

2025 DIRENNA AWARDS SHOW

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WELCOME TO THE 2025 DIRENNA AWARDS SHOW

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Welcome/Introduction of Tonight's Host Matt Foster, Sports Anchor/Reporter at KSHB 41

Tom Colwell Lifetime Achievement Award Sam Cofield, Dan Schnell, Richard Strecker, Raymond Thompson

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GKCBCA Hall of Fame Inductions

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Eddie Ryan Awards

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DiRenna Awards

Remarks and Presentation.....Dr. James A. DiRenna Jr.

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Introduction of All-Star Players and Coaches



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2025 DIRENNA ALL-STAR GAMES

Friday, April 11 • St. Thomas Aquinas HS • Overland Park, Kan.

Women's Game: 6 p.m. CT • Men's Game: 7:30 p.m. CT



TOM COLWELL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

n 2003, the GKCBCA Lifetime Achievement Award was renamed the Tom Colwell Lifetime Achievement Award, in honor of the longtime coach at Bishop Miege, Blue Valley North and St. Thomas Aquinas high schools, in addition to prior positions as head coach and athletics director at St. Benedict's College (now Benedictine College).

In his more than 40-year career, Tom taught and coached more than 7,500 students and athletes, and inspired dozens of former students and players to pursue teaching and coaching careers.



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2025 Recipients



SAM COFIELD

Sam Cofield became a teacher and basketball coach at Lincoln High School in the 1966-67 school year and experienced a tremendous amount of success during the next 17 years. Coach Cofield never had a team finish lower than 3rd place, was named the IL Coach of the Year 8 times and won or shared 9 conference championships. His teams reached the state quarterfinals 5 times where four of those losses were to teams that went on to win the state championship.

During his last 4 years at Lincoln he served as the school Athletic Director, before joining the district office in 1983 to become the Kansas City School

District Athletic Director. He served in that role for the next ten years before retiring for the first time in 1993. After a very brief retirement (6 months) he joined the Kansas City Kansas School District to teach elementary Health and Physical Education for 14 years before retiring for a second time.

Cofield credits the love and support he received from his family for the success and longevity he enjoyed during his 41 year career in education.



DAN SCHNELL

Tom Colwell passed away in 2002, but his

influence can still be felt throughout the greater

Kansas City basketball scene. His former assistant

coaches and players include (but are not limited

to): Sean Reilly (St. Thomas Aquinas HS), Ed Fritz

(Blue Valley Northwest HS), Mark Huppe (Rockhurst

University), Bill O'Connor (Rockhurst University) and

Doug Bruce (Rockhurst HS Athletics Director).

Dan Schnell's career in education has spanned 43 years in various roles at Otterville, Smithton, Cole Camp and Lee's Summit High School. He served as a teacher and coach for 22 years. Schnell was an Assistant Principal for 11 years and the Activities/ Athletic Director for 8 years at Lee's Summit High School, where he continues to help on a part time basis.

During his coaching career, Schnell led 5 teams from 3 different sports to Missouri State Final Fours: Smithton Boys Basketball (1987), Cole Camp Girls Volleyball (1989), Cole Camp Girls Basketball (1992), and two runner-up finishes (Cole Camp

Girls Basketball (1993) and Cole Camp Girls Volleyball (1994).

Coach Schnell was recognized by the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association as a member of their 300+ career wins club and served as the President of the MBCA during the 2001-02 school year.

Schnell continues to assist at Lee's Summit High School. Over the past six years, he has worked as a substitute Assistant Principal, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and providing support at events by working the gate, keeping score and handling announcing duties.

Dan's family includes his wife, Teddy; sons Jeffrey and Andrew; and daughter Haley.

TOM COLWELL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2025 Recipients (continued)



RICHARD STRECKER

Coach Rick Strecker has most recently served as the Head Girls Basketball Coach at Blue Valley West High School. The Blue Valley West Basketball Jaguars have enjoyed an improved intensity and quality of play and have returned to playing a significant role in the powerful Eastern Kansas League (EKL), one the toughest girls' basketball conferences in the state of Kansas.

Prior to Blue Valley West, Coach Strecker enjoyed success as the Head Girls' Basketball Coach at Topeka Hayden High School of the Centennial League. Coach Strecker and his teams went to the KSHSAA State Basketball Tournament 10 times during his 12 year run with the Wildcats, winning 3 State Championships while reaching the semifinals 6 times. Strecker and his wife, Kathy, directed powerhouse growth in the success of girls' athletics at Topeka Hayden, additionally winning 9

KSHSAA State Championships and 5 State Runner-up finishes in Cross Country and Track and Field. Kathy is now the Head Cross Country Coach and Associate Athletic Director at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, MO. Rick Strecker holds the distinction as the career leader in varsity girls' basketball victories at both Topeka Hayden and Blue Valley West high schools. He served as the President at Topeka Hayden for 17 years.

He has previously been named the Kansas High School Girls Basketball Coach of the Year by the Wichita Eagle, the Topeka Capital Journal, the Kansas Coaches Association, and the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association. He coached in the KBCA State All-Star game on three occasions. He was also the Region 8 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year and a finalist for National Coach of the Year in 1996, as awarded by the NHSFCA. Coach Strecker was named in 2021 as an inaugural inductee of the Topeka Hayden High School Hall of Fame.

Strecker is a graduate of Benedictine College (BA Physics), the University of Missouri-Kansas City (MS Physics), and the University of Kansas (MSEd). He is a director on the Benedictine College Physics and Astronomy Advisory Committee. Strecker teaches Physics and AP Physics 1 and 2 at Blue Valley West and assists with the cross country and track and field teams. He additionally serves as an Adjunct Professor of Physics at JCCC. Rick and Kathy have four children, Jordan, Kristin (Seth) Wiedel, Shannon (Adam) Sova, and Mary, and have 5 young grandchildren; Nora, Tori, Leah and Matthew Wiedel and Anthony Sova.



RAYMOND THOMPSON

Raymond Thompson began his teaching and coaching career in Clarendon, Arkansas where he spent four years before moving to Kansas City to accept a position teaching mathematics and coaching with the Kansas City Missouri School District.

For the next 31 years, Thompson taught mathematics, coached several sports and served at both Paseo Academy and Metro Tech where he also served as the Athletic Director. Upon retirement in 2003, he rejoined the KCMSD where he performed the duties of the District Athletic Coordinator until 2009.

Over the course of his career, Raymond received many awards and recognitions as a teacher and coach. His accolades include An Excellence in Teaching Award from

the College Prep Program; 4-time winner of the IL Track and Field Coach of the Year; IL Cross Country Coach of the Year (1987); and was the IL Boys Basketball Coach of the Year 5 times (1997, 1988, and 2000 through 2002).

Coach Thompson also was named to the coaching staff of the KC Metro All Star Game (Boys Basketball) in 1999 and the HyVee MO v. KS All-Star Game (Boys Basketball) in 2003, which is now known as the DiRenna All-Star Game.

Raymond is married to Martha Allen Thompson and they have one daughter, Romona.

Past Recipients

- 2024 Sean Reilly
- 2023 Darwin Rold
- 2022 John Sedler
- 2019 Jim Rusconi
- 2018 Mark Huppe
- 2017 Mike Etnire
- 2016 Mike Gailey, Lee's Summit
- 2015 Mike Miller, Olathe North
- 2014 Joel Heider, Bishop Ward
- 2013 Mike Brinsko, Highland Park/ Shawnee Mission West
- 2012 Joe Grantham, De La Salle/Rockhurst/Park Hill/ St. Theresa's
- 2011 Roger Jackson, Bishop Lillis HS/ Bishop Ward HS/ Rockhurst HS/ Bishop Miege HS
- 2010 Jack Smith, Liberty HS

- 2009 Tom Goddard, Windsor/Raytown HSs
- 2008 Walt Shublom, Wyandotte HS & Kansas City Kansas CC
- 2007 Jim Draper, Erie/Blue Valley/ Arkansas City/Oak Park/Grandview/Blue Valley Northwest HS
- 2006 Lee Kariker, William Jewell College
- 2005 Norb Schmidt, long-time KCMO-area coach
- 2004 Keith Lindsay, KCK-area basketball
- 2003 Lafayette Norwood, Johnson County CC
- 2002 Jim Gurley, Shawnee Mission South HS



WALT TYLICKI MEMORIAL AWARD



He never coached a state championship, but in the hearts and minds of everyone who knew him, Walt Tylicki was truly a champion.

The star of the team, the 12th man, the academically gifted, and the academically challenged, all were equal in his eyes. He was *their* coach.

Walt's abiding faith in

the basic goodness and worth of every person was a transforming power in the lives of thousands of young men and women, on and off the court.

Walt Tylicki's legacy serves as the template for selecting recipients of this award.

The GKCBCA established the Walt Tylicki Memorial Award in 2006 to recognize longtime educators and coaches who have devoted an entire career to helping people become better athletes and students.

Tylicki, a graduate of Rockhurst University, turned his love of basketball into a long career as a teacher, counselor and assistant coach, spending 29 years at Bishop Miege High School.

2025 Recipient

Kevin Mulvany just completed his 19th season as an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Kevin was hired in 2006 by legendary Bishop Miege High School Head Coach Terry English. He spent 16 seasons alongside Terry where their teams won 9 State Championships.

In 2022, Kevin became the 3rd Head Coach in Bishop Miege Girls Basketball history, and led the Stags to another Kansas 4A State Championship, his 10th State Championship, and their 24th State Title in program history. The Stags record while Mulvany was on staff was 347-61.



In 2023, Coach Mulvany joined his former Bishop Miege player and Assistant Coach, Sydney Ritter as she

became a 1st time head coach at Liberty North High School. He joined Ritter's staff by filling the same Varsity Assistant role that he held for so many years on Coach English's staff at Bishop Miege. In the two seasons that Mulvany has been at Liberty North, the Eagles have gone 42-13.

Coach Mulvany comes from a family of basketball coaches, where he learned so much about what it takes to be a successful high school basketball coach. His dad, Blake Mulvany, was the boys basketball coach at Bishop Ward High School for 15 years, and his brother, Tim Mulvany, was the boys basketball coach at Bishop Miege High School and then at Blue Valley High School for 22 years.

Kevin is so grateful for all of the years that he was able to learn from Hall of Fame Coach and friend Terry English and the assistant coaches that he spent so many years on staff with, Jeff English, Sydney Ritter, and Chris Thayer. The most rewarding aspect of being a part of both the Bishop Miege and Liberty North basketball programs is seeing current and former players find success, take what they learned from these programs and build their lives, and return to talk about memories and experiences that they created together as players and coaches.

Kevin resides in Lenexa, Kansas with his wife of 44 years, Mary Mulvany. He has four children, all of which are graduates of Bishop Miege High School, and four grandchildren. Outside of coaching, Kevin has spent the last 46 years working for Superior Bowen Asphalt Company.

Past Recipients

- 2024 Bob Harbour, Saint Thomas Aquinas
- 2023 Lewis Smith
- 2022 Rob James, Liberty North, Minnetonka
- 2019 Jim Page, Truman
- 2018 John Morris, Rockhurst
- 2017 Kevin Harrison, Fort Osage, Kirksville, Lee's Summit, Raytown, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit West
- 2016 Richard Murphy, St. Pius X
- 2015 Jude Gerstner, St. Thomas Aquinas
- 2014 Tim Bishop, Shawnee Mission West/Olathe Northwest
- 2013 Kevin Levetzow, Park Hill
- 2012 Mike Nelson, Park Hill South
- 2011 Kelly Ponzer, Shawnee Mission South High School/ Shawnee Mission School District
- 2010 Jim Hutchens, Kearney School District
- 2009 Larry Park, Avila University/Ottawa University/
 - University of Missouri-Kansas City/Rockhurst University
- 2008 Bill Reardon, Bishop Miege High School
- 2007 Randy Freivogel & Allen Stillman, Leavenworth High School
- 2006 Jim Carr, Olathe South High School

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GKCBCA HALL OF FAME

Since 1999, the Greater Kansas City Basketball Coaches Association has honored area coaches and individuals with induction into the GKCBCA Hall of Fame. The criteria for selection include: minimum of 20 years as a head basketball coach (high school or college), with 15 years in the Kansas City area, a minimum of 300 career wins as a high school varsity or college head coach, positive role model for players, school and community; and achieved positive impact/influence on Kansas City basketball and their own program(s).

Class of 2025, Coaches Category



DONNIE CAMPBELL

Donnie Campbell enjoyed a successful athletic career as a dual-sport athlete, playing football and basketball at Kansas State University before continuing to play professional football with the Houston Oilers. He has been fortunate to have teachers, mentors, and coaches who positively influenced his life, leading him to dedicate a career to coaching and teaching.

With over 30 years of experience, Coach Campbell's coaching journey began as an assistant coach at Blue Valley North High School from 1986 to 1989, where the program was established. Following this, he became the head coach at Gardner Edgerton High School from 1989 to 1992. From

1992 to 2001, Coach Campbell served as the head coach at Shawnee Mission West, where the team reached the state tournament four times, including a state championship runner-up finish in 1999. Coach Campbell then became the first head coach of Blue Valley West High School, a position held until 2017. During his tenure, the Blue Valley West team participated in the state tournament seven times, achieving a third-place finish in the 5A state tournament in 2015, a state championship in 2007, and a 6A runner-up finish in 2013.

Among Campbell's former players is Jason Sudeikis, SNL Alumni and creater of the hit TV show Ted Lasso. Coach Campbell has been recognized as one of the inspirations behind the main character, highlighting themes of teamwork, positivity, and leadership in athletics.

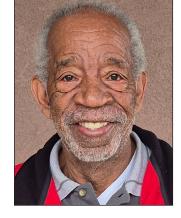
Currently, Coach Campbell divides his time between inspiring students and inspiring corporate audiences across the country as a Professional Keynote Speaker.

In the classroom, Campbell teaches math at Lee's Summit North High School, where he believes that the role of a teacher takes precedence, whether in the gym or the classroom. He consistently strives to impart important life lessons to the students and athletes he mentors.

As a speaker, Coach Campbell draws on his decades of experience to deliver impactful presentations on leadership, teamwork, and personal growth. His unique background as both a professional athlete and successful coach allows him to connect with diverse audiences and share practical insights that inspire positive change. Campbell's speaking engagements have taken him to venues nationwide, where he combines personal anecdotes with proven strategies to help others achieve their full potential.

Coach Campbell has been supported by his family throughout this journey, particularly his wife, Janice. Their encouragement has allowed him to pursue a passion for coaching basketball and focus on teaching and mentoring while inspiring audiences nationwide.





LEE DURHAM

Lee Durham led his teams to over 500 wins as the Head Boys Basketball Coach during his 33 years (1969-2002) at Southeast (KC) High School. Prior to Southeast, he served as a Graduate Assistant Coach for one year at Prairie View A&M (his alma mater).

Durham was a Human Sciences and Physical Education teacher and in addition to coaching basketball, he served as an Assistant Coach in the Football and Track programs and as Head Coach for the Volleyball program.

Coach Durham was named the Interscholastic

League (IL) Coach of the Year 3 times (1981, 1984 and 1987) and his teams were recognized as one of the Top 10 teams in the KC Metro area multiple years. Overall, his teams captured the IL championship (1981), 2 District runner-up finishes (1982 & 1987), 3 District Championships (1978, 1984 & 1990) and were a Regional semifinalist in 1971 (Class L).

Several of his former players moved on to play basketball at the collegiate level including Division I programs across the country.

Durham served as the Athletic Director at Southeast for 5 years and was a member of the Missouri State High School Actives Association (MHSAA) basketball advisory committee for 4 years.

Lee Durham and his wife of 52 years, Zora, have two children: Daughter, Tammara and Son, Derek



ANDY JACKSON

Andy Jackson, a Louisiana native, graduated from Charles Brown High School and later played and graduated from Southwest Baptist University, where he was an All District 16 player.

Andy's coaching journey began with freshman coaching position at St. Joseph Central High School. He then progressed to head coaching positions at Hogan Prep in Kansas City, Kansas, before moving to the Kansas City Interscholastic League (IL) where he served as the Head Boys Basketball Coach at Westport High School and then at Lincoln Prep.

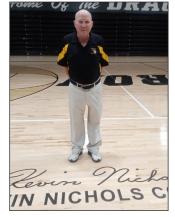
During Jackson's tenure his teams achieved an

impressive record of 623-199, while averaging over 20 wins per season. Throughout his career, his teams made it to the Show-Me Showdown six times, finishing second twice, third three times, and fourth once.

In 2006, Andy's contributions were recognized when he was inducted into the Missouri Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. He was also honored with inductions into the Brown High School Hall of Fame in 2015 and the Hogan Athletic Hall of Fame in 2021.

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Class of 2025, Coaches Category (continued)



KEVIN NICHOLS

Nichols spent 34 years as a head high school basketball coach in lowa and Missouri. During his time as a head coach he recorded an impressive total of 665 career wins. During this time, he served as the Head Boys Basketball Coach at Cameron for 18 years where they enjoyed tremendous success including: 20+ wins in 8 seasons, 16 tournament championships; 7 conference championships; 5 district titles and in the 2005-06 season they advanced to the Final Four with a 3rd place finish in the MSHSAA state championship.

In recognition of his accomplishments as a coach, Nichols received two Kansas City area awards as he was named the 2006 Eddie Ryan Coach of the Year and the 2006 Paul Lambert Coach of Year. In addition, Nichols was inducted into the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Hall of

Fame in 2007.

In 2016, the Cameron community honored Coach Nichols by naming the High School Gym floor "KEVIN NICHOLS COURT". Upon retiring as the Head Boys Basketball Coach, he served as the Athletic Director for two years.

He is married to his wife Jackie and they have a son (Brandon) and a daughter (Heather) in addition to 4 grandchildren.



RICK RHOADES

Rick Rhoades just completed his 30th year overall as a Head Girls Basketball Coach and his first season at the helm at Winnetonka High School.

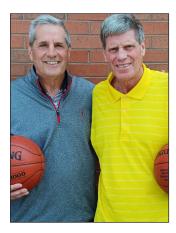
During his 30 years, Coach Rhoades has accumulated 420 wins and has led 3 teams to the final four at the state tournament resulting in 2 runner-up finishes and 1 third place finish. Rhoades has received several coaching recognitions including being named the All-Metro Coach of the Year two times (2008 & 2015) ; the Sunflower League Coach of the Year 4 times (2007, 2008, 2021 and 2024); and the Kansas 5A Coach of the Year twice (2016 & 2019).

Rhoades began his coaching career at Notre Dame de Sion (1995-99), then served as the head coach at Blue Valley (1999-2004). Rick then accepted the Head Girls

Basketball Coach at Shawnee Mission East where he spent the next 6 seasons (2004-2010) before accepting the challenge to start a program at the newly opened Blue Valley Southwest where he coached from 2010-2019.

His last position on the Kansas side was at Olathe West where he won 76 games over five years and in his final season (2023-24) his team set the school single season record for wins (18).

He is joined tonight by his daughter, Alex.



Class of 2025, Players Category

RICK AND MICK ALLISON

Rick & Mick Allison led the Center Yellowjackets to an undefeated (29-0) record and the MO Class 4 state championship (then the largest class in the state of MO) during their senior season (1975-76).

They completed their run in a dominant fashion averaging 81 points a game throughout the season with the smallest margin of victory being 10 points. Five times they scored more than 100 points in a game (this was before the 3-point shot was adopted). The Allison's received several honors including All-Conference, All-Metro, All-District and All-State. In addition, they were named the Co-Winners of the 1976 DiRenna Award.

Rick and Mick then moved on to play at the college level, first at the University of Central Missouri for a season

before moving to Rockhurst College. Their 1979-80 team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the NAIA National Tournament and was recently inducted into the Rockhurst College Hall of Fame. After that season, they were selected by the NAIA to join a national team that was sent to Australia to both compete in games as well as conduct clinics to teach the game of basketball.

After their playing days ended, they both continued to support the game. Rick served as a high school coach, first at Pembroke Hill for 21 years and then spent 10 years on the staff at St. Thomas Aquinas. In 1999, he received two coach of the year awards; the Eddie Ryan Award and the Lambert Award. Mick served as a high school basketball official for 8 years during his professional career with the Saint Luke's Health system and Advent Health.

Rick may be the only person to have played on a high school team that completed an undefeated season and coached a team to an undefeated season as well as being a DiRenna Award co-winner as a player and coached two players that received the DiRenna Award.

Mick has been married to his wife, Jeanne for 41 years and they have two daughters, Taylor and Lauren.

Rick has been with his wife, Teresa for 20 years and he has two sons, Travis and Jordan.



LISA BRADDY Schlagle

Lisa Braddy, a native of Kansas City, Kansas, had a standout basketball career from high school to the professional level.

As a freshman at Schlagle High School, she led her team to the Kansas State Championship in Class 6A, finishing the year as the Top Freshman in the Conference and the #1 Freshman in the country. She completed her high school career at St. Teresa's Academy, where she earned numerous accolades, including:

- 3× All-Conference
- 2 \times All-Metro
- 2× All-State
- Street and Smith All-American
- Who's Who All-America

Ranked the #1 Guard in the Country her senior year

At the University of Kansas, Braddy made an immediate impact, leading her team to a Big 8 Conference and Tournament Championship in her freshman year and earning Big 8 Newcomer of the Year honors. Over her fouryear career as a starter, she received several prestigious recognitions:

• All-Big 8 Team (1988, 1989, 1990)

Represented the United States on the USA Olympic Sports Festival Team and the USA Select Jones Cup Team

Led her team in points, assists, steals, and blocked shots in both her junior and senior years
Braddy finished her career at KU as the all-time assist leader for both KU and the Big 8 Conference. She also
ranked:

- 5th in steals
- 12th in blocked shots
- 14th in scoring

As a professional in the WBA, Braddy was instrumental in helping the Kansas Crusaders win the league's first championship. She also played for the KC Mustangs, earning All-Star honors twice.

Braddy's coaching career includes leading boys' AAU teams, coaching girls' high school basketball at Park Hill South, and becoming the first African American woman to join the coaching staff for boys' varsity basketball at Park Hill South.

Currently, Lisa Braddy serves as a Project Manager at Citi Bank.

Class of 2025, Players Category (continued)



WAYNE SIMIEN I eavenworth

Wayne Simien was a standout player at Leavenworth High School where he led his team to the 2000 Kansas Class 6A State Championship and received several recognitions his senior year including being named the 2001 DiRenna Award winner, the Kansas Men's Gatorade Player of the Year and a McDonalds High School All-American.

During his time at the University of Kansas, he played in 2 Finals Fours and won 3 Big 12 championships. In 2005, Simien was an unanimous selection as the Big 12 Player of the Year. He led the league in scoring (19.4 ppg) and rebounding (11.1) and was the only

player in the league to average a double-double for the season. Simien was also a 2-time All-Big 12 First Team selection (2004 & 2005). In recognition of his outstanding career, his jersey has been retired and resides in Allen Fieldhouse.

In 2005, he was a first round pick of the Miami Heat and was part of their NBA World Championship team in 2007.

Wayne is currently serving as the Associate Athletics Director of Strategic Engagement for the University of Kansas where he serves on the executive staff, aids in team and staff leadership development and fundraising.



JULIE (NILL) WILSON Lee's Summit

Julie Nill Wilson played for the Lee's Summit Tigers from 1976-1980 and was a member of the state championship team in 1978. During her high school basketball career she was recognized as an all-conference, all-area, all-district, all-metro and a 3-time Missouri all-state player. Julie still holds numerous single game and career records at LSHS. Julie's collegiate basketball career began at Oklahoma State. Following a knee injury during her freshman season, she returned to Kansas City and transferred to UMKC. Julie played 3 seasons as a 'Roo and, by the end of that time, she had received NAIA conference and district recognition, she was a two-time NAIA

Honorable Mention all-American, she received the NAIA's Frank Hesselroth Leadership Award, and Julie helped lead her team to a third-place finish at NAIA National Tournament in 1983. Julie has been inducted into the UMKC Athletics hall of fame as a member of the 1983 team and as an individual in 2010.

Professionally, Julie spent nearly 3 decades as a leader within the field of human resources and 20 years as a Chief People Officer. Julie enjoyed a 25-year career with Cerner Corporation during its' incredible growth as an industry leader in health care and information technology. Julie was Cerner's Chief People Officer for 16 years supporting the company's expansion to the peak of over 30,000 associates working around the world. Julie retired from Cerner in 2019. After approximately 18 months of retirement, Julie was recruited by a global data and analytics company to come out of retirement and return to the corporate world where she served as Chief People Officer for 3 years, retiring again in 2024.

Preceding her time at Cerner, Julie was the business manager for the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) athletics department where she assisted with the movement of the athletics program from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I.

As an active citizen in the Kansas City and women's leadership community, Julie currently serves on community and non-profit boards including, Stowers Resource Management, MRI Global and formerly as a member of the National World War 1 Museum and Memorial trustees.

Julie holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Missouri, Kansas City and is a member of Kansas City's "Women of Influence" selected by the Kansas City Business Journal 2014 to present. She was also a three-time honoree as one of Kansas City's "Power 100" recognized by the Kansas City Business Journal.

EKERCA HALL OF FAME Class of 2025 Class of 2022 Class of 2018 Class of 2016 Class of 2000 Class of 2024 Class of 2011 Class of 2007 Class of 2003 Coaches Coaches Coaches Tricia Lillygren Steve Ingram Kermit Deterding **Diana Tingler** Doug Bruce **Randy Draper** Jeff Atkins Brett Goodwin Larry Hogan William A. Madison Ken Kerwin Tom Colwell Larry Holley Tom O'Dell **Rick Hetzel** Steve Cassity Mark Scanlon Ш Class of 2015 Class of 2006 Class of 2002 Roger Stirtz Jim Super Paul Sexton Players Mark Nusbaum Steve Broughton Class of 2010 Dale Williams Herb Webster LeAnn Wilcox Class of 2019 Mark Spigarelli Bill Durham Bill Lenz Max Hayes Class of 1999 Coaches Kenny Vance Players Jack Bush Class of 2017 Class of 2001 Bill O'Connor Class of 2014 Class of 2005 Sarah Campbell Jim Campbell Coaches Class of 2009 Terry English Jaron Rush Brad Oyler Edwin Rvan Chuck Minor Larry Jansen lim Raker Gil Hanlin Fd Fritz Wavne Van Dine Ron Millard Bud Lathrop Ann Fritz John McFall Wayne Lathrop Players Class of 2023 Fred Pohlman Martinez Denmon **Rick Zych** Class of 2013 Randy Springs Plavers Class of 2004 Walt Shublom Calvin Thompson Class of 2008 Roger Giger Kimberly Scoggin-Bush Glen McDonald Players Dan Miller Rocky Lamar Pete Hile **Ouinton Dav** Greg Gurley Brad Gaines Marcus Walker Clay Johnson Class of 2012 **Betty Lennox** Fred Turner 2025 DiRenna Awards Show • 7

Coaches **Donnie Campbell** Lee Durham Andy Jackson Kevin Nichols **Rick Rhoades**

Players Mick Allison **Rick Allison** Lisa Braddy Wayne Simien Julie (Nill) Wilson

EDDIE RYAN COACHING AWARD

The Eddie Ryan Award is presented annually to the top boys and girls coach in the Greater Kansas City area.

Eddie Ryan began his coaching career in 1948 where he served as head coach at Rockhurst College. After a brief stint at Rockhurst, he later went on to coach Pembroke Country Day School until his tragic death in 1964.

During his tenure at Pembroke, he led the Raiders to four consecutive Missouri state tournaments from 1955-58, capturing the state title in 1956 and 1957. During his 10-year career at Pembroke, Ryan compiled an overall record of 213-60, winning 19 or more games in all but two seasons.

In 1966, former players of Eddie Ryan established the award in memory of their coach. In addition to his outstanding record, Ryan was noted for his unselfish desire to work with high school age athletes and was respected for the positive influence he exerted on his players.

It is in the spirit of Ryan's hard work, success, integrity, sportsmanship and disregard for personal recognition that the award is presented. The inscription on the "Eddie Ryan" plaque was composed

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by Ernie Mehl, former sports editor of The Kansas City Star, and reads:

"We who played for him and who still care for him as he cared for us, dedicate this award to Eddie Ryan in the belief that what he taught and what he coached, the morals he instilled, the code he himself respected and asked that it be accepted by others; in his concern for all, his warmth, his sincerity is best remembered and which will, like the sun, beam down through the years, all these constitute a memorial which will live in our hearts."

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| Boys Coaches | | | | | | |
| 2024 | David Birch, Shawnee Mission Northwest | 1996 | Don Bechard, Gardner-Edgerton | | | |
| | &Michael Gohlston Jr, Central | 1995 | Fritz Gabler, Barstow | | | |
| 2023 | Chris Neff, Staley | 1994 | Jack Bush, Central | | | |
| | & Aaron Ihm, Bue Valley Northwest | 1993 | Chuck Minor Schlagle | | | |
| 2022 | Chris Neff, Staley | 1992 | John McFall, Olathe South | | | |
| | & Matt Rice, De Soto | 1991 | Tom Colwell, Blue Valley North | | | |
| 2021 | Ryan Phifer, Blue Valley North | 1990 | Bud Lathrop, Raytown South | | | |
| | & Max Sollars, Van Horn | | & Paul Sexton, SM South | | | |
| 2019 | Reggie Morris, Grandview | 1989 | Doug Bruce, Rockhurst | | | |
| 2018 | Rob Heitman, Hogan Prep | 1988 | Glen McDonald, Lee's Summit | | | |
| 2017 | Michael Schieber, Lee's Summit West | 1987 | Doug Bruce, Rockhurst | | | |
| 2016 | Mike Bennett, Mill Valley | 1986 | Phil Seifert, Pembroke Hill | | | |
| 2015 | Jimmy Cain, Blue Springs South | 1985 | Harold Brown, Lathrop | | | |
| 2014 | Rod Briggs, Lansing | 1984 | Randy Springs, Wyandotte | | | |
| 2013 | Ed Fritz, Blue Valley Northwest | 1983 | Vic Mitchell, Van Horn | | | |
| 2012 | Mike McBride, Basehor-Linwood | 1982 | Randy Springs, Wyandotte | | | |
| 2011 | Dan Parra, Sumner Academy | 1981 | Gil Hanlin, Blue Springs | | | |
| 2010 | Gary Belcher, Kearney | 1980 | Warren Landess, William Chrisman | | | |
| | & Rick Zych, Bishop Miege | 1979 | Jack Bush, Central | | | |
| 2009 | Randy Farris, Grandview | 1978 | Jack Bush, Central | | | |
| 2008 | Mark Scanlon, Raytown | 1977 | Bud Lathrop, Raytown South | | | |
| 2007 | Roger Stirtz, Liberty | 1976 | Max Hayes, Center | | | |
| 2006 | Kevin Nichols, Cameron | 1975 | Tom Goddard, Raytown | | | |
| 2005 | Todd Magwire, O'Hara | 1974 | Jack Bush, Central | | | |
| 2004 | John McFall, Olathe South | 1973 | Bill Madison, Manual | | | |
| 2003 | Bud Lathrop, Raytown South | 1972 | Bud Lathrop, Raytown South | | | |
| 2002 | Rick O'Neil, Spring Hill | 1971 | Bill Madison, Manual | | | |
| 2001 | Rick Zych, Bishop Miege | 1970 | Bud Lathrop, Raytown South | | | |
| 2000 | Larry Hogan, Leavenworth | 1969 | Roy Flook, Sumner Academy | | | |
| | & Chuck Minor, Schlagle | 1968 | Bud Lathrop, Raytown South | | | |
| 1999 | Rick Allison, Pembroke Hill | 1967 | Walt Shublum, Wyandotte | | | |
| | Mark Nusbaum, Liberty | 1966 | Jim Wilkinson, Central | | | |
| 1997 | Todd Magwire, Bishop Hogan | | | | | |
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* No recipients were named in the 2019-20 season due to the season being cancelled before it was completed.

Past Recipients

| | Girls Coaches |
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| 2024 | Ryan Robie, De Soto |
| | & Darren Smith, Chilicothe |
| 2023 | Elyseia Dunn, Raytown |
| | & Jeff Dickson, Lawrence |
| 2022 | Kory Lower, Blue Springs South |
| | & Brandon Parker, Eudora |
| 2021 | Terry English, Bishop Miege |
| 2019 | Jeff Lacy, North Kansas City |
| 2018 | Rick Hetzel, St. Thomas Aquinas |
| 2017 | Bob Fenzel, St. Pius X |
| 2016 | Brett Goodwin, St. Joseph Benton |
| 2015 | Terry English, Bishop Miege |
| 2014 | Tricia Lillygren, Lee's Summit North |
| 2013 | Rick Hetzel, St. Thomas Aquinas |
| 2012 | Joel Branstrom, Olathe Northwest |
| | & Andrew Unrein, Blue Valley |
| 2011 | Rick Hetzel, St. Thomas Aquinas |
| 2010 | Steve Ingram, Olathe South |
| 2009 | Chris Stubbs, Platte County |
| 2008 | Kristin Mallory, Lawrence |
| 2007 | Brad Oyler, Liberty |
| 2006 | Ron Millard, Shawnee Mission South |
| 2005 | Ann Fritz, Blue Valley North & |
| 2004 | Mark Spigarelli, Pembroke Hill |
| 2004 | Rick Hetzel, St. Thomas Aquinas |
| 2002 | & Brian Bubalo, Lee's Summit |
| 2003 | Terry English, Bishop Miege |
| 2002 | Tricia Lillygren, |
| 2001 | Lee's Summit North |
| 2001 | Rick Hetzel, St. Thomas Aquinas |
| 2000 | Ann Fritz, Blue Valley North |
| 1000 | & Steve Ingram, Olathe South |
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| 1998 | Jim Baker, Liberty |
| 1997 | Larry Jansen, Lee's Summit |
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2025 EDDIE RYAN AWARD RECIPIENTS



MIKE BENNETT Stalev

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Mike Bennett led his team to a 30-2 record and a MO Class 6 Runner-up finish. It was the second trip to the Final Four during his 5 years at Staley His team won the Suburban Gold conference championship this season (their 4th during his tenure) and have recorded 117 wins

Bennett was named the Suburban Gold Coach of the Year this season and has become the first coach in the history of the Eddie Ryan Award to win the award as both a boys coach on the Kansas side (Mill Valley-2016) and now as a girls coach on the Missouri side (Staley-2025).



SHERRON COLLINS Oak Park

Sherron Collins led his team to a 31-1 record and the Missouri Class 6 state championship this season, the first state title in school history. In his two seasons leading the Northmen, he has an overall record of 58-6 and placed 4th in the state tournament last year.

He has received several coaching recognitions which include being named the Sub Red Conference Coach of the Year 2X, the Class 6 District 8 Coach of the Year 2X, and was named the Missouri Class 6 Coach of the Year this season.

Collins had an outstanding career as a collegiate player at KU, where he was a 2X All-American and a key part of their 2008 national championship team.



PAIGE HUSA Spring Hill

Paige Husa just completed her third season as the Head Girls Basketball Coach at Spring Hill and led her team to a 20-5 overall record and a 4th place finish at the Kansas Class 5A state championships. The quarterfinal victory over Maize South was her first win at the state tournament and the best finish for the Broncos since the 2003 team won the state championship.

Husa also serves as an assistant Track & Field Coach and coaches weights in the summer. Husa stated, "This season would not have been possible without my assistant coaches, who work to make our athletes better on and off the court. I am grateful and truly honored to receive this award. It's a privilege to be listed among such talented coaches in the state of Kansas."



DAVID BIRCH Shawnee Mission Northwest

David Birch led his team to a 22-3 record and their second consecutive Class 6A state championship. This is also the second consecutive year for Birch to be named the Eddie Ryan Award recipient (KS Men). Coach Birch was also named the Sports in Kansas (SIK) Class 6A Coach of the Year this season.

During their back-to-back championship seasons, his teams have a record of 47-3 including an undefeated (25-0) season last year. Overall Birch has a record of 116-24 as a head coach (Piper, 2019-20 and Shawnee Mission Northwest, 2020-2025).

THE DIRENNA AWARDS

From Small Beginnings Come Great Things

In 1954, Dr. James A. DiRenna Sr. and Dr. D.M Nigro were dedicated to supporting the Don Bosco Center - the center of sports for young athletes from the Northeast Kansas City community. With the assistance of the University of Notre Dame and the Rockne foundation, they worked on developing national community sporting programs and recognizing star athletes in football and basketball. Dr. Nigro established the football award, DiRenna the basketball award

The DiRenna Award began in 1954, annually honoring the top basketball player in the Kansas City area. Alan Brofman was appointed coordinator of the award working with Bruce Rice (Sports Anchor at Channel 5) and Ernie Mehl, then sports editor of the Kansas City Star. In the early years the award was presented to a student who was the top

basketball player within the Missouri region where the Kansas City Star/Times was thrown.

In the 1980s due to changes in legislative issues concerning Kansas high school athletes, Kansas students were invited and allowed to participate. Now the award recruiting area includes approximately a 50mile radius of the greater metropolitan Kansas City area.

When Brofman leaves Kansas City, Dr. James A. DiRenna Jr. took over the coordination of the award in

1985. DiRenna Jr partnered with Kevin Grav of the Kansas City Sports Commission and a sports marketing/publicity consultant. They helped facilitate the creation of the Greater Kansas City Basketball Coaches Association. Then, in 1997 DiRenna Jr. adds the The DiRenna Award for Women.

Presently, Larry House serves as coordinator of the award and the coach's association as Executive Director. With the help of the association, the local coaches submit athletes' names. Currently, the finalists and the winner are determined through a voting process involving the association's board members and other coaches from both Missouri and Kansas at the annual spring selection night meeting. This year marks the 72nd Anniversary of the Men's DiRenna Award and the 29th Anniversary of the Women's DiRenna Award.

Dr. DiRenna, who passed away in 1996, was a well-known

surgeon, teacher and hospital developer. His son, Dr. James A. DiRenna, Jr, has continued the family tradition of this award with the assistance of the coaches association. This award is presented annually at the DiRenna All-Star Awards Show, which is part of the DiRenna All-Star Games.

2024 Corbin Allen, Oak Park

- 2023 Kyan Evans, Staley
- 2022 Aidan Shaw, Blue Valley
- 2021 Zeke Mayo, Lawrence
- & Mark Mitchell Jr, Bishop Miege
- 2020 Tamar Bates, Piper
- 2019 Christian Braun, Blue Valley Northwest
- 2018 Ochai Agbaii, Oak Park
- 2017 Jacob Gilyard, Barstow
- 2016 Jeriah Horne, Barstow
- & Blake Spellman, Lee's Summit
- 2015 Kevin Puryear, Blue Springs South
- 2014 Clayton Custer, Blue Valley Northwest
- 2013 Semi Ojeleye, Ottawa
- 2012 Benny Parker, Sumner Academy
- 2011 Tyler Kalinoski, Olathe East
- 2010 Daylen Robinson, Northeast
- 2009 Alec Burks, Grandview
- 2008 Marcus Denmon, Hogan Prep
- 2007 Conner Teahan, Rockhurst
- 2006 Isaac Miles, Bishop Miege
- 2005 Marcus Walker, O'Hara
- 2004 Marcus Walker, O'Hara
- 2003 Quinton Day, Paseo
- 2002 Quinton Day, Paseo
- 2001 Wayne Simien, Leavenworth
- 2000 Matt Frieje, Shawnee Mission West
- 1999 Kareem Rush, Pembroke Hill
- 1998 JaRon Rush, Pembroke Hill & Victor Williams, Wvandotte
- 1997 JaRon Rush, Pembroke Hill
- 1996 JaRon Rush, Pembroke Hill
- 1995 Derek Hood, Central
- 1994 Eric Bowie, Raytown South
- 1993 Vinson Smith, Schlagle
- Chad Elston, Shawnee Mission West 1992
- 1991 Greg Gurley, Shawnee Mission South
- 10 2025 DiRenna Awards Show

Past Recipients

Males

- Jevon Crudup, Ravtown South 1990 1989 Chris Heller, Rockhurst
- 1988 Anthony Peeler, Paseo
- John Cooper, Rockhurst 1987
- 1986 Harold Mitchem, Rockhurst
- Tim Honeycutt, Raytown South 1985
- Barry Bailey, Central 1984
- 1983
- Shawn Case, Van Horn
- 1982 Calvin Thompson, Wyandotte
- 1981 Steve Harris, Blue Springs
- 1980 Russ Morman, William Chrisman
- Jon Sundvold, Blue Springs 1979
- 1978 Michael Coleman, Central
- 1977 John Crawford, Northeast
- 1976 Mick & Rick Allison, Center
- Steve Schall, Raytown South 1975
- 1974 Clay Johnson, Manual
- Mike Goodpaster, William Chrisman 1973
- 1972 Walter Johnson, Lincoln
- 1971 Felix Jerman, Manual
- 1970 Kevin Wall, Rockhurst
- 1969 Martinez Denmon, Lincoln
- 1968 Kent Scott, Ravtown South
- 1967 John Stacy, Bishop Hogan
- John Stacy, Bishop Hogan 1966
- 1965 Bruce Sloan, Center
- Warren Armstrong, Central 1964
- Bob Bauers, Rockhurst 1963
- 1962 Larry Norris, Southeast
- 1961 Don Dee, Lillis
- 1960 John Cunneen, Redemptorist
- Jim Whipple, Van Horn 1959
- Jackie Gilbert, Lincoln 1958
- John Hickman, Central 1957
- 1956 Jim Hoffman, Northeast
- 1955 Roger Wendell, East
- 1954 Kent Bryan, Southeast

Females

- 2024 Jadvn Wooten, Blue Vallev
- 2023 Grace Slaughter, Grain Valley
- 2022 Beatrice Culliton, St. Thomas Aguinas
- 2021 Payton Verhulst, Bishop Miege
- 2020 Payton Verhulst, Bishop Miege
- 2019 Chandler Prater, North Kansas City
- 2018 Chandler Prater, North Kansas City,

2012 Emiah Bingley, Lee's Summit West

Natalie Knight, Olathe South

Taber Spani, Metro Academy

Danielle Adams, Lee's Summit

Keisha Walker, Hickman Mills

Erneisa Bailey, Pembroke Hill

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Claire Coggins, Lee's Summit North

Shahidrah Roberts, Blue Valley North

Christie Brown, Lee's Summit North

Tracy Lozier, Blue Valley North

Tracy Lozier, Blue Valley North

Cheryl Bowles, Park Hill

Morgan Henderson, Notre Dame de Sion

Morgan Johnson, Platte County

2011 Natalie Knight, Olathe South

- Abby Hipp, St. Pius X 2017
- 2016 Morgan Fleming, Liberty
- 2015 Tyler Johnson, Leavenworth
- 2014 Becca Jonas, Truman

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2013 Lizzy Wendell, Blue Springs

2025 Male DiRenna Finalists



Corbin Allen Oak Park, 6-5, Senior

Allen led his team to a 31-1 record and a Missouri Class 6 state championship (the first in school history). He averaged 16 points, 8.3 rebounds, 2.5 steals and 3 assists this year. During his time at Oak Park he became the first player in school history to record over 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in his career. He was named the Class 6 Player of the Year and 1st Team All-State this year as well as the Class 6 District Player of the Year this season. He was the 2024 DiRenna Award winner and is a finalist again this year.

Corbin will play next year at San Diego State.



Ramelo Smith Raytown, 6-0, Senior

Smith was named the Suburban White Division Co-Player of the Year, and the Class 5 District 7 Player of the Year. He was named to the Class 5 All-State for the second year in a row. He averaged 23.4 points, 4.9 rebounds, 2.4 steals and 4.3 assists. He was a 4 year starter for the Blue Jays and scored over 1,700 points in his career.

Ramelo will play next season at the University of Central Missouri.

Keaton Wagler

Shawnee Mission Northwest, 6-6, Senior Wagler is a 2x time DiRenna Finalist who led the Cougars to their 2nd straight KS Class 6A state championship (the first 2 state championships in school history). He averaged 18.5 points, 6.6 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 2 steal per game this season while shooting 57% from the field including 44% from beyond the 3-point line and 81% from the line.

He was recently named the Gatorade Kansas Player of Year. In addition, he was named the Sunflower League Player of the Year, the MaxPreps Kansas Player of the Year, Kansas 6A Player of the Year and 1st Team All-State and 1st Team All-State All Classes in the state of Kansas. For his career at Shawnee Mission Northwest he ranks 3rd in points (1105), 2nd in rebounds (464), 2nd in assists (271) in



Nic Anderson Olathe South, 6-5, Senior

Anderson was a 3-year starter and was named 1st team All-Sunflower league all three years. He was named to the Class 6A 1st Team All-State and 2nd Team All-State All-Classes in the state of Kansas . He has broken a number of records at Olathe South including single season/career points (1,328), single season/career FG's made (457), single season/career free throws made (318), 3rd all time in 3 pointers made (90) and 3rd all time in rebounds (354). This year as a senior, he averaged over 24 points per game; 6.5 rebounds and led the team in steals and block shots.

Nic will play next year at Loyola-Chicago.



Eli Herbert Grain Valley, 6-4, Junior

Herbert led Grain Valley to the Suburban White Division Conference Title. He currently ranks 2nd in school history in points scored with 1,410. Eli averaged 24.3 points, 5.4 rebounds, and 5 assists this season. He holds school single game records in points (44), blocks (6), free throws made (15) and 3's made (8). He was named Suburban White Co-Player of the Year, Class 6 District 7 Player of the Year, and Class 6 All-State.

Eli is currently committed to Liberty University and will return to Grain Valley for his senior year.



school history.



2025 Female DiRenna Finalists



time. Just a junior, she returns to Park Hill South next season.

Addison Bjorn, Park Hill South, averaged 22 points, 11.5 rebounds, 3.3 steals, and 3.4 assists to lead the Panthers to an undefeated regular season and a 28-1 record. She is a 2X DiRenna Award Finalist. This past summer she was a member of the USA U17 team that won a World Cup Championship and in February received the Children's Mercy Rising Star Award at the Win for KC Women's Sports Award show. At the conclusion of this season, Addison was named the 2025 Missouri Gatorade Player of the Year and the Class 6 Player of the Year. In addition, she was named the District 8 Player of the Year and and 1st Team All-State for the 2nd consecutive season and was the Conference Player of the Year for the 3rd



sophomore she returns to the Falcons next season.

Eve Long, Olathe South, averaged 22 points, 11 rebounds, 1.1 steals, 2.1 assists and 2.7 blocks the season reached the 500 career points total midway through just her sophomore season. She reached a game high score of 36 points twice this season and totaled 495 points this season (both of which are 2nd highest in school history. She also recorded 241 rebounds (3rd highest in school history) and 59 blocks which is a school season single record. Eve was a finalist for the Kansas Gatorade Player of the Year and received Naismith Honorable Mention honors (one of only 20 sophomores in the country). Eve was named SFL 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team 6A All-State and to the 2nd Five All-State All-Classes Team. Just a



Jaliya Davis, Blue Valley North, averaged 24.8 points, 8.1 rebounds, 2.2 steals and 2.1 assists to lead the Mustangs to a 21-4 record and the Kansas Class 6A championship, their second in the past three seasons. She is a 3X DiRenna Award finalist. Jaliya was selected to play in the McDonalds High School All-American game that was held on April 1st at the Barclay Center in Brooklyn, she recorded 10 points and 8 rebounds for the East squad. Jaliya was named the Kansas Gatorade Player of the Year and to the Top 5 All-State All-Classes team. She also was named the Class 6A Player of the Year and the EKL Player of the Year and is the leading scorer in school history with 1,735 points. Jaliya finishes her high school career as one of

the most decorated players in the history of Kansas City area high school basketball and will play for the University of Kansas Jayhawks next season.



next season.

Ava Miles, Staley, averaged 14.3 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.8 steals and 3.8 assists this season and led her team to a 30-2 record and a Runner-up finish in the Missouri Class 6 state championship. She has been a part of 87 wins during her high school career with one year still remaining. She shot 50% from the field, 33% from beyond the 3-point arc and 71% from the free throw line. Ava was named the Suburban Gold Player of the Year and has been named to the All-District team for 3 straight seasons and the Class 6 All-State team this season and during her sophomore year as well. She has received many Division I offers to play at the next level. Just a Junior, she will return to the Falcons



Asia Lee, Olathe North, averaged 23.9 points, 3.8 rebounds, 2.1 steal and 1.8 assists to lead the Eagles to a 4th place finish in the Class 6A state tournament.

She was named the Kansas Girls Non-Senior Player of the Year (Large Classes), and to the 2nd 5 All-State All-Classes Team. Asia was also selected to the Class 6A 1st Team and named the Sunflower League Player of the Year. With a year left, she is already the schools All-time scoring leader (1263 points), All-time 3-points leader (183) and All-Time single game point total (44). Just a junior, she returns to Olathe North next season.





2025 DIRENNA ALL-STAR GAMES ROSTERS



School

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Platte County

Park Hill South

Grandview Park Hill South

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Grandview

Park Hill

Smithville

Lee's Summit

St. Joe Benton

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University Academy

WOMEN'S GAME

KANSAS WOMEN'S ALL-STAR ROSTER

Name School **Riley Kerwin** St. James Sienna Lewis Shawnee Mission Northwest Ashley Alverson **Blue Valley North** Lily Unruh **Blue Valley Southwest Quinn Carpenter** De Soto **Kirsten Verhulst Bishop Miege** Averie Landon Mill Valley Grace McCallop Piper Makenzie Farmer De Soto **Olathe West** Emma Sales Gabi McFall **Blue Valley Northwest** Gabriella Jackson Shawnee Mission Northwest **Blue Valley North** Jaliya Davis Aubrey Shaw **Blue Valley North** Layla Barnes **Blue Valley**

Coaches:

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Shane Stout, Piper Tracy Duma-Wagner, Piper

MISSOURI WOMEN'S ALL-STAR ROSTER

| No. | Name | |
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| 2 | Skyte Wilson | |
| 5 | Lauren Stone | |
| 10 | Anaya Guess | |
| 12 | Peyton Johnson | |
| 14 | Abby Wendte | |
| 15 | Serayah Wright | |
| 20 | LaNicia Parker | |
| 22 | Anonda Ford | |
| 24 | Taniya Cruthird | |
| 30 | Avery Rausch | |
| 32 | Andrea Simmons | |
| 34 | Jada Smith | |
| 42 | Taelyn Smith | |
| 44 | Boston Wand | |
| 45 | Peyton Wohlford | |
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Coaches:

Carly Moss, Mid Buchanan Ty Moss, Mid Buchanan

Dustin Mounce, Lone Jack Wayne Van Dine, Lone Jack

MEN'S GAME

KANSAS MEN'S ALL-STAR ROSTER

| No. | Name | School |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 | Jaalan Watson | Olathe North |
| 5 | PJ Moore | Piper |
| 10 | Jayden Lang | De Soto |
| 12 | Luke Goodale | Blue Valley West |
| 14 | London Burton | St. Thomas Aquinas |
| 15 | Sherron Woodberry | Olathe West |
| 20 | Aiven Riley | Shawnee Mission Northwest |
| 22 | Van Collins | Shawnee Mission Northwest |
| 24 | Keaton Wagler | Shawnee Mission Northwest |
| 30 | Nic Anderson | Olathe South |
| 32 | Will Beck | Shawnee Mission East |
| 34 | Antrell Wren | Washington |
| 42 | Carter Kaifes | Mill Valley |
| 44 | Tyler Salmon | Shawnee Mission Northwest |
| 45 | JJ Lee | Olathe Northwest |

Coaches:

David Birch, Shawnee Mission Northwest Peter Eilers, Shawnee Mission Northwest

Adam Olerich, Olathe North Chris Scruggs, Olathe North

MISSOURI MEN'S ALL-STAR ROSTER

| No. | Name | School |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2 | Kale Mortimer | Liberty |
| 5 | Avian Webb | Staley |
| 10 | Gerard (Des) Hinson | Park Hill South |
| 12 | Ramelo Smith | Raytown |
| 14 | Kordell Williams | North Kansas City |
| 15 | Caleb Estes | Oak Park |
| 20 | Zeek Brown | Oak Park |
| 22 | Xavius Kirkwood | North Kansas City |
| 24 | Cam Jones | Park Hill |
| 30 | Corbin Allen | Oak Park |
| 32 | Xavier Wilson | Staley |
| 34 | Malik Lewis | Blue Springs |
| 42 | Leo Gayman | Park Hill |
| 44 | Callen Eskew | Rockhurst |
| 45 | Suldan Mohamed | Blue Springs South |

Coaches:

Chad Jones, Park Hill Justin Leathers, Park Hill

George Goode, Raymore-Peculiar Larry Fitzgerald, Raymore-Peculiar

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