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**Cincinnati Sports Professional Network  
holds third annual awards banquet to honor local sports executives**

CINCINNATI (March 22, 2009) – The third annual Cincinnati Sports Professionals Network awards banquet will pay tribute to 13 sports professionals and events for their accomplishments in 2008 on Tuesday, April 28, 6 p.m. at the Sharonville Convention Center. University of Cincinnati Head Football Coach Brian Kelley will serve as the guest speaker and local sports media personality Wayne “Box” Miller will emcee the event.

Tickets, which include dinner and the program, cost \$65 per person or \$600 for a table of 10. Student tickets are also available for \$35. For the second year, we are providing our complimentary Cincinnati USA Sporting Event Ticket Preview, for each person that attends the banquet will receive over \$200 in complimentary tickets (2 event tickets per guest to each of the following future events: Reds, UC football, XU & NKY basketball, ATP, AVP, Duramed Golf & Cyclones Hockey).

Proceeds from the event go toward the CSPN scholarship fund. To make a reservation, call Leslie Spencer at 513-345-3054 or [lspencer@cincyusa.com](mailto:lspencer@cincyusa.com). Cincinnati Sports Professional Network (CSPN) serves as a networking organization for area sports professionals offering regularly scheduled programs and an annual awards ceremony for the sports business community. CSPN is a program of the Greater Cincinnati Sports Corporation.

A complete list of award recipients follows:

**Sports Executive Lifetime Achievement:**

- Jerry Carroll, Consultant to Speedway Motorsports Inc.

**Sports Co-Executive of the Year:**

- Sean Miller, Xavier University Head Men’s Basketball Coach (Elite 8 appearance)
- Chuck Webber, Cyclones (Kelley Cup winner)

**Corporate Partner of the Year:**

- Skyline Chili

**Sports Event of the Year** (professional and amateur):

- Flying Pig Marathon (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2008)

**Sports Media Personality of the Year:**

- John Popovich, WCPO Channel 9

**Cincinnati Sports Story of the Year:**

- UC Football Big East Championship/Orange Bowl Berth

**Special Tribute: Cincinnati’s 2008 Olympic Medalists**

- Mary Wineberg (Track & Field)–Gold
- David Payne (Track & Field)–Silver
- Heather Mitts (Soccer)–Gold
- Bryan Volpenheim (Rowing)–Bronze

**Scholarship Recipient:** to be announced at the event

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