UNITED STATES SPORTS ACADEMY AWARDS OF SPORT

"A TRIBUTE TO THE ARTIST AND THE ATHLETE"

The United States Sports Academy presents awards each year to pay tribute to those who have made significant contributions to sport, in categories as diverse as the artist and the athlete in several different arenas of sport. The awards honor exemplary achievement in coaching, all-around athletic performance, courage, humanitarian activity, fitness and media, as well as the top athletes of the year. The Academy's American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA) annually recognizes these men and women through its Sport Artist of the Year/Zhenliang He Culture Award, Male and Female Athletes of the Year, Distinguished Service Awards, and Medallion Series.

Honorees may be nominated by any of the Academy's worldwide constituents. This assemblage includes administration, alumni, faculty, national faculty, staff, students and members of various organizations and boards that work closely with the Academy on this special project. Following the nomination process, honorees are selected by the Awards of Sport Committee, a special group within the Academy that is comprised of the President's Cabinet and other staff members with a vested interest and an extensive knowledge of sports and the arts. Every honoree chosen by the Awards of Sport Committee is presented to the Academy's Board of Trustees. All honoree selections are subject to a vote and must be formally approved and ratified by this group. Award recipients are traditionally presented with the Academy's Order of the Eagle Exemplar Medal with Rosette. A list of all Awards of Sport and past recipients of the same can be found at http://www.asama.org/awards-of-sport/.

Based in Daphne, Ala., the United States Sports Academy is an independent, non-profit, accredited, special mission sports university created to serve the nation and world with programs in instruction, research, and service. The role of the Academy is to prepare men and women for careers in the profession of sports. For more information about the Academy, call (251) 626-3303 or visit www.ussa.edu.

The Academy is home to the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA). Founded in 1984, ASAMA is dedicated to the preservation of sports art, history, and literature. The ASAMA collection is composed of nearly 2,000 works of sport art across a variety of media, including paintings, sculptures, assemblages, prints and photographs. The museum is open free to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information, go to www.asama.org .