



Nominees Named for the 2018 American Association of Adapted Sports Program (AAASP) ASPIRE Awards

World-class athlete, Olympic silver medalist, and 8-Time Boston Marathon Winner Jean Driscoll to Headline Event as Guest Speaker; Longtime Atlanta Sports Anchor Sam Crenshaw to Emcee Event

Atlanta, September 21, 2018– The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) will honor fifteen key people and organizations this Fall for their outstanding contributions to support student athletes with physical disabilities to get “off the sidelines and into the game.” **Adapted Sports Programs in Recreation and Education (ASPIRE) Award** recognizes the significant contributions of these individuals and organizations that have been central to the mission of making adapted sports programming available nationwide. Through these programs, student athletes with physical disabilities across the country reap the physical, social emotional and academic benefits of competitive athletics resulting in personal and social empowerment.

The ASPIRE Awards have been established to recognize those who support and advocate on behalf of adapted sports. The awards showcase those who stand as role models; individuals; companies and organizations that have taken a proactive and innovative path in support of competitive sports programs for student athletes with physical disabilities.

Nominees for this years’ program are listed below:

Mike Phillips, Advocacy Award

Ken Gordon, Founders Award

Gloria Brown, Founders Award

Lori Garrett, Founders Award

George Carmel, Founders Award

Rick Devins, Media Award

Steve Henson, Founders Award

Deborah Shapiro, Advocacy Award

Virginia and Curtis Tabron, The Gail Hendricks Volunteerism Award

Demarco Pittman, Outstanding Senior Athlete Award

Madison Watts, Outstanding Senior Athlete Award

Desmand Hill, Outstanding Senior Athlete Award

Houston County Board of Education / Dr. Mark Scott and Dr.

Zabrina Cannady, School-Based Program Award

Clayton County Schools, School-Based Program Award

Houston County Sharks, School-Based Program Award

Brandon Green, School-Based Program Award

Laura Zlogar, School-Based Program Award

Dr. Mark Scott, Advocacy Award

Dr. Robin Hines, Advocacy Award

Insperity Adaptive Sports Complex, Community-Based Program Award

53rd Air Traffic Control Squadron "Gators", Community-Based Program Award

Logan Wegienka, Outstanding Male/Female Student Athlete Award

O'lando Hicks, Outstanding Male/Female Student Athlete Award

Keonte Rankins, Outstanding Male/Female Student Athlete Award

Jordan Kozloski, Outstanding Male/Female Student Athlete Award

We are honored to have World-class athlete, 4-Time Paralympian, Olympic silver medalist, and 8-Time Boston Marathon Winner **Jean Driscoll**, as our Special Guest Speaker at our inaugural ASPIRE Awards event! We are also honored to announce that longtime Atlanta Sports Anchor Sam Crenshaw (currently on GPB’s Football Fridays in Georgia, and 92.9 the Game, as well as ATL 26 and analyst for Georgia State University Football), will serve as the emcee for the evening.

Join us for the 2018 ASPIRE Awards Ceremony on October 28th where the nominees for this year’s awards will be celebrated.

Date/Time: Sunday, October 28, 2018 - 4:30-7:00 pm

Place: Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport Hotel

One Hartsfield Centre Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30354

Please visit <http://adaptedsports.org/reserve-your-seat-for-the-2018-aspire-awards/> to purchase tickets for this year’s event.

Tickets for our nominees for this year's 2018 ASPIRE Awards Ceremony are being provided through a donation from the Coleman family. Cara Coleman provided the generous donation in memory of her late father, Scott Coleman, who was a dedicated Adapted Sports coach and mentor to countless student athletes in DeKalb County Schools.

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The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is a not-for-profit association dedicated to developing interscholastic adapted sports programs in partnership with national, state, and local educational agencies. It represents a standardized approach to extracurricular adapted team sports and has developed one of the nation's most comprehensive school-based athletic programs for students with physical disabilities attending grades 1-12. For more information, please visit our website at <http://adaptedsports.org> or join our conversations on Twitter at: @AdaptedSports.

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