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**ROCHESTER PRESS-RADIO CLUB'S CELEBRATION OF CHAMPIONS  
PRESENTED BY ESL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
WILL BE HELD AT INNOVATIVE FIELD ON JUNE 13, 2023.**

Penn State Nittany Lions point guard Jalen Pickett will receive the Local Athlete of the Year Award at the Rochester Press-Radio Club's Celebration of Champions at the Rochester Red Wings game at Innovative Field on June 13. Pickett played high school basketball for Aquinas Institute.

In addition to Pickett, 13 other local sports figures will be honored. They are:

**Major Donald Holleder Lifetime Achievement Award** - Gary Ward, Wheatland-Chili girl's soccer coach.

**Charlie Wagner & Christine Wagner Welch Founder Award** – Bob McVean, Rochester Institute of Technology men's basketball coach.

**Elliot Cushing Award** – Maia Chaka, National Football League first Black female official. Graduate of Edison Career and Technology High School.

**ESL Press-Radio Coach of the Year** – Chris Baudo, Nazareth College women's hockey team coach, United Collegiate Head Conference Coach of the Year 21-22.

**Gary Smith & George Beahon Sports Media Award** – Bob Chavez, Canandaigua-Messenger, sports editor.

**Jean Giambrone Award** – Kristine Shanley, University of Rochester Associate Director of Facility and Varsity Operations. Graduate of SUNY Brockport.

**Morrie Silver Award** – Joe Seil, Retired Nazareth College Assistant Athletic Director and Sports Information Director.

**Jerry Flynn Female College Award** – Katie Titus, University of Rochester basketball. Graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

**Rich Funke Jr. College Male Award** – Daniel Cook, St. John Fisher University basketball. Graduate of Pittsford Mendon High School.

**Press-Radio Club Female High School Award** – Camryn Cole, Webster Schroeder High School indoor & outdoor track and field.

**Press-Radio Club Male High School Award** – Jackson Green, Pittsford Mendon High School football and basketball.

**Eddie & Kevin Meath Press-Radio Club Member Service Award** – Debra Salmon, Club President. Vice President of the AI Sigl Foundation.

**Rochester Press-Radio Hometown Heroes** – Sports Medicine Concepts, Avon, New York, recognized for sports emergency care training to medical teams.

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