



# 2021 YOUTH SPORTS ALLIANCE CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

## SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS

*Spirit of Service Award honors and recognizes a great individual (or corporation) who has contributed time, talent, and support to the YSA.*

**Jason Carone and Julianne Rosen-Carone** are parents to two luge athletes and longtime volunteers for the Youth Sports Alliance, the Wasatch Luge Club, and the US Luge Association. They provided technical support to JANS Winter Welcome (and most other large auctions around town, through a co-op they started and managed) for more than a decade. They set up the computers and event software, then also volunteered during the event, checking guests in or working in the live auction. Both have served as Luge Club Board Members — each served as Club President, and as race officials for both local and international events. The biggest impact to the local luge community was the creation and implementation of the Family Participation Program that in conjunction with Jans Winter Welcome, helps luge families fund junior athletes.

**Advice Media** developed and maintains the YSA website — a \$20,000 start up contribution and a continuing \$1,800 annual expense. Additionally, they provided 13 volunteers for after school programs during the height of the pandemic who served as chaperones for elementary school students. Employees were given this time off to help children in our programs to participate who would otherwise not be able to due to transportation needs.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Hall of Fame Award honors and recognizes great athletes or coaches in our community, while also recognizing outstanding achievement in life after sport.*

**Gordon Lange** grew up in Jackson, WY and was a standout cross country skier at the University of Colorado. After college he coached at the University of Colorado and the University of Wyoming, winning a combined title in 1985. In 1990, he headed to Park City to coach the US Ski Team through three Olympic Games. After his international career he transitioned to coaching youth programs in Park City for over 20 years. He coached several junior national skiers, Junior National Champions, National Champions, University of Utah stand out and his daughter Leah Lange, World Cup winner Rosie Brennan and Olympic Silver medalist Brett Camerota.

## LEADERSHIP AWARD

*Leadership Award recognizes the individual(s) who made a significant impact on their teammates.*

**Aidan Rambo** (Park City Ski & Snowboard – Park & Pipe) exemplifies leadership in everything he does, both on and off snow. Aidan takes initiative, leads the pack in a positive manner, demonstrates resilience, and brings the team together. His impact is significant through leading by example and fostering a positive learning environment for all. He shows kindness and respect to every person he speaks to, and believes in everyone around him.

Athletes nominated by their teams to receive this award included **Elsa Futch, Rachael Haerter, Dawson Higgins, Aidan Rambo, Zev Rosenfield and Chloé Taurel.**

## SAM JACKENTHAL SHOWSTOPPER OF THE YEAR

*Sam Jackenthal Showstopper of the Year recognizes exceptional moments during the previous year that left a lasting memory.*

**Ellie DeRosier** (Park City Ski & Snowboard – Park & Pipe) struggled with slopestyle competitions for nearly two years. Yet, at the Mammoth Futures Event this year, she put everything together in her runs landing her in second place. With this second place finish, she earned a Rev Tour Spot for the upcoming year.

Athletes nominated by their teams to receive this award included **Wes Campbell, Ellie DeRosier, Floyd Geddes, Samantha Shufit and Jack Squibbs.**

## BREAKTHROUGH PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

*The Breakthrough Performance of the Year Award recognizes an individual or a team who pushed personal limits to achieve an over the top season or event.*

**Josie Johnson** (Park City Ski & Snowboard – Nordic Jumping), in her first Junior National Championships, took the gold in the U16 Girls division.

Athletes nominated by their teams to receive this award included **Emily Campbell, Josie Johnson and James Kanzler.**

YSA recognizes achievement on snow and ice by presenting the **All-Star** and **Champion** awards each year to athletes who represent the top 5% of athletic accomplishments for their teams.

**All-Star Award** athletes are honored for exceptional success in local/regional competitions. Minimum eligibility includes posting a top-five finish overall as a YSL-level competition, state championship, USFSA Sectionals or Regionals or an athlete is nominated by his or her coach for outstanding achievement not covered by the above criteria.

**Champion Award** athletes are honored for achievement at international or national competitions. Minimum eligibility includes: named to the National Team in their sport, earns a top -five overall national ranking in their sport, receives significant award from their NGB (National Governing Body), qualifies for USFSA Nationals or named to Development Team, represents their country in International competition such as World Championships, World Cup, Junior World Championships, Junior World Cup, Nor Am, Continental Cup, or athlete attains significant results at a National or International level competition.

## ALL-STAR AWARDS

Ella Beutler	Jackson Gready	Asher Loscalzo	Kate Pressgrove
Christopher Biglow	Rachael Haerter	Chloe Loscalzo	Kaitlyn Reital
Jonathan Brain	Carly Hamilton	Julia Magnuson	Griffen Rogers
Bailey Carmack	Tegan Hoffman	Ian Marsland	John Scanlan
Ian Carmack	Owen Hughes	Cael McCarthy	Sosie Sheffert
Orson Colby	Espen Hunt	Jack Morris	Cordelia Sherwood
Aiden "Maverick" Cox	Sean Jensen	Sophie Neff	Vivian Turner
Peyton Cox	Pete Killilea	Macey Olden	Liam Van Valkenburgh
Lee Curtis	Marley Leavitt	Tyler Ordean	Beau Woodring
Ellie DeRosier	Arkie Lennon	Carson Owen	Walker Woodring
Emma Ford	Toryn Lewis	Gabriel Paskin	London Zarkos

## CHAMPION AWARDS

Sam Anderson	Elena Grissom	James Kanzler	Troy Podmilsak
Bella Bacon	Morgan Heavrin	Andee Lyons	Brynn Roberts
Sidney Bennion	Dawson Higgins	Alli Macuga	Root Roepke
Benny Brown	Gabe Hopkins	Dylan Marcellini	Jack Squibbs
Wes Campbell	Mia Hunt	Cole McDonald	Gunnar Travis
Emily Campbell	Josie Johnson	Charlie Mickel	Paul Wiczek
Matthew Greiner	Maddie Kaiserman	Isabel Parada	Sami Worthington



## GET OUT & PLAY CORE VALUES AWARDS

Ignacio Adame, Luke Contreras, Valerie Gonzalez, Carter Letzelter and Alex Vega



## ACTIV8 CORE VALUES AWARDS

Amelia Abbett, Óceon Carlson-Smith and Stephanie Vega

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