



AAU JAMES E.
SULLIVAN
AWARD

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Consecutive years the AAU James E. Sullivan Award has been presented to the best amateur athletes in America, making the award older than the prestigious Heisman Trophy.

Consecutive years the award ceremony has taken place at the New York Athletic Club, the very same building where the AAU was established under Sullivan in 1888.

WINNERS BY SPORT



34

Track and field athletes have won the award -- the most by any sport



6

Basketball players have taken home the award, including Breanna Stewart and J.J. Reddick



10

Swimmers have won the award, including Mark Spitz (1971) and Michael Phelps (2003)



4

Figure skaters have won the award, including Evan Lysacek in 2010



8

Football players have won the award, including Peyton Manning

The award has also gone to 4 wrestlers, 3 gymnasts, 3 speedskaters, 3 divers, 2 oarsmen, 2 golfers, 1 paralympian, 1 ultra-marathoner, 1 baseball player, 1 tennis player and 1 volleyball player.

NOTABLE RECIPIENTS

1930	Bobby Jones	1997	Peyton Manning
1971	Mark Spitz	2001	Michelle Kwan
1973	Bill Walton	2003	Michael Phelps
1976	Bruce Jenner	2004	Paul Hamm
1981	Carl Lewis	2005	J.J. Redick
1984	Greg Louganis	2007	Tim Tebow
1987	Jim Abbott	2009	Shawn Johnson
1993	Charlie Ward	2012	Missy Franklin
1996	Michael Johnson	2014	Ezekiel Elliott

LAST YEAR'S WINNER

Two-time AAU Sullivan Award finalist, Kyle Snyder, took home the 89th award last year. Snyder was an NCAA Champion, Big Ten Champion and All-American in 2017. He earned U.S. Male Olympic Athlete of the Year and Ohio State Male Athlete of the Year honors. Snyder is the Ivan Yarygin gold medalist (97kg) and his 2017 World Championship match was dubbed "Match of the Century," as his win gave USA Wrestling its first team title in 22 years.



KYLE SNYDER

ABOUT THE AWARD

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Mikaela Foecke
Nebraska
Volleyball



Rachel Garcia
UCLA
Softball



Townley Haas
Texas
Swimming



Aleia Hobbs
LSU
Track & Field



Morgan Hurd
USA Gymnastics
Gymnastics



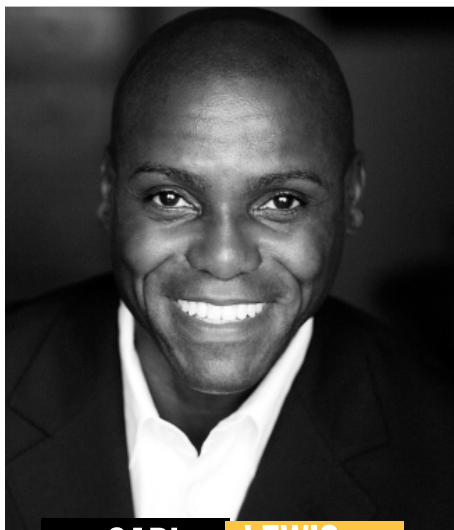
Luke Maye
UNC
Basketball



McKenzie Milton
UCF
Football



Kathryn Plummer
Stanford
Volleyball



CARL LEWIS

1981 AAU Sullivan Award Winner

During his career, Carl Lewis won 9 Olympic gold medals, attended four Olympic Games, and was named Olympian of the Century. Currently, he is a coach at the University of Houston and has founded The Perfect Method, an online platform of instruction to help today's coaches create the champions of tomorrow.

This year will be Lewis's second year hosting the AAU Sullivan Award.

Award Voting Rules



Semi- Finalist Voting: March 11th-15th

Public Voting only to determine the finalist

Finalist Round: March 18th-22nd

Three categories make up the finalist vote.

3 Categories:

- Public
- Media and Past Finalist votes
- Sullivan Committee / AAU Board of Directors

Athletes are ranked based on their performance in each category. All three categories are tallied at the end of voting to determine the winner.

Accredited media outlets can email shannon@aausports.org for voting link

Event Schedule



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Tentative Schedule

April 14th-15th

Athletes Arrive

April 15th

9:30 AM.....Welcome Meeting

Media Day (TBD)*

6 PM.....Finalist Session

7 PM.....VIP Dinner

April 16th

8 AM.....Breakfast

Media Day Event (TBD)*

3 PM..... Walk Through

4:30 PM-5:30 PM.....Media Hour (TBD)*

5:45 PM-6:45 PM Autograph Session*

7 PM Ceremony*

9 PM Cocktail Reception*

* Open to Media

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Media will be allowed at some of the organized events. Athletes are available for one-on-one coverage based on availability. We ask that you work directly with the AAU to set up those opportunities. (2) passes will be available for any media event.

Media Request:

bit.ly/sullivanmediarequest

Ticket Info:

www.AAUSullivan.org/RSVP

Live Stream:

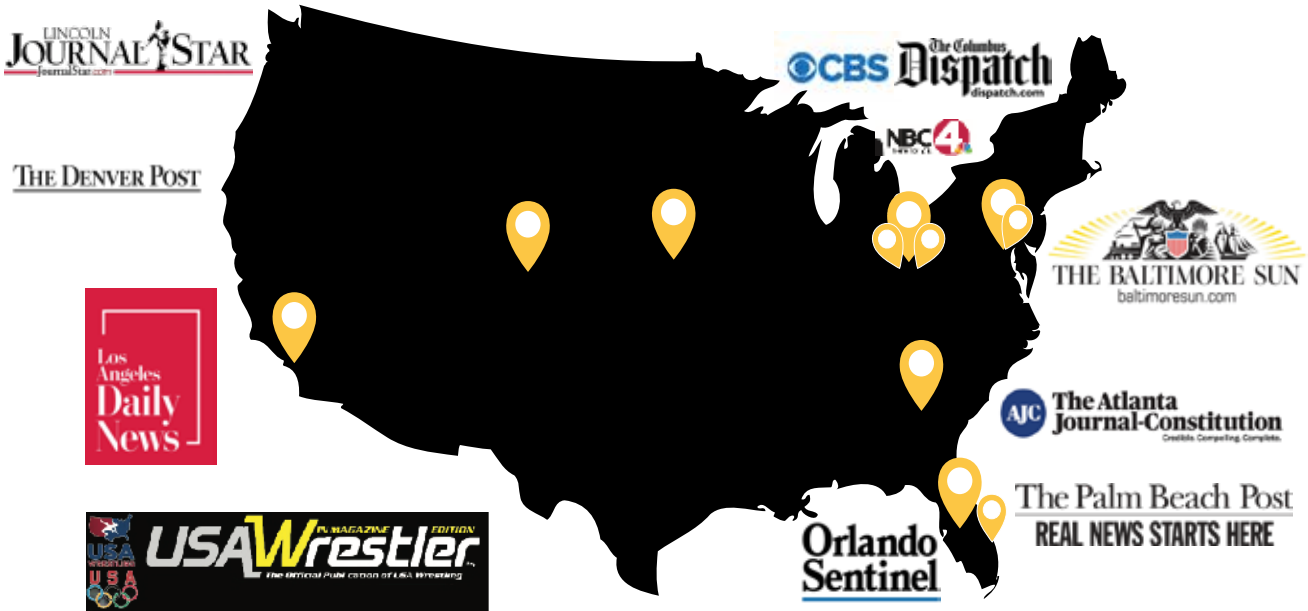
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2018 Highlights



81 MILLION CONSUMER REACH IN 2018

20 MILLION CONSUMER REACH IN 2017

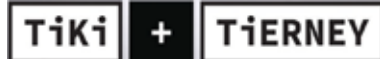


7 NATIONAL STORIES SECURED

16 TELEVISION SEGMENTS



DAILY NEWS



Past Winners



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- 1930 **Bobby Jones**....Golf
1931 **Bernard Berlinger**....Decathlon
1932 **James Bausch**....Decathlon
1933 **Glen Cunningham**....Middle Distance Runner
1934 **William Bonthron**....Middle Distance Runner
1935 **W. Lawson Little, Jr.**....Golf
1936 **Glenn Morris**....Decathlon
1937 **Don Budge**....Tennis
1938 **Don Lash**.... Long Distance Runner
1939 **Joe Burk**....Rowing
1940 **J. Gregory Rice**.... Track and Field
1941 **T. Leslie MacMitchell**....Track and Field
1942 **Cornelius Warmerdam**.... Pole Vault
1943 **Gilbert R. Dodds**.... Middle Distance Runner
1944 **Ann Curtis**.... Swimming
1945 **Doc Blanchard**.... Football
1946 **Arnold Tucker**.... Football
1947 **John B. Kelly, Jr.**.... Rowing
1948 **Bob Mathias**.... Decathlon
1949 **Dick Button**.... Figure Skating
1950 **Fred Wilt**.... Long Distance Runner
1951 **Bob Richards**.... Pole Vault, Decathlon
1952 **Horace Ashenfelter**.... Long Distance Runner
1953 **Sammy Lee**.... Diving
1954 **Mal Whitfirreld**.... Middle Distance Runner
1955 **Harrison Dillard**.... Sprinter
1956 **Pat McCormick**.... Diving
1957 **Bobby Morrow**.... Sprinter
1958 **Glenn "Jeep" Davis**.... Sprinter
1959 **Parry O'Brien**.... Shot Put, Discus
1960 **Rafer Johnson**....Decathlon
1961 **Wilma Rudolph**....Sprinter
1962 **Jim Beatty**.... Track and Field
1963 **John Pennel**.... Pole Vault
1964 **Don Schollander**.... Swimming
1965 **Bill Bradley**.... Basketball
1966 **Jim Ryun**.... Middle Distance Runner
1967 **Randy Matson**.... Shot Put, Discus
1968 **Debbie Meyer**.... Swimming
1969 **Bill Toomey**.... Decathlon
1970 **John Kinsella**.... Swimming
1971 **Mark Spitz**.... Swimming
1972 **Frank Shorter**.... Long Distance Runner
1973 **Bill Walton**.... Basketball
1974 **Rick Wohlhuter**.... Middle Distance Runner
1975 **Tim Shaw**.... Swimming
1976 **Bruce Jenner**.... Decathlon
1977 **John Naber**.... Swimming
1978 **Tracy Caulkins**.... Swimming
1979 **Kurt Thomas**.... Gymnastics
1980 **Eric Heiden**.... Speed Skating
1981 **Carl Lewis**.... Sprinter, Long Jump
1982 **Mary Decker**.... Middle and Long Distance Runner
1983 **Edwin Moses**.... Sprinter
1984 **Greg Louganis**.... Diving
1985 **Joan Benoit**.... Long Distance Running
1986 **Jackie Joyner-Kersey**.... Sprinter
1987 **Jim Abbott**.... Baseball
1988 **Florence Griffith-Joyner**.... Sprinter
1989 **Janet Evans**.... Swimming
1990 **John Smith**.... Wrestling
1991 **Mike Powell**.... Long Jump
1992 **Bonnie Blair**.... Speed Skating
1993 **Charlie Ward**.... Basketball, Football
1994 **Dan Jansen**.... Speed Skating
1995 **Bruce Baumgartner**.... Wrestling
1996 **Michael Johnson**.... Sprinter
1997 **Peyton Manning**....Football
1998 **Chamique Holdsclaw**.... Basketball
1999 **Coco Miller & Kelly Miller**.... Basketball
2000 **Rulon Gardner**.... Wrestling
2001 **Michelle Kwan**.... Figure Skating
2002 **Sarah Hughes**.... Figure Skating
2003 **Michael Phelps**.... Swimming
2004 **Paul Hamm**.... Gymnastics
2005 **J.J. Redick**.... Basketball
2006 **Jessica Long**.... Swimming
2007 **Tim Tebow**.... Football
2008 **Shawn Johnson**....Gymnastics
2009 **Amy Palmiero-Winters**.... Marathon Runner
2010 **Evan Lysacek**.... Figure Skating
2011 **Andrew Rodriguez**.... Football
2012 **Missy Franklin**.... Swimming
2013 **John Urschel**.... Football
2014 **Ezekiel Elliott**....Football
2015 **Keenan Reynolds & Breanna Stewart**....Football / Basketball
2016 **Lauren Carlini**.... Volleyball
2017 **Kyle Snyder**.... Wrestling

AAU Gussie Crawford Lifetime Achievement Award

The AAU Gussie Crawford Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually during the AAU James E. Sullivan Award ceremony. The award was established to honor Gussie Crawford, the first female president of AAU and trailblazer in amateur sports. The award is intended to recognize those athletes whose efforts, both nationally and or internationally, have paved the way for great change in amateur sports.



Inaugural Recipient 2017:

Jesse Owens, track and field legend, won for his lasting impact on amateur sports. The award was accepted on his behalf by his granddaughter.



2018 Recipient:

Jim Thorpe, a legendary multi-sport athlete won last year. The award was accepted at the awards by his great-grandson and great-great grandson. His son Bill Thorpe also accepted the award via video.



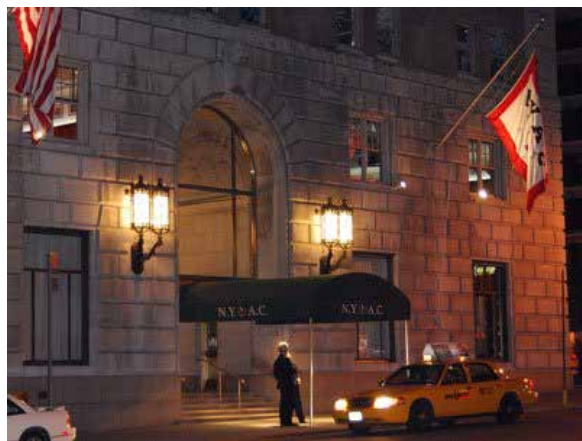
2019 Recipient:

Babe Didrikson Zaharias, American athlete who excelled in golf, basketball, baseball, and track and field. She was the winner of two gold medals in track and field at the 1932 Summer Olympics, before turning to professional golf and winning 10 LPGA major championships.

New York Athletic Club



The New York Athletic Club was found in 1868 and boasts a unique history. The Club's founding premise was to bring structure to a sporting environment that was lacking in organization and uniformity of measurement. Quickly, the New York Athletic Club organized the first US Championships in boxing, swimming, wrestling, and track & field. Today, the New York City clubhouse stands in tribute to an unmatched athletic history and its on going commitment to the pursuit of sporting excellence, whole also providing unmatched social oppurtunities for its members.



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Dress Code
www.nyac.org/dress-code

*** All guest and media must follow the club dress code**

History of the AAU



The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) has been raising champions for more than a century. Since its inception in 1888, the AAU has set the standard for amateur sports in the United States with one goal in mind: “Sports For All, Forever.” It is more than a motto – it has been the focus and drive of AAU for 130 years and counting for sports in the United States and throughout the world.

One of the largest, non-profit, volunteer, multi-sport event organizations in the world, the AAU is dedicated exclusively to the promotion and development of amateur sports and physical fitness programs. The AAU philosophy of “Sports For All, Forever” is now shared by nearly 700,000 members and 150,000 volunteers across 41 sports programs and 55 U.S. districts.

The AAU was founded in 1888 to establish standards and uniformity in amateur sport. During its early years the AAU served as a leader in international sport representing the U.S. in the international sports federations. The AAU worked closely with the Olympic movement to prepare athletes for the Olympic games. In the late 1970's, the AAU reshifted its focus and efforts to providing sports programs for all participants of all ages beginning at the grass roots level.

In 1996, the AAU joined forces with Walt Disney World. Later that year, the AAU relocated its national headquarters to Orlando, Florida becoming one of two anchor tenants at what is now ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex (the Atlanta Braves being the other). More than 60 AAU national events are conducted annually at the ESPN Wide World of Sports® Complex - featuring a new 300,000 square foot arena, 9,500 seat baseball stadium, baseball quadraplex, two indoor fieldhouses that accommodate hardwood courts, a softball diamondplex, youth baseball fields, a track and field complex and multi-purpose performance fields.

Programs offered by the AAU include: AAU Sports Programs (41 sports), the AAU Junior Olympic Games, the largest multi-sport event in the country, the AAU Junior Volleyball National Championships (the largest volleyball event in the world with more than 2,700 boys' and girls' teams participating), AAU James E. Sullivan Award, given out to America's top amateur athlete since 1930, and the AAU Gussie Crawford Lifetime Achievement Award, established in 2017 to recognize those athletes who have paved the way for great change in amateur sports. The AAU Cares program was created in 2016 as a way for the AAU to give back to the communities in which it hosts events. Our organization strives to provide not only athletic opportunities but also lessons in learning, life and social responsibility in the community. Along with AAU Cares, AAU Proud programs strive to provide athletic activities & sport skills to children aged seven & under in a non-competitive environment that promotes self-confidence while staying active.

The AAU is also a member of the International School Sport Federation (ISF), recognised by the International Olympic Committee, to promote the values and interests of education through sport.

