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The Evelyn Gates Award to be announced Thursday

KANSAS CITY, MO (November 14, 2016) – The twelfth annual [Evelyn Gates Award](#) will be presented Thursday, November 17 at 12:45 p.m. at Blue Valley West High School, 16200 Antioch Road, Overland Park, KS. This award has been established to honor the top female high school varsity volleyball player in the Kansas City area. The winner of the award has been chosen by area high school coaches. Finalists for the Award are: Genna Berg of Blue Springs South; Alex Haffner of Lee’s Summit North; Madison Lilley of Blue Valley West, and Annika Welty of Park Hill South.

The annual traveling trophy will be presented to the athlete to display at her school along with a \$500 stipend which will be awarded to the athletic department of the winner’s school.

This award is the only one of its kind honoring a woman official in the state of Missouri. This award has the same prestige as the Simone Award for football.

Visit WINforKC.org for more information.

Evelyn Gates

Evelyn Gates (1932-2003), a retired histology technician from KU Medical Center, officiated high school and college volleyball, softball and basketball for over 45 years in the Kansas City area and was a staunch supporter of girls’ high school sports. During her officiating career, she touched the lives of tens of thousands of high school athletes, parents and officials. She mentored many women officials in the sports of softball, basketball and volleyball during the infant stages of the Title IX movement and continued that mentoring during her officiating career. Evelyn died of cancer on May 5, 2003 and a memorial fund has been established to support the Evelyn Gates Award.

About WIN for KC

The Women’s Intersport Network for Kansas City (WIN for KC), was established in 1994 under the umbrella of the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission, with the mission to ignite girls and women through advocating and promoting the lifetime value of sports and fitness, while providing opportunities for participation and leadership development. WIN is a volunteer, membership-driven organization that operates as a program of the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation. For more information, visit WINforKC.org. For the latest on WIN for KC news, follow on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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