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American Royal Unveils 2024 Barbecue Hall of Fame® Finalists

Four inductees will be selected to join an esteemed group of barbecue leaders

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (May 8, 2024) – The American Royal Barbecue Hall of Fame®, an organization dedicated to recognizing, documenting and preserving the heritage of barbecue, has announced the top ten finalists contending for four positions in the 2024 Hall of Fame:

- Danielle Bennett, Auburndale, Fla.
- Rick Browne, Portland, Ore.
- Steve Grady, Dudley, N.C.
- Andy Husbands, Andover, Mass.
- David Klose, Houston, Texas
- Ed Maurin, Kansas City, Mo.
- Phillip McClard, Hot Springs, Ark.
- Roy Perez, Lockhart, Texas
- Malcom Reed, Herenando, Miss.
- Van Sykes, Bessemer, Ala.

This year, 83 nominated barbecue enthusiasts were evaluated by a committee, and finalists were selected based on their contributions and achievements within the barbecue community. The Barbecue Hall of Fame aims to educate others about barbecue's history and traditions while also honoring individuals who have made an outstanding impact on the world of barbecue.

Induction into the Hall of Fame is barbecue's top honor. On May 22, the American Royal will announce the class of 2024, including four living Hall of Fame inductees from this year's finalists and three legacy inductees who have passed.

This year's inductees will be recognized November 2 during the 44th American Royal World Series of Barbecue®, in Kansas City, Kansas. For more information about the American Royal Barbecue Hall of Fame, visit barbecuehalloffame.com.

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About the American Royal Association

A Kansas City tradition since 1899, the American Royal is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose mission is to be the nation's leader for food and agriculture education, events, and engagement. The American Royal provides opportunities for youth and adults from around the world to engage in high-quality events and experiences, including nationally competitive livestock shows, the world's largest barbecue competition, regional and national equine shows, youth and professional rodeos, and elementary and secondary education outreach. Support from partners, members, and volunteers help the American Royal achieve its vision of a world where food and agriculture are celebrated, and all generations are committed to its future.

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