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Olympic Gold Medalist to Receive Sports Award at 26th Annual Valley of the Stars Gala

Sherman Oaks, California—Former USC Trojan Olympic great **Quincy Watts** will receive the Sports Award at The Valley Economic Alliance (The Alliance) 26th Annual Valley of the Stars Awards Gala presented by Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation, April 25, 2024, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (PST) at Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City located at 555 Universal Hollywood Dr, Universal City, CA 91608.

The Sports Award is given to an athlete who contributes to the vitality of the Valley.

A graduate and former coach Taft High School in Woodland Hills, Quincy Watts has coached at Cal State Northridge, Harvard-Westlake High, and various individual athletes at the U.S. and local level. He is currently the Director of Track and Field and Cross Country at USC. At the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Watts won the gold medal in the 400 meters as well as the 4x400-meter relay. His monumental success in both his athletic and coaching career inspires others to achieve greatness as a coach and mentor.

Watts has also been known to participate in charity events and fundraisers aimed at supporting youth sports programs, whether through donations, appearances, or advocacy efforts. By leveraging his platform and influence, he continues to make a positive impact on the lives of young athletes and the communities they belong to.

“I am humbled and honored to receive this prestigious sports award,” says Watts. “It’s a testament to the dedication, passion, and perseverance of not just myself, but the coaches, student-athletes, mentors, parents, and supporters who have been invaluable on my journey to impact and change lives. On this path, the two most important words I live by are ‘Thank you.’”

"Quincy’s commitment to excellence both on and off the track is truly commendable,” says Sonya Blake, CEO and President of The Alliance. “His unwavering dedication to youth sports inspires us all to reach for greatness. We congratulate Quincy on this well-deserved recognition!"

Over the years, Valley of the Stars has recognized and celebrated exemplary businesses, people, and organizations who positively impact and contribute to the economic vitality of the Valley with icons like Bob Hope, Dick Clark, Betty White and Sally Field.

This annual fundraiser generates critical funds that support regional business assistance and workforce development programs. These programs are vital for ensuring a strong local economy, and are responsible for attracting new businesses, driving tourism and improving the quality of life of the people of our region.

The 26th Annual Valley of the Stars Awards Gala is made possible through generous sponsors, who help to further the mission of The Valley Economic Alliance. Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation is the Luminary Sponsor for the event. CMTC, Mission Valley Bank, and U.S. Bank Grant are the Trailblazer Sponsors. Game Changer sponsors include Bank of America, City of Burbank, City of Glendale, Goodwill Southern California, LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, LADWP, Newman Grace, San Fernando Transit Constructors, Siebert Williams Shank, Southland Association of Realtors, UCLA Health, and Van Nuys Airport. The Influencer sponsors are Aszkenazy Development, Athens Services, CCRC, Century Housing, City of Calabasas, City of San Fernando, Comcast NBCUniversal, CSUN, Express Employment Professionals, Gaines & Stacey LLP, Insperity, Intuit, Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles Metro, Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Pierce College, Los Angeles Rams, Los Angeles Valley College, Los Angeles Valley College Foundation, MAXIMUS, Mike's Roofing & Building, Modern Times, MyTelecomm, ONEgeneration, PacFed Benefit Administrators, PCL Construction, Photo-Sonics, Inc., Port of Long Beach, Rexford Industrial Realty, Rydell Automotive, Tierra del Sol, UCLA, USC, Valley Transit Partners, and Visit Simi Valley. Ambiance Sponsors Galpin Motors will provide music; On Board—Business & Community Consulting will provide flowers; and Nestor Aguilar – The 818 Insider will provide dessert.

Tickets for the general public are on sale at http://economicalliance.org/gala2024. For sponsorship opportunities, visit http://economicalliance.org/gala2024 or call (818)379-7000 for additional details.

The Valley Economic Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of business, government, education, and community leaders. Our mission is to engage and unite Valley stakeholders to raise standards of living and economic vitality across the San Fernando Valley, a five-city region encompassing Burbank, Calabasas, Glendale, Los Angeles, and San Fernando. This region consists of more than 1.9 million residents, over 160,000 businesses and covering more than 400 square miles. To learn more about The Valley Economic Alliance, visit EconomicAlliance.org

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