entirely dependent on your support. For the latest on Kansas City Sports Commission news, follow on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Also follow the Garmin Kansas City Marathon on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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