



Aaron Golub, Professional Speaker, and the First Legally-Blind Division One Athlete to Play in a Game, to Headline The American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs (AAASP) ASPIRE Awards

Atlanta, August 9, 2023 – Aaron Golub, professional speaker, entrepreneur, consultant, and the first legally blind division one athlete to play in a game when he played football at Tulane University -- will headline the 5th Annual The American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) ASPIRE Awards on October 22nd at Maggiano's Little Italy Buckhead. The **AdaptED Sports Programs in Recreation and Education (ASPIRE) Awards** honors individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions central to the mission of making adapted sports programming available to children and adolescents with physical disabilities and contributing to their physical, social, and intellectual well-being.

Golub started his journey as a speaker at 17, when he was asked to go on *Good Morning America* to speak about his commitment to play football at Tulane University. He knew immediately he had a message that would impact millions, and since then he has traveled the world sharing his message. Golub will share his strategies to create true change and impactful insights with the 2023 ASPIRE nominees and winners, that will allow them to rethink their past beliefs. Golub works in a speaking, workshop, and consulting manor, and he has been featured on many major media outlets. For more on Aaron, please visit: <https://aarongolub.com/>

The ASPIRE Awards, which have grown from a simple acknowledgement of some of our early heroes during halftime of our state championships each year, to a fully-realized event, established in 2018. The ASPIRE Awards recognize those who support and advocate on behalf of adapted sports, and showcase those who stand as role models; individuals; companies and organizations that have taken a proactive and innovative path in support of competitive sports programs for student athletes with physical disabilities. Through these programs, student athletes with physical disabilities across the nation reap the physical, social emotional and academic benefits of competitive athletics resulting in personal and social empowerment. Eight new categories have been added this year. AAASP will honor twenty key people and organizations this Fall for their outstanding contributions over the past year to support student athletes with physical disabilities to get "off the sidelines and into the game."

Come celebrate the 2023 ASPIRE Award nominees with us on October 22nd!

Date/Time: Sunday, October 22, 2023 – 5:30 -7:30 pm
Maggiano's Little Italy Buckhead
3368 Peachtree Road, Atlanta GA 30326

Please visit: <https://adaptedsports.org/2023-aaasp-aspire-awards/> to purchase tickets for this year's event.



ABOUT AAASP

The American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs (AdaptED Sports/AAASP), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is 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, or high school. For more information, please visit our website at <http://adaptedsports.org> or join our conversations on Twitter at: @AdaptedSports

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