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KYLE PETERSON NAMED 44TH RECIPIENT OF THE NCBWA WILBUR SNYPP AWARD

DALLAS – Kyle Peterson, one of the most recognizable personalities among college baseball media through his work with ESPN, has been named as the 44th recipient of the prestigious Wilbur Snynn Award, presented annually by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association for outstanding contributions to college baseball.

“Kyle Peterson epitomizes all the great things about college baseball,” said NCBWA executive director Bo Carter. “He has been a scholar student-athlete at Stanford and Creighton Prep, standout collegiate pitcher on the field, Major League player and a wonderful proponent of college baseball and the game on every level. His accomplishments make him very deserving of this national honor from NCBWA.”

Peterson, the leading figure in the re-launch of popular collegiate website D1Baseball.com in 2015, has been active in college diamond circles throughout the country since signing with Stanford as a top-flight pitching prospect in 1995 out of Omaha (Neb.) Creighton Prep.

He later was a first round draft selection of the Milwaukee Brewers and was Pacific-10 Conference Pitcher of the Year in 1997. The right-hander made his Major League debut in 1999 with the Brewers. Arm challenges forced the Elkhorn, Nebraska, native and former Omaha high school standout out of baseball in 2003.

That might have been a fateful career move for the personable Peterson as he joined the ESPN broadcast team in '03 and became a face personifying college baseball telecasts. His award-winning work has included the NCAA World Series, hundreds of regular-season MLB and college games, the MLB Playoffs (youngest analyst for these in ESPN history), and one of his favorite assignments – the annual Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Also along that path he has served on the Nebraska Make a Wish Foundation, the CWS of Omaha Organizing Committee and the Omaha Sports Commission. He has played an active role in the College Baseball Hall of Fame, as well as the NCAA World Series Hall of Fame.

“College baseball means the world to me,” he said, “and I am honored to receive the Wilbur Snynn Award. The game of college baseball has given me so much over the course of my life. It’s exciting to see its continued growth, and I look forward to witnessing that growth moving forward.”

One of the most astute business people in the Midwest along with his baseball roles, he joined Colliers International in 2005 in the advisory services group and became President/CEO of the Nebraska office in 2013. He been involved in \$500 million-plus of investment sales and leasing transactions with special emphasis on sales and leasing of commercial office and investment properties.

Peterson reflected on his decades of baseball experience and coverage this week after being informed that he was the 2018 Snynn Award recipient.

The 2006 Colliers International Rookie of the Year also received the 2009 Colliers Broker of the Year and was named to the 2009 Midlands Business Journal's 40 under 40 group.

Peterson is the latest to join the ranks of Wilbur Snynn Award winners, national journalists and college administrators as the 2018 winner. The honor memorializes longtime Ohio State sports information director and NCBWA founder, the late Wilbur (Bill) Snynn. Snynn was a noted contributor to the writers' organization, which was initiated in 1962, as well as an officer in the group. The Wilbur Snynn Award yearly honors a professional for contributions to the sport of college baseball. Voting is conducted by a panel of previous winners, who include past NCAA College World Series directors, College Sports Information Directors of America Hall of Fame members, decorated media members, and others.

Past Wilbur Snynn Award Winners

1975	Wilbur Snynn, Ohio State
1976	Bill Esposito, St. John's
1977	Phil Langan, Cornell
1978	John Geis, Southern Conference
1979	Hank Schomber, Georgia Southern
1980	Bob Culp, Western Michigan
1981	Lou Pavlovich, Sr., Collegiate Baseball
1982	Tom Price, South Carolina
1983	Bob Bradley, Clemson
1984	Robert Williams, Omaha World-Herald
1985	Jerry Miles, NCAA
1986	Larry Keefe, Seton Hall
1987	Tom Rowen, San Jose Mercury-News
1988	Fred Gerardi, KESY Radio, Omaha
1989	Jim Wright, NCAA
1990	Steve Weller, SIU-Edwardsville
1991	Bill Little, University of Texas
1992	Kirk Bohls, Austin American-Statesman
1993	Bo Carter, Southwest Conference
1994	Lou Pavlovich, Jr., Collegiate Baseball
1995	Steve Pivovar, Omaha World-Herald
1996	Gary Johnson, NCAA
1997	Dave Wohlhueter, Cornell
1998	Allan Simpson, Baseball America
1999	Alan Cannon, Texas A&M
2000	Jim Callis, Baseball America
2001	Dick Case, USA Baseball
2002	Russ Anderson, Conference USA
2003	John Manuel, Baseball America
2004	Dana Heiss Grodin, USA TODAY Sports Weekly
2005	Dennis Poppe, NCAA
2006	Mike Montoro, Southern Miss
2007	Barry Allen, Alabama
2008	Mike Patrick, ESPN
2009	Al Chase, Honolulu Star-Bulletin
2010	Lou Spry, NCAA
2011	Jeremy Mills, ESPN/D1Baseball.com
2012	Eric Olson, Associated Press
2013	J.D. Hamilton, NCAA
2014	John Sullivan, Rice
2015	David Feaster, Dick Howser Trophy
2016	Ralph Zobell, BYU
2017	Aaron Fitt, D1Baseball.com/Baseball America
2018	Kyle Peterson, ESPN