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2021 KSHSAA OSCAR STAUFFER AWARDS ANNOUNCED

TOPEKA, Kan. - The KSHSAA is pleased to announce the selection of Dan Lucero and Sean Frye as the 2021 Oscar Stauffer Award recipients. Lucero, Colby, has been dubbed the Sportscaster of the Year and Frye, Parsons, as the Sportswriter of the Year.

In September 2020, Lucero began as the chief operator of KRDQ-FM and KXXX-AM in Colby. With this position, he has become the play-by-play voice for Colby High School football and basketball. In addition, Lucero is co-host of The Morning Blitz on 102.5 KKCI-FM in Goodland.



A native of Centennial, Colorado, Dan Lucero attended DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana where he graduated in 2008 with degrees in history and communications. During his time at DePauw, he worked for student radio station WGRE where he was able to broadcast football, baseball and basketball play-by-play. In addition, Lucero was able to intern as a sports reporter and halftime/postgame show host for University of Colorado basketball with KOA in Denver. Upon graduating, Lucero spent time in Worland, Wyoming at KKLX/KWOR and at North Platte, Nebraska for ESPN 1410 where he was able to continue play-by-play coverage for local high schools in addition to other responsibilities.

In May of 2013, Lucero started working for Steckline Communications KGSO/KQAM in Wichita, including play-by-play coverage for local high school and college sports. From July of 2015 to September of 2016, he was sports director for Media Logic Radio in Sterling, Colorado, but returned to Kansas at that time to work for Alpha Media WIBW in Topeka. The next four years were spent covering local high school and Washburn University sports as a play-by-play and analyst announcer as well as co-host for daily sports talk programs. .

Sportswriter of the Year award winner, Sean Frye, is the sports editor for the *Parsons Sun*. After graduating from college with a degree in journalism, Frye began working for the *Parsons Sun* newspaper where he holds the position as Sports Editor. He covers seven area high schools: Parsons, Labette County, Erie, St. Paul, Oswego, Chetopa and Cherryvale. In addition, he also contributes to *Sports in Kansas* and hosts a weekly sports talk radio show on KLKC.



While he was born in Merced, California and raised in Hawaii and Washington D.C., Sean Frye and family are originally from Junction City. While in high school, he began interning for various sports media outlets in the D.C. metro area. Frye came home to Kansas in order to attend Kansas State University following his graduation from Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn, Virginia. From 2010 to 2014, he was a student manager for the men's basketball team and worked as a reporter/sports editor for the K-State Collegian.

Upon learning of his award, Frye said "I was surprised and extremely honored to be the recipient of this award. To me, being recognized by schools, the KSHSAA and the Kansas Coaches Association as the Sportswriter of the Year is a testament to the dedication and commitment the Parsons Sun has shown through a year headlined by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has forced many local papers to make tough decisions regarding budget cuts and layoffs. Reading about the legacy of Oscar Stauffer and his early commitment to the industry, I'm compelled to continue to encourage every Kansan to continue to subscribe to their local newspapers and support local journalism. The honor and gratitude I feel from receiving this award is indescribable and I hope to do the award justice. This honor is made possible by the achievements, on and off the field of play, by the coaches and students I cover every day in my community and throughout Kansas. They're the ones truly deserving of all recognition."