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2022 Honorees Announced for the 49th Annual Kansas City Sports Awards Presented by Populous

KANSAS CITY, MO (April 27, 2022) – The Kansas City Sports Awards Presented by Populous, the region’s longest running and preeminent sports awards program, revealed the honorees for 2022, with recipients from organizations including the **Kansas City Current**, **Kansas City Monarchs**, **Kansas Jayhawks** and **Kansas State Wildcats**.

“Each year, I’m amazed at the amount of talent, leadership and success of our local sporting community,” says Kathy Nelson, President and CEO of the Kansas City Sports Commission and Visit KC. “Sports continue to move Kansas City forward when it comes to economic impact, opportunity and inclusion.”

The award recipients for this year encompass not only coaches, players and ownership, but also recognize the important role of sports journalists and broadcasters. Here are the 2022 honorees:

McCownGordon Construction Executives of the Year

[Angie Long](#), [Chris Long](#), [Brittany Mahomes](#)
Kansas City Current

Spire Community Champion

[Brenda VanLengen](#)
Emmy-Award Winning Broadcaster

Burns & McDonnell Coach of the Year

[Joe Calfapietra](#)
Kansas City Monarchs

Polsinelli Sportsmen of the Year

[Men’s Basketball Team](#)
Kansas Jayhawks

Children’s Mercy Sports Medicine Center Sportswoman of the Year

[Ayoka Lee](#)
Kansas State Wildcats

T-Mobile Professional Achievement Award

[Vahe Gregorian](#)
The Kansas City Star

The Kansas City Sports Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, June 9 at the Muelbach 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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