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88th Annual

SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

A Seattle Sports Commission Production

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THE WESTIN SEATTLE • 5:30-9:30PM

WASHINGTON'S BIGGEST NIGHT OUT FOR SPORTS

Maealie Glanzer, Rose Lavelle, and Sofia Huerta



Featuring the unforgettable moments in sports each year, and honoring the outstanding achievements of Washington teams, athletes, coaches, and industry influencers.

The 88th Annual Sports Star of the Year Awards Show includes a pre-show gala reception, seated dinner and live awards ceremony. A televised production of the ceremony will then be shared with thousands of local sports fans on Broadcast Partner Station, FOX 13.

WAYNE GITTINGER INSPIRATIONAL YOUTH AWARD

This award honors a young, Washingtonian athlete who has overcome significant obstacles—medical, environmental or circumstantial — and inspired others.

The award was given the moniker for Wayne Gittinger, a former University of Washington athlete and avid UW fan. He and his wife endowed numerous student-athlete scholarships, mentored many young athletes, and were loyal champions of those young athletes that strive to persevere over adversity.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- Maealie Glanzer | 2021
- Matthew Esselstrom | 2020
- Claudia Longo | 2019
- Elijah Hagstrom | 2018
- Bretton Chitwood | 2017
- Colton Schmidt | 2017
- Riley Sorenson | 2016
- Katie Collier | 2015
- Milton Wright III | 2014
- Zach Lystedt | 2013
- Josh Dickerson | 2012
- Jake Finkbonner | 2011
- Ike Ditzenberger | 2010

A PIECE OF HISTORY

Created in 1936 by legendary sports editor, Royal Brougham, and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Sports Star of the Year is one of the longest-running sports awards in the country. With such a rich history, it's no wonder the event has hosted the most iconic sports figures and is beloved by those in the industry.

Candidates for consideration are solicited through the Sports Star Nominating Committee, composed of local media, sports historians and other members of the sports industry.

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