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WIN for KC honors local females at the Women's Sports Awards Celebration

KANSAS CITY, MO (February 8, 2019) – The Women's Intersport Network for Kansas City (WIN for KC) is excited to announce that the 25th annual <u>WIN for KC Women's Sports Awards Celebration presented by Burns & McDonnell</u> set a record attendance with over 2,000 attending the luncheon.

During the luncheon, local females were honored for their accomplishments and contributions to the community. We are happy to announce the 2019 honorees:

Kissick Construction Gamechanger Award – <u>Carrie Fry Robinson</u> has played a key role in the women's soccer revolution in Kansas City. She continues to shape the future of the game as the founder of Finesse Soccer, the area's only all-female training organization. She is one of the best high school players in Kansas City history leading Shawnee Mission East to two state championships.

Children's Mercy Rising Star Award – Sania Cay participated in plenty of sports at the Boys and Girls Club Thornberry Unit, but swimming wasn't one of them until the Aquatics Director convinced her to try. Now, at the age of 14, Sania continues to break barriers, inspiring young swimmers, regardless of race or gender, to follow their passion. She is currently swimming competitively with dreams of becoming an Olympic Swimmer.

Hallmark Leadership Award - Jackie Frost who is leading women to accomplish goals they never thought possible. Jackie has made it her mission to empower women to find the strength within themselves to be able to accomplish hard things whether that is learning to swim in open water, complete their first 5k, or cross the finish line of their first triathlon.

UMB Lifetime Sportswoman Award – <u>Bernadette Wagner</u> has been coaching for over 45 years. A woman of firsts, she was often the only female coach at the pole vault runway or track meet. Nothing has ever stood between Bernadette and her success and as a result, she helped guide countless student-athletes at Shawnee Mission North to State Championships.

Lockton Courage Award – <u>Tatsiana "Tanya" Khvitsko</u>, a native of Belarus, was born four years after the Chernobyl disaster with only half her legs and fingers due to radiation. At the age of 21, Tanya was outfitted with running prosthetics allowing her to chase her dreams of full speed. She now coaches with Girls on the Run, encouraging elementary school girls that they can accomplish anything.

The WIN for KC Women's Sports Awards Celebration presented by <u>Burns & McDonnell</u> is the largest celebration of <u>National Girls and Women in Sports Day</u> in the country. This annual event recognizes women and girls throughout the community who are making a difference through sports. It is a key fundraising initiative to support WIN for KC's 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.

BKD WOW Award - Over the last 25 years, WIN for KC has benefited from the commitment, passion and relentless efforts of the individuals who have served as Advisory Board Chair. WIN for KC would not be where it is today if not for these women.

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. For the latest on WIN for KC news, follow on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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