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## CITIZENSHIP THROUGH SPORTS ALLIANCE TO HOST SIXTH ANNUAL AWARDS RECEPTION

**OLATHE, Kansas**---The state of Texas will be well represented Sunday, June 13, as five of the 13 athletes whom the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance (CTSA) will honor at its Sixth Annual Awards Reception hail from the Lone Star State. Other Texas natives involved in the program include keynote speaker Zina Garrison (Houston), head coach of the women's U.S. Olympic Tennis Team, and former Dallas Cowboy Everson Walls, who will serve as master of ceremonies.

The event, which will take place at the Wyndham Anatole in Dallas in conjunction with the 2004 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Convention, will pay tribute to special athletes with the highest ethical standards in sport, whose lives and careers have reflected an enduring commitment to citizenship, sportsmanship and community service.

The reception will be held in the Anatole's Khmer Pavilion at 6 p.m., followed by the awards presentation at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are \$50, with tables of 10 available for \$500. To order tickets, call 816/474-7264.

The 13 honorees and their CTSA organization include: **Ray Allen**, Seattle SuperSonics, National Basketball Association (NBA); **Theresa Berry**, Bevill State (AL) Community College, National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA); **Rachel Butler**, Dallas Lincoln High School, National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS); **Edna Campbell**, Sacramento Monarchs, Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA); **Jay Coakley**, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE); **Vince Dooley**, University of Georgia, NACDA; **Michelle Kwan**, U.S. Figure Skating, United States Olympic Committee (USOC); **Eric Montalvo**, University of Texas-Pan American, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA); **Jamie Moyer**, Seattle Mariners, Major League Baseball (MLB); **Jessica Stollings**, King College (TN), National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA); **Marty Turco**, Dallas Stars, National Hockey League (NHL); **Darren Woodson**, Dallas Cowboys, National Football League (NFL); and **Kristen Zaleski**, Texas State University-San Marcos (NCAA).

This year's theme is "Know Your Role," which focuses on parents and coaches in youth sports and encourages them to contribute to a positive, healthy environment for kids in practice and competition. The idea is that there are four roles we can play in sport – athlete, coach, official or parent/fan. The key is to choose one and respect the others.

Each year, the Alliance seeks to highlight issues or initiatives that advance the concept of citizenship through sport. On Friday, June 11, CTSA will offer a special program, “Good Sports Nite,” at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Fort Worth facility on the campus of Texas Wesleyan University (3123 Avenue G, Fort Worth). The program, which will run from 6:15-8:45 p.m., will provide fun, physical activities for kids and a short program for adults on the role of parents in athletics. Featured will be the USOC’s Champions in Life, the NCAA’s Character Discovery Challenge and the NAIA’s Champions of Character programs. Among the athletes who will share their athletic experiences include U.S. Olympians Kim Wurzel (synchronized swimming, 2000 Summer Games) and Janine Bowman (shooting, 2000 Summer Games).

The Citizenship Through Sports Alliance is the single largest coalition of professional, collegiate, high school and Olympic athletics organizations in the nation, focused on character in sport. CTSA promotes fair play at all levels – youth leagues to professional sport – to reinforce the value of sport as a test of character. CTSA raises awareness of the issue of citizenship in sports while offering research, resources ([www.sportsmanship.org](http://www.sportsmanship.org)), community forums and specific strategies that help parents and coaches create a healthy sports environment for young people.

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