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## Patrick Mahomes among 2019 Award Recipients at the Kansas City Sports Awards Banquet Presented by Populous

KANSAS CITY, MO (April 22, 2019) – The Kansas City Sports Commission is excited to celebrate several honorees for their commitment and achievements in sports on Thursday, June 13 during the 46th edition of the Kansas City Sports Awards Banquet Presented by [Populous](#).

“As the hometown sports architecture firm, we couldn’t be more proud to support Kansas City’s hometown sports heroes,” said Earl Santee, FAIA, Managing Director of Populous. “The accomplishments of those being honored continue to inspire and raise the bar for the next-generation of leadership in sports.”

The honorees include a league MVP, a pair of homegrown volleyball powerhouses, a championship touting GM, a coach boasting an undefeated season and a highly decorated athlete turned coach and motivational speaker. The event will also feature special appearances by Les Miles (Head Coach, Kansas Jayhawks Football) and Chris Klieman (Head Coach, Kansas State Wildcats Football).

### Kansas City Marriott Downtown Sportsman of the Year

[Patrick Mahomes](#)

Quarterback, Kansas City Chiefs  
2018 NFL MVP

### Spire Sportswomen of the Year

[Jenna Gray](#) and [Audriana Fitzmorris](#)

Stanford University Women's Volleyball  
Two-time NCAA DI National Champions

### Southwest Airlines Executive of the Year

[Chris Browne](#)

Vice President/General Manager, Kansas City T-Bones  
2018 American Association Champions

**Burns & McDonnell Coach of the Year**

**[Ben McCollum](#)**

Northwest Missouri State Men's Basketball  
2019 NCAA DII Undefeated National Champions

**Children's Mercy Community Champion**

**[Paige Parker](#)**

Assistant Softball Coach, William Jewell College  
Women's Coaching Advocate

The [2019 Awards Banquet](#) will take place on Thursday, June 13 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown-Muehlebach Tower. A reception will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and the program starting at 7 p.m. To purchase a table sponsorship, contact [Dave Borchardt](#) at 816.389.4191 or visit [sportkc.org](http://sportkc.org).

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