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Results are in!

Of the best coaches and gyms in all-star cheerleading and dance

Memphis, TN – April 25, 2009. On Friday April 24, 2009 a reception and awards ceremony was held at Disney's Epcot World Showplace to recognize the very best in teams, coaching, gyms and programs. As the acceptance speeches began tears welled in the audience's eyes. The testament to passion, enthusiasm and genuine concern for the athletes started the 2009 All-Star Worlds with great momentum.

Industry publications; American Cheerleader Magazine, All-Star Cheer Magazine, Cheer Coach and Advisor Magazine and Inside Cheerleading Magazine, each donated time and energy to a nomination process for specific awards. Scholarships and the Chairman's Cup were announced through the USASF and the evening ended with the 2009 Hall of Fame Induction. Results are posted below and can be found on USASF.net

"The Athletes, Gym owners and coaches recognized at the VIP Reception and Awards Ceremony gave us all the clarity we needed; to remind us the reasons we are here. Recognizing such amazing individuals helps encourage the same action in gyms and programs worldwide. We hope that the drive to instill morality, leadership, service and hard work in athletes continues to grow, so that we can continue to recognize it."

- Tegan Reeves, USASF Director

USASF

A nonprofit in the state of Tennessee, the mission of the U.S. All Star Federation is to maximize the number of participants benefiting from the positive life experiences of all star cheerleading and dance by developing guidelines consistent with the latest best known safety, educational and ethical practices.

VIP Ceremony Award Winners

Pro Spirit, *McKinney TX*

Chairman's Cup

Presented by Jamie Parish and Tegan Reeves

Green Bay Elite, *Green Bay WI*

Small Gym of the Year

Sponsored by American Cheerleader Magazine

Presented by Marisa Walker and Erin Eskarda

Brad and Brett from Spirit of Texas, *Arlington TX*

Gym Owner

Sponsored by Inside Cheerleading Magazine

Presented by Chris Korotky, Courtney and Vince Shu

Dann Sapp from PACE, *CA*

Dance Coach

Charlie Bedford from ADA Dark Angels, *United Kingdom*

International Dance Coach

Sponsored by All-Star Cheer Magazine

Presented by Joy Troup, Steve Zepezaur and Cheryl O'Brien

Courtney Smith-Pope from Cheer Xtreme, *NC*

Cheer Coach

Claire McKaie from Goldstar, *Scotland*

International Cheer Coach

Sponsored by Cheer Coach and Advisor Magazine

Presented by Heather Portnoy and Zach Ninemeyer

International Achievers

Rodrigo Anguita, *Chile*

Zong Xiang Xu, *China*

Presented by Karl Olson, Sarah Richetti and President Jim Chadwick

USASF Hall of Fame

Bill Presson from ACE, *Birmingham AL*

Victor Rosario from Top Gun, *Miami FL*

Applicants for the Scholarships were judged through a committee based on a performance DVD, essay, report card/transcript, teacher and coach leadership recommendation. The finalists were selected and reviewed for the top three positions. The College Scholarship finalists attended interviews for final selection. Applicants for the Chairman's Cup sent pictures, media coverage, philanthropic experience and donation information. A committee selected the nominees and a sub-committee selected the winner with no knowledge of the gym or team names.

College Scholarship Recipients

\$1000 Recipients

Brittany Baird, *Premier Athletics Knoxville*
 Madelyn Wilson, *Pro Spirit*
 Casey Lynch, *World Cup*
 Robert Cervantes, *Icon Cheer and Dance*
 Jessica Walls, *Cheer Extreme*
 Katelyn Hasset, *Spirit Central*
 Caleb Miller, *Kentucky Elite*
 Chelsea Chism, *Orlando All-Stars*
 Carly Bohnenblusch, *Cheer Extreme*
 Jessica Fritts, *Cheer Extreme*
 Cady Dicus, *Cheer Athletics*
 Kaitly Kemmner, *The Fusion Five All-Stars*
 Kayla Cowell, *All American Cheer and Stunt*
 Jordyn Whipkey, *American Elite All-Stars*
 Rebecca Chase, *Pride Athletics Champions*
 Cheree Maldonado, *Star Athletics*
 Allison Wade, *Star Athletics*
 Caitlyn Whaley, *American Elite All Stars*

\$2000 Recipients

Sara Fitzhenry, *Cheer Extreme*
 Rachel Edwards, *Pro Spirit*
 Anne Regan, *Cheer Extreme*
 Haley Imel, *Gym Tyme*
 Danielle Jenkins, *Star Athletics*
 Kevin Baron, *World Cup*
 Brittany Day, *Louisiana Cheer Force*

Bronze (\$3000)

Alex Doran, *Cheer Athletics*

Silver (\$5000)

Jordan Snow, *Cheer Extreme*

Gold (\$10,000)

Patricia Fitzgerald, *Maryland Twisters*

Young Athlete Scholarship Recipients

Finalists

Amara Washington, *All-American Cheer and Stunt*
 Amy Souders, *North Coast All-Stars*
 Anne Richey, *Mac's All-Stars*
 Brittani Love, *Showtime Spirit*
 Gracie Wilks, *ACE Cheer Company*
 Holly Johnson, *Cheer Dynasty*
 Jamie Balda, *Pro Spirit*
 Jacklyn Donohue, *Sparks All-Stars*
 Jenny Bolton,
 Skylar Rouche, *Cheer Force*
 Taylor Warner, *Eastern Washington Elite*
 Tianna Lavailler, *Xplosion All-Stars*

Bronze/Silver Tie (\$3000)

Whitney Love, *Showtime Spirit*
 Haley Loftis, *Cheer Athletics*

Gold (\$3,500)

Kiara Nowlin

Chairman's Cup Nominees

American Elite, Tallmadge OH

Elite Cheer and Dance, Davie FL

Fame All Stars, Virginia Beach VA

Funtastic Flyers, Sarasota FL

Pro Cheer, Atlanta GA

Pro Spirit, McKinney TX