Kansas Sports Hall of Fame announces Class of 2021
Ten legends to be enshrined October 3 at the Kansas Star Casino

The Kansas Sports Hall of Fame (KSHOF) has announced the members of the Class of 2021 who will be inducted on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at the Kansas Star Casino.

The KSHOF is also proud to announce the Kansas Star Casino as the host and title sponsor for the 2021 KSHOF Induction Ceremony on October 3. This is the third year the Kansas Star Casino has been the title sponsor and is the second year of hosting the event.

Jeff Babinski, Vice President and General Manager of the Kansas Star Casino said, “We are pleased to once again help honor the outstanding achievements by Kansas athletes and coaches in this year’s class, both in the world of sports and in the local community. We’re very excited to host the banquet at Kansas Star Casino and can’t wait to meet all the inductees, it will be an exciting day. We look forward to the continued success of the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in preserving the unique and rich history of our state’s greatest contributors.”

Jordan Poland, President and CEO of the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame said, “We’re excited to be planning for this year’s induction to honor the legacies of this amazing group of athletes, coaches, and contributors. It has been a tremendously difficult year in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and multiple postponements of this event but we are looking forward to safely gathering to honor this outstanding class later this fall.”

The KSHOF Class of 2021 consists of ten members. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the postponement of the 2020 KSHOF Induction Ceremony, the inductees selected for the Class of 2020 make up the Class of 2021. Those inductees include: five-time NCAA track and field All-American and Olympic heptathlete, KYM CARTER BEGEL from Wichita; three-time Wichita State baseball All-American selection and thirteen-year MLB veteran, CASEY BLAKE; five-time shot put national champion at Emporia State and seven-time All-American, HEATHER LEVERINGTON DOTTERER from Rosalia; two-time K-State track All-American selection and Olympic in the decathlon, STEVE FRITZ from Gypsum; KU basketball All-American selection and four-year NBA veteran, DREW GOODEN; two-time All-Big East basketball selection and nine-year NBA veteran, ADRIAN GRIFFIN from Wichita; champion skeet shooter and 1964 Olympic bronze medalist in men’s trapshooting, BILL MORRIS from Russell; K-State football All-American selection and eleven-year NFL veteran, JORDY NELSON from Leonardville; K-State football All-American selection and fifteen-year NFL veteran, TERENCE NEWMAN from Salina; K-State football All-American selection and four-year NFL veteran, DARREN SPROLES from Olathe.

The induction ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at the Kansas Star Casino, located at 777 Casino Drive, Mulvane, KS, 67110. The ten member class raises the total number of Kansas Sports Hall of Fame inductees to 307. The Kansas Sports Hall of Fame is in its 60th year of operation and is located at the Wichita Boathouse.

The 2021 Induction weekend will continue the following day as the KSHOF Golf Classic tees off on Monday, October 4, 2021, at Terradyne Country Club in Andover. Teams and sponsors interested in participating in the event can contact Jordan Poland at 316-262-2038 for more information.

Online sales for 2021 Induction Ceremony tickets go live Sunday, August 1, 2021, at www.kshof.org. For ticket packages and sponsorship opportunities, please call 316-262-2038.

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KYM CARTER BEGEL – Wichita East H.S., 1982 / Louisiana State University, 1987

CASEY BLAKE – Indianola (IA) H.S., 1992 / Wichita State University, 1996

HEATHER LEVERINGTON DOTTERER – Flint Hills H.S., 1997 / Emporia State University, 2002

STEVE FRITZ – Gypsum-Southwest of Saline H.S., 1986 / Kansas State University, 1991

DREW GOODEN – El Cerrito (CA) H.S., 1999 / University of Kansas, 2002

ADRIAN GRIFFIN – Wichita East H.S., 1992 / Seton Hall University, 1996

JOYDIE NELSON – Riley County H.S., 2003 / Kansas State University, 2008

TERENCE NEWMAN – Salina Central H.S., 1998 / Kansas State University, 2003

DARREN SPROLES – Olathe North H.S., 2000 / Kansas State University, 2004

Tickets for the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be available for purchase starting August 1, 2021, and can be purchased by calling 316-262-2038 or ordering online at www.kshof.org.

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