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## **Rob Riggle to be featured speaker at KCSC Awards Banquet**

KANSAS CITY, MO (March 23, 2015) – Actor/Comedian/Writer/Producer/Director Rob Riggle will be the featured speaker at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Kansas City Sports Commission Awards Banquet on Wednesday, April 15 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown – Muehlebach Tower.

Riggle recently co-starred with Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels in Universal Pictures' *Dumb & Dumber To*, the sequel to the 1994 comedy classic, *Dumb & Dumber*. Since its November 2014 release, *Dumb & Dumber To* has grossed over \$169 million to date. Last summer, he co-starred with Damon Wayans Jr. and Jake Johnson in Twentieth Century Fox's buddy comedy, *Let's Be Cops*, which grossed over \$136 million worldwide.

"We are thrilled to have Rob Riggle speak at the awards banquet this year," said Kathy Nelson, President & CEO. "As a native Kansas Citian and avid sports fan, Rob's passion for athletics and loyalty to the local teams will shine during an event that honors sports and their impact in our community."

Six outstanding individuals will also be honored for their commitment and achievement in sports. The six honorees are:

**Waddell & Reed Executive of the Year:**

Dayton Moore, Senior Vice President-Baseball Operations / General Manager of the Kansas City Royals

**Kansas City Life Sportswoman of the Year:**

Bobbi Walden, National Powerlifting Champion & Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army

**Kansas City Marriott Downtown Sportsman of the Year:**

Shane Ray, 2014 SEC Defensive Football Player of the Year from the University of Missouri

**Burns & McDonnell Coach of the Year:**

Mike Talamantes, Park University Men's and Women's Head Volleyball Coach for NAIA National Champion Teams

**Sprint Co-Community Champion:**

Nick Hibbeler, Park Hill High School Soccer Player & Cancer Survivor

**Sprint Co-Community Champion:**

Mike Grossner, Baker University Head Football Coach & Cancer Survivor

The Awards Banquet will be Wednesday, April 15 at the Kansas City Downtown Marriott-Muehlebach Towers. A reception will start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and the program starting at 7 p.m. To purchase a sponsorship package call 816.389.4191 or visit [sportkc.org](http://sportkc.org).

**About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation**

The Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation benefit the Kansas City region through sports by creating, attracting and managing major sporting events for Kansas City. And, promote the lifetime benefits of sports for youth through educational initiatives, tournaments and clinics.

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