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## Elena Delle Donne to be the featured guest at the 2020 WIN for KC Women's Sports Awards Celebration KCTV5 Sports Anchor, Dani Welniak, to serve as Emcee

KANSAS CITY, MO (December 4, 2019) – The Women's Intersport Network for Kansas City (<u>WIN for KC</u>) is excited to announce that the featured guest for the <u>2020 Women's Sports Awards Celebration</u> presented by Burns & McDonnell will be **two-time WNBA MVP** (2015, 2019) **Elena Delle Donne**.

The Washington Mystics star is one of the most dominant players in the WNBA. She led her team to win the WNBA Championship in 2019 and is a six-time WNBA All-Star and four-time member of the All-WNBA First Team.

Delle Donne is also the first WNBA player to join the 50-40-90 club, a group of elite sharp shooters comprised of only eight other NBA players. As a member of Team USA, Delle Donne took home a gold medal during the 2016 Olympics and was the WNBA scoring champion in 2015.



Named the 2013 WNBA Rookie of the Year, the Delaware native was drafted second overall in the WNBA draft. Prior to her WNBA career, Delle Donne attended the University of Delaware to remain close to her tight-knit family. While at Delaware, Delle Donne led her team to its first ever NCAA Sweet Sixteen her senior year, was a consensus first team All-American, and finished as CAA Conference Player of the Year three times.

Off the court, Delle Donne is the author of a middle-grade series, *Hoops*, and released her memoir *My Shot: Balancing it All and Standing Tall*. In 2017, she founded the Elena Delle Donne Foundation to raise funds and awareness of Lyme disease research, special needs programs and animal welfare work.



KCTV5 Sports Anchor, Dani Welniak, will emcee the event. Welniak joined KCTV5 in 2016 after a successful stint with KCWH 12 in Wichita covering numerous high area high school state titles, the Kansas City Royals back-to-back World Series appearances, Wichita State's run to the Final Four and the Kansas City Chiefs playoff games against the Houston Texans and New England Patriots. She earned multiple awards including the KIAAA Sportscaster of the Year and KAB non-metro Sportscaster of the Year.

## About WIN for KC

The Women's Intersport Network for Kansas City (WIN for KC), was established in 1994 under the umbrella of the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission, with the mission to ignite girls and women through advocating and promoting the lifetime value of sports and fitness, while providing opportunities for participation and leadership development. WIN is a volunteer, membership-driven organization that operates as a program of the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation. For more information, visit <a href="WINforKC.org">WINforKC.org</a>. For the latest on WIN for KC news, follow on <a href="Twitter, Facebook">Twitter, Facebook</a> and <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>.