



## **Karin Korb, Two-Time Paralympian and First Person with a Disability to Play at the US Open, to Headline The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) ASPIRE Awards**

**Atlanta, August 17, 2022**— Karin Korb, a 2-time Paralympian, 10-time USA World Team member, and the first person with a disability to play at the US Open, will headline the 4th annual ASPIRE Awards for the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) on October 23, 2022. The **Adapted Sports Programs in Recreation and Education (ASPIRE) Awards** recognize those who are critical in the push to make adapted sports available across the nation and those who serve as role models for their action and initiative in supporting competitive sports programs for athletes with disabilities. The AAASP will honor several individuals and organizations who exemplify these efforts and have shown a passion for inclusivity, accessibility, and advocacy for adapted sports programs.

Korb is a world-class Wheelchair Tennis player who has used her experiences to become a true fighter and advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion. On top of being a decorated tennis player, handcycling racer, and bodybuilder, she has worked with corporations, programs and governments on local, state, federal and global levels. She has collaborated with the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Defense, as well as the U.S. Military who she helped instruct severely injured veterans with PTSD, TBI, and physical disabilities. Additionally, she has organized and participated in a multitude of accessibility-focused sports programs as an instructor, consultant, mentor, and coach. Beyond her numerous accolades, she is a tenacious and fiery orator who strives to make people more empathetic and knowledgeable about people with disabilities. She has a strong tie to Georgia, as the first person with a disability to receive a D1 scholarship to play on Georgia State University's inaugural collegiate wheelchair tennis team. She is an energized public speaker who is fearless when it comes to sharing her story and steadfast in her mission to improve accessibility and equity across the board, especially for athletes like her.

The ASPIRE Awards shine a light on those who have advocated and supported the programs and resources that make adapted sports possible for so many athletes. It is through this advocacy and support that so many athletes have the invaluable chance to get into the game and realize the benefits that sports offer to people's physical, emotional, and mental well-being. For more on Karin, please visit: <https://adaptedsports.org>.

Come celebrate the 2022 ASPIRE Award nominees with us on October 23<sup>rd</sup>!

**Date/Time: Sunday, October 23, 2022 – 5:30 -7:30 pm**  
**Maggiano's Little Italy Buckhead**  
**3368 Peachtree Road, Atlanta GA 30326**

Please visit: <https://adaptedsports.org/aaasp-aspire-awards/> to purchase tickets for this year's event.

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, just celebrated its 25 year as a not-for-profit association dedicated to developing interscholastic adapted sports programs in partnership with national, state, and local educational agencies. It represents a standardized approach to extracurricular adapted team sports and has developed one of the nation's most comprehensive school-based athletic programs for students with physical disabilities attending elementary, middle and high schools. For more information, please visit our website at <http://adaptedsports.org> or join our conversations on Twitter at: @AdaptedSports.

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