

# American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) to Host 2021 ASPIRE Awards Virtual Celebration October 24, 2021

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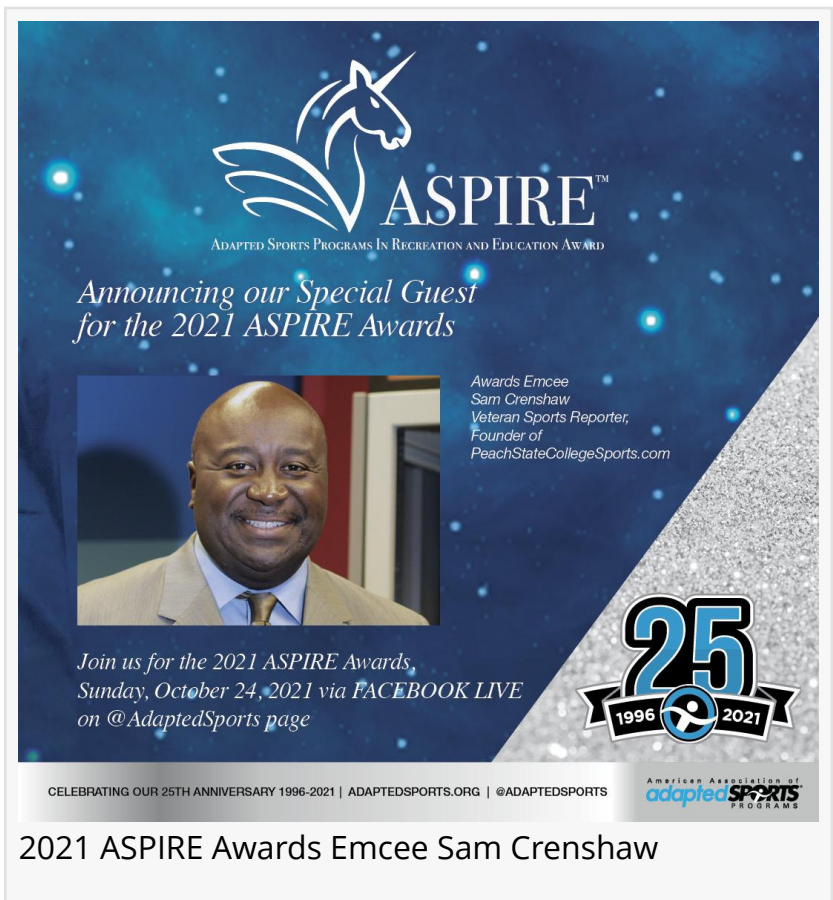
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA, October 19, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) to Host [2021 ASPIRE Awards Virtual Celebration](#) Sunday, October 24, 2021  
Local Atlanta Veteran Sportscaster Sam Crenshaw to emcee the virtual event!

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) will honor 37 key people and organizations on October 24th for their outstanding contributions to support student athletes with physical disabilities to get “off the sidelines and into the game.” The Third Annual ASPIRE Awards Celebration, emceed by local Atlanta veteran sports anchor Sam Crenshaw (GPB, 92.9 the Game, Atlanta City TV, voice of Georgia State Basketball on ESPN3), will be held Sunday, October 24th on Adapted Sports’ Facebook page, via FACEBOOK LIVE, in response to the ongoing COVID pandemic. 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.

Nominees for this years’ program are listed below:



Mary Beth Pelt, Advocacy Award/West GA Wolverines  
 Dr. Jenny Millward, Advocacy Award/Houston County Sharks  
 Jeff Jones, Advocacy Award/Gwinnett County Heat  
 Monica White, Advocacy Award/DeKalb Silver Streaks  
 Will Hammock, Media "Hero" Award/Gwinnet Daily Post  
 Coach Jimmy Roberts, Coach of The Year Award/Atlanta Wolfpack  
 Jacob Roche, Coach of The Year Award/West GA Wolverines  
 Christy Jones, Coach of The Year Award/Houston County Sharks  
 Anna Henry, Coach of The Year Award/Houston County Sharks  
 Gliding Stars, Community-Based Award/University at Buffalo  
 RISE Adaptive Sports, Community-Based Award  
 MYBA Courage League, Community-Based Award/11U Oklahoma Outlaws  
 Boipoloko Stimulation Day Care Center, Community-Based Award  
 Jaiden Clark, Gail Hendricks Volunteerism Award/Henry County Hurricanes  
 Jeff McDaniel, Gail Hendricks Volunteerism Award/Houston County Sharks  
 Rene Langlois, Gail Hendricks Volunteerism Award/Houston County Sharks  
 Todd Earley, Gail Hendricks Volunteerism Award/Gwinnett Heat  
 Kendrick Newton, High School Senior Athlete Award/Henry County Hurricanes  
 Mason McCartney, High School Senior Athlete Award/West Georgia Wolverines  
 Willie Long, Leslie Sweatman official of The Year Award  
 Ta'Daisia Hillman, Outstanding Female Athlete of The Year Award/Clayton County Eagles  
 Abby Simmons, Outstanding Female Athlete of The Year Award/West Georgia Wolverines  
 Miranda Lawhorn, Outstanding Female Athlete of The Year Award/Houston County Sharks  
 Bailey McCartney, Outstanding Female Athlete of The Year Award/West Georgia Wolverines  
 Kathy Luna, Outstanding Female Athlete of The Year Award/Gwinnett Heat  
 Juan Nava, Outstanding Male Athlete of The Year Award/Clayton County Eagles  
 Gavin Pijnenburg, Outstanding Male Athlete of The Year Award/West Georgia Wolverines  
 Seth Earley, Outstanding Male Athlete of The Year Award/Gwinnett Heat  
 Troup County Parks and Recreation/J.J. Keurzi, School-Based Award  
 Houston County/Rachel Gerrity/Rene Langlois/Jamie Schneller - Home Grown Yoga, School-Based Award



The graphic features a dark blue background with a white unicorn head logo and the word "ASPIRE" in a serif font. Below the logo, it says "ADAPTED SPORTS PROGRAMS IN RECREATION AND EDUCATION AWARD". The text "Announcing our Special Guest for the 2021 ASPIRE Awards" is written in a cursive font. A photo of Sam Crenshaw is shown, with text identifying him as the Awards Emcee. A large "25" logo marks the 25th anniversary from 1996 to 2021. At the bottom, it says "Join us for the 2021 ASPIRE Awards, Sunday, October 24, 2021 via FACEBOOK LIVE on @AdaptedSports page". A footer line reads "CELEBRATING OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY 1996-2021 | ADAPTEDSPORTS.ORG | @ADAPTEDSPORTS".

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2021 ASPIRE Awards Emcee Sam Crenshaw

Gwinnett HEAT, School-Based Award

Ron Lykins, Founder's Award/University of Missouri

Jan Seaman, Founder's Award/Retired AAPHERD Director

Jan Lauten, Founder's Award/Retired Decatur YMCA Executive Dir.

Onie Lawson, Founder's Award/Retired APS Teacher

Terri Grunduski, Founder's Award/Grunduski Group

Thank you to the following 2021 AAASP ASPIRE Awards Sponsors: the Georgia Department of Education, FlagHouse, the Georgia High School Association, and the AAASP Board of Directors.

Plan to join us for the live event on @AdaptedSports Facebook page – at 5:30 pm – to celebrate the nominees and winners with us!

Learn more at: <https://www.facebook.com/AdaptedSports> and RSVP for the virtual event to get updates and additional information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/268767381787691?ref=newsfeed/>.

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 elementary, middle, and high school. For more information, please visit our website at <http://adaptedsports.org> or join our conversations on Twitter at: @AdaptedSports.

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