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## **Evelyn Gates Award Winner to be Announced on Wednesday, November 9**

*Honors top female high school varsity volleyball player in Kansas City area*

KANSAS CITY, MO (November 8, 2022) – The 17th annual Evelyn Gates Award will be presented tomorrow, Wednesday, November 9. The award, the only one of its kind to commemorate a female official in the states of Missouri and Kansas, honors the top female high school varsity volleyball player in the Kansas City region.

Each year, Kansas City metro area high school coaches nominate and select an award recipient exhibiting top tier skill, spirit and sportsmanship in the Kansas City vicinity. For 2022, the four finalists are as follows:

- Ashlyn Bellamy | Lee's Summit High School
- Ashley Mullen | Liberty High School
- Carlie Cisneros | Liberty North High School
- Shaye Koski | Park Hill High School

“As WIN for KC continues celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX, the legacy of Evelyn Gates showcases the lasting impact trailblazers, like Evelyn, made for young women and girls across the country,” says Ruth Feldblum, Director of WIN for KC. “This award not only represents excellence in skill and sportsmanship but honors the dedication and sacrifice of women who officiated, coached and played sports in a less equitable time.”

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.

Award ceremony details:

Date – Wednesday, November 9

Time – 9:00 a.m.

Location – Park Hill High School

Address – 7701 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64153.

For more information about the Evelyn Gates Award and WIN for KC click [here](#).

### **About 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](http://WINforKC.org). For the latest on WIN for KC news, follow on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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