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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • LIVE FROM THE LIED CENTER

WELCOME

Jill Dorsey Hall and Brandon McAnderson

THE JAYHAWKER AWARD

PRESENTERS

Keyla Brown (Swim & Dive)
KJ Adams (Men's Basketball)

The Jayhawker Award honors a student-athlete who reflects the characteristics of the pioneers who held true to their values through devastation and hardship while founding the state of Kansas. The nominees for this award demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to excellence, and in their actions reflect Kansas values of resiliency in the face of adversity and an unwavering competitive spirit, and positively contribute to Kansas Athletics.

FINALISTS

Olivia Bruno (Softball)
Anastasiia Draha (Rowing)
Mason Fairchild (Football)
Zakiyah Franklin (Women's Basketball)
Marcus Freeman (Men's Track & Field)

ROCK CHALK MOMENT OF THE YEAR



ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS AND HIGHEST TEAM GPA RECOGNITION

PRESENTERS

Ryan King, Senior Associate Athletics Director,
Student Athlete Support Services
Dr. Susan Stagg-Williams, Faculty Athletics Representative,
Chemical and Petroleum Engineering

THE DEL SHANKEL TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

PRESENTERS

Ben Easters (Football)
Camryn Turner (Volleyball)

The Del Shankel Teaching Excellence Award was established by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee in 1996 to allow student-athletes the opportunity to honor an outstanding member of the faculty at the University of Kansas.

FINALISTS

Jana Fitchett (Business)
Dr. Eileen Hotze (Molecular Biology)
Dr. Stephen Ilardi (Psychology)
Jenny McKee (Health Education)

ROCK CHALK MOMENT OF THE YEAR



BEST JAYHAWK IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

PRESENTERS

Alex Jung (Men's Track & Field)
Devin Loudermilk (Men's Track & Field)

Best Jayhawk in a Supporting Role is presented to a student-athlete not only gives everything they have, day-in-and-day-out, but has the ability to get the best out of their teammates, elevating the competition every day. The student-athletes nominated for this award demonstrate extraordinary sportsmanship, support and loyalty to teammates and Kansas Athletics.

FINALISTS

Angelina Arinze (Women's Track & Field)
Addi Barnes (Swim & Dive)
George Jackson (Men's Track & Field)
Landon Nelson (Football)
Molly Shultz (Volleyball)

THE CRIMSON CLIMB AWARD

PRESENTERS

Holly Kersgieter (Women's Basketball)
Quentin Skinner (Football)

The Crimson Climb Award honors a student-athlete who has overcome challenges with optimism and exceeded academic or athletic expectations. The nominees for this award must exhibit commitment to Kansas values, demonstrate resiliency in their ability to bounce back from adversity, and serve as an inspiration to their teammates and the Jayhawk community.

FINALISTS

Lia Beyer (Soccer)
Courtney Costain (Rowing)
Dajuan Harris Jr. (Men's Basketball)
James Livingston (Football)
Roxana Manu (Tennis)
Ellie Wehrmann (Swim & Dive)

ROCK CHALK MOMENT OF THE YEAR



THE TRUE-BLUE AWARD

PRESENTERS

Peter Walsdorf (Men's Cross Country)
Aaliyah Moore (Women's Track & Field)

The True-Blue Award honors a student-athlete who demonstrates commitment to excellence in leadership among their peers, and in their actions reflect the Kansas value of togetherness. The nominees for this award advance Kansas Athletics through active participation in student organizations and community building opportunities.

FINALISTS

Mackenzie Bravence (Swim & Dive)
Michael Brooks (Baseball)
Sophia Buzard (Softball)
Ben Easters (Football)
Kennedy Farris (Volleyball)
Hanna Hawks (Women's Golf)

THE BILLY MILLS AWARD

PRESENTERS

Paul Pierce, Associate Athletics Director for Inclusive Excellence

Maya Ozery, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Development

The Billy Mills Award honors a student-athlete who demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to inclusive excellence and support of the Jayhawk community through the power of sport. The nominees for this award must exhibit intentionality in gaining greater perspective, developing their sense of self, and contributing to a united community (Lawrence and/or within our athletics community).

FINALISTS

Tommy Dunn (Football)

Lyric Moore (Softball)

Malkia Ngounoue (Tennis)

Jalen Wilson (Men's Basketball)

Lize Van Leeuwen (Swim & Dive)

ALL-AMERICA RECOGNITION

FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICANS

Jalen Wilson (Men's Basketball)

Clayton Simms (Men's Outdoor Track & Field)

Michael Joseph (Men's Indoor Track & Field)

Devin Loudermilk (Men's Indoor Track & Field)

Rylee Anderson (Women's Indoor Track & Field)

SECOND TEAM ALL-AMERICANS

AJ Green (Men's Outdoor Track & Field)

Lona Latema (Women's Outdoor Track & Field)

Patrick Larrison (Men's Indoor Track & Field)

Jaden Patterson (Men's Indoor Track & Field)

ALL-AMERICA HONORABLE MENTION

Alexander Jung (Men's Outdoor Track & Field)

Tayton Klein (Men's Outdoor Track & Field)

Dimitrios Pavlidis (Men's Outdoor Track & Field)

Chandler Gibbens (Men's Outdoor Track & Field)

Cameron Wilmington (Men's Outdoor Track & Field)

Taiyanna Jackson (Women's Basketball)

Katia Ustiuzhanina (Rowing)

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN

Kodey Shojinaga Baseball

ROCK CHALK MOMENT OF THE YEAR



NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

PRESENTERS

Karly Larson (Rowing)

Olivia Bruno (Softball)

The Newcomer of the Year Award honors a student-athlete who in their first year as a Jayhawk demonstrated competitive excellence and excelled in competition during their season. The nominees for this award must exhibit a high level of integrity and accountability. This award is given to two student-athletes, one from a women's sport program and one from a men's sport program.

FINALISTS FROM THE WOMEN'S SPORT PROGRAMS

Lize Van Leeuwen (Swim & Dive)

Esme Hamilton (Golf)

Heike Janse Van Vuuren (Tennis),

Lizzy Ludwig (Softball)

Aaliyah Moore (Track & Field)

Wyvette Mayberry (Basketball)

Kateryna Ustiuzhanina (Rowing)

Lexi Watts (Soccer)

FINALISTS FROM THE MEN'S SPORT PROGRAMS

Dom Puni (Football)

Tayton Klein (Track & Field)

Kevin McCullar (Basketball)

Will King (Golf)

Collin Baumgartner (Baseball)

THE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

PRESENTERS

Nicole Corcoran, Deputy Athletics Director for
Sports Administration and Student-Athlete Well-Being/SWA
Travis Goff, Director of Athletics

Athlete of the Year award honors the top athlete from both a women's sport program and men's sport program in recognition of their extraordinary athletic performance.

FINALISTS FROM THE WOMEN'S SPORT PROGRAMS

Rylee Anderson (Track & Field)
Rylan Childers (Soccer)
Taiyanna Jackson (Basketball)
Rachel Langs (Volleyball)
Jordan Rothman (Golf)
Lezli Sisung (Swim & Dive)
Kateryna Ustiuzhanina (Rowing)

FINALISTS FROM THE MEN'S SPORT PROGRAMS

Jalon Daniels (Football)
Cole Elvis (Baseball)
Clayton Simms (Track & Field)
Jalen Wilson (Basketball)

THE ROCK CHALK MOMENT OF THE YEAR

PRESENTER

Travis Goff, Director of Athletics

The Rock Chalk Moment of the Year celebrates a team or individual moment that serves as a highpoint for what Jayhawk student-athletes are capable of achieving.

CLOSING REMARKS

