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today's investment landscape," said Erica Madrid, Executive Director of Power100 at Blueprint Capital Advisors. "From venture investors and institutional allocators to entrepreneurs and influential leaders expanding into investing, these individuals are helping drive capital formation and support innovation across industries." Among those recognized in the 2026 Power100 Asset Managers category: **Hannah Bronfman, Conteur Capital** — A wellness entrepreneur, DJ, and globally recognized social media influencer, Bronfman has expanded her entrepreneurial career into venture investing through Conteur Capital, supporting emerging consumer and lifestyle brands. **Kelvin Beachum** — The NFL veteran and entrepreneur has developed a growing presence as an investor supporting venture-backed companies and innovation-focused investment platforms.

Larry Fitzgerald, Trenches — The former NFL All-Pro wide receiver has become an active investor across technology, sports, and media ventures, leveraging his platform and network to support innovative startups and founders. **Andre Iguodala, Mosaic General Partnership** — A four-time NBA champion and Finals MVP, Iguodala has emerged as one of the most prominent athlete investors in venture capital, backing leading technology companies and supporting emerging venture platforms through Mosaic. **Boris Kodjoe, Full Circle Africa** — The actor, producer, and entrepreneur co-founded Full Circle Africa, an investment platform focused on expanding access to capital and supporting innovation and entrepreneurship across African markets. **Shaquille O'Neal, Jacmel Infrastructure** — The NBA Hall of Famer and global business leader has built a diverse investment portfolio spanning technology, infrastructure, consumer brands, and venture-backed companies. **Gwyneth Paltrow, Kinship Ventures** — The Academy Award-winning actress and founder of Goop has expanded her entrepreneurial success into venture investing through Kinship Ventures, supporting consumer innovation and early-stage companies. **Serena Williams, Serena Ventures** — One of the most accomplished athletes in history, Williams founded Serena Ventures, a venture capital firm investing in high-growth companies and diverse founders across technology, consumer, and financial services.

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Separately, **Earvin "Magic" Johnson** was recognized within the Power100 Active Icons category, announced on February 23, 2026, honoring influential leaders whose impact spans business, entrepreneurship, and community development. A five-time NBA champion, Hall of Famer, and founder of Magic Johnson Enterprises, Johnson has built one of the most successful post-athletic business careers, leading investments across real estate, sports ownership, media, and major consumer brands. The 2026 Power100 recognizes leaders across venture capital, private equity, advisory platforms, entrepreneurship, and global business who are shaping the future of capital formation and innovation. The full list of honorees is available at www.power100family.com.

About Power100
Power100 brings together some of the most influential leaders across the global investment management ecosystem — including asset owners, asset managers, advisors, and industry advocates. Through curated forums for dialogue, networking, and collaboration, Power100 promotes career development, the identification of actionable investment opportunities, and more equitable access to capital while catalyzing change across the industry. Power100 plays a pivotal role for investment managers by offering unparalleled access to a highly curated network of asset owners and advisors. The platform elevates firms' visibility among key decision-makers, positions them as thought leaders, and expands their access to opportunities, partnerships, and capital. By convening key industry stakeholders, Power100 facilitates the exchange of ideas, promotes best practices, and creates a platform for addressing emerging challenges and opportunities shaping the future of the investment ecosystem. At its core, Power100 is about visibility, access, and long-term impact. It champions a business case rooted in innovation, connectivity, and excellence — demonstrating that the future of finance depends on who has a seat at the table and how capital is deployed.

About Blueprint Capital Advisors
Blueprint Capital Advisors is a strategic advisory and investment firm dedicated to connecting capital with opportunity across venture capital, private markets, and emerging investment platforms.

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team Co-Defensive Player of the Year and named to the Honorable Mention **All-Conference USA Team**. In 2008, he finished third in Conference USA in sacks and tied for 20th in tackles for loss, earning recognition on the **Conference USA First Team**. McDonald was also named the **Memphis John Bramlett Defensive Player of the Year** in 2007, a team award given to the most outstanding defensive player during the season. He finished his Tiger career with 141 tackles, 19 tackles for loss and 11.5 sacks.

After his college career, he was drafted in the 7th round of the 2009 **NFL Draft** by the **Cincinnati Bengals**. McDonald played 11 seasons in the NFL for 6 different teams (**Cincinnati, Seattle, Tampa Bay, Denver, Oakland, Arizona**). He played in 121 games and started 37 during his career. He had 279 tackles and 21 sacks in his professional career and was a Super Bowl Champion in 2014 with the Seattle Seahawks. He was also a team captain of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2015 and the Buccaneers’ **Walter Payton Man of the Year Award Nominee** in 2017.

Dan Hermsmeier Men’s Rifle | 2010-14
Hermsmeier was one of the most decorated rifle student-athletes in school history. He was a seven-time first team All-American and a nine-time **All-Great American Rifle Conference** honoree. He posted career highs of 587 (smallbore) and 595 (air rifle) his senior season. He qualified three times for the **NCAA Championships** in 2011, 2012 and 2013. In 2014, he led the Tigers to the programs best national team finish at fourth place at the 2014 **NCAA Championships** and placed 3rd in smallbore.

Off the range, Hermsmeier recognized as a two-time Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association All-Academic Team selection and a **Conference USA Commissioner’s Honor Rolle** selection (two times – 2012, 2013) and a Tiger 3.0 Club member. He was four-year member of the US National Development Team and in 2011 was the **USA Shooting Junior Air Rifle National Champion** and earned a silver medal in the men’s division.

Glynetha Davis Women’s Basketball | 1987-89
Davis only spent two seasons at Memphis, but she quickly left her mark on the program by leading the Tigers in scoring and

rebounds in each of her two seasons. She sits at 8th in program history in career scoring (16.2) and her 60.3 shooting percentage during the 1988-89 season helped her to being named to the 1989 All-Metro Conference First Team. Davis was also named the Metro Conference Newcomer of the Year the season prior in 1988, when she was also named to the Metro Conference All-Tournament Team.

Davis was also a two-time Kitchens Unlimited – **Litton Classic All-Tournament Team** selection, including winning MVP of the tournament during the 1987-88 season. She also logged 17 20-plus point performances in her 55 games at Memphis.

Gwendolyn Woods Larry O. Finch Award
Presented to a former student-athlete who has had a profound impact on his/her community since leaving the University of Memphis.

Gwendolyn Woods, a lifelong Memphian, graduated from the University of Memphis in 1998 with a bachelor’s degree in communications. She was a member of the women’s track and field team. Gwendolyn is now the first female CEO of the **Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Memphis**.

Gwendolyn’s commitment to youth and community development has earned her several accolades, including the prestigious **BGCM Youth Development Professional of the Year award** in 2020, recognizing her outstanding service and dedication to young people. She is also a recipient of the University of Memphis State 8 Award, which honors outstanding alumni for their professional achievements and community impact. Prior to her role as CEO, Gwendolyn served as Vice President of Operations, where she played a critical role in driving organizational growth, enhancing program delivery and expanding the reach of the Boys & Girls Club throughout Memphis. Her leadership has been marked by a commitment to the Club’s mission: **“To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.”**

Gwendolyn Woods is the founder of **Bobbie’s Kids**, a nonprofit organization named in honor of her late mother. Inspired by her mother’s legacy of compassion and service, Woods established the organization to support and

uplift families and youth in the South Memphis community through outreach, resources, and community-driven initiatives.

Wes and Becky Kraker Dr. Cecil C. Humphreys Golden Tiger Award
Presented to individuals for their financial support of Memphis Athletics.
Wes and Becky Kraker have deep roots embedded in the Memphis community, as Wes currently serves as President and **CEO of Pathmark Transportation**, a family-owned operation that he has spent 40 years building and overseeing the success of. Wes and Becky have given to Memphis athletics for over 30 years, becoming ambassadors in the **Tiger Leadership Circle** in 2015 with their leadership gift to the **Time to Shine campaign**, along with making a leadership gift to **Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium**.

The pair often travel to support Memphis men’s basketball and football on the road, and Wes is a graduate of the University of Memphis (then Memphis State), earning a Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance and Economics degree from the university in 1985.

Marcus “Doc” Holliday Billy J. Murphy Award
Presented to a former student-athlete who excelled in his/her profession since leaving the University of Memphis.

Holliday was a former football player at the University of Memphis (then Memphis State) from 1991-1994, finishing the 1994 season as Memphis’ leader in rushing yards with 618 and three rushing touchdowns, while also setting Memphis’ single-game rushing attempt record with 42 against Tulane, a record that still stands to this day.

He then went on to play for the **St. Louis Rams** of the **NFL** and **Hamilton Tiger-Cats** of the **CFL**. Holliday is currently the **Sports Director for Action News 5**, covering Memphis athletics since September 1998.

Andy Brown Ralph Hatley Silver M Award
Presented to a dedicated supporter who has given multiple years of exceptional service to **Memphis Athletics**.

Brown started working at Memphis on September 21, 2009, as a boiler operator and transitioned to a role in **General Maintenance** in 2020. **He took on all the athletic buildings and even calls them, "his buildings"**. He

has developed and maintained strong relationships throughout the athletic department. Brown is a dedicated employee, and he takes his role here at the UofM seriously.

Jeff Hopkins Murray Armstrong Award
Presented to a Tiger coach, administrator or employee for distinguished service to Memphis Athletics.

Jeff Hopkins was a former Memphis State baseball player who went on to become the **head coach from 1993-2000**. He led Memphis baseball to its highest single-season win total of 52 games in 1994. Hopkins stands at third in all-time wins with 239 during his tenure at Memphis.

Hopkins is also the **only player in program history to be a player, assistant coach and head coach at the UofM**.

Catherine Chubb Lynn Parkes Award
Presented to a former student-athlete who has had a profound impact on his/her community through Women’s Athletics.

Catherine Chubb is a former Memphis women’s soccer player (1995-96) and is still tied for the most assists in a single match by a Tiger. She recently served as the **Division II West Tennessee representative** on the **TSSAA Legislative Council** and won the **TSSAA School System Administrator of the Year Award** in 2024. She has served as the **Division II West Region Coordinator for basketball, volleyball, soccer tennis and golf** during her 22-year tenure as The **Hutchison Schools’** athletic director before assuming her new role as Assistant Head of School. During her tenure, Chubb **brought the first girl’s lacrosse program to Memphis in 2002** and increased athletic participation to where roughly 80 percent of Hutchison girls play at least one sport. Hutchison’s athletic program was awarded the **TSSAA A.F. Bridges Divisional Award** under her leadership.

She has served on the University of **Memphis M Club Board of Directors since 1998** and as president for three terms. She was inducted into the **Memphis Catholic High School Hall of Fame in 2023**.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Athletics, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the department’s social media channels on X, Instagram and Facebook.

A Report from the Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF) Luck runs out for sex offender captured by U.S. Marshals in homeless camp... from sports-military 3

for information leading to the capture of a man suspected of shooting a Memphis Police Department officer Feb. 27 during a traffic stop.

Danell Maxwell, 40, of Memphis, is wanted for attempted first-degree murder, aggravated assault, and employment of a firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony, per an arrest warrant issued Feb. 28. He was added to the Tennessee Most Wanted list the same day.

Maxwell is Black, stands 5 feet 10 inches and weighs approximately 180 pounds. He has brown eyes and black hair. He was last seen wearing dark clothing and an orange and green reflective vest. He should be considered armed and danger-

Since the launch of the Memphis Safe Task Force initiative, officers have made 7,115 arrests, including 44 for homicide, 789 for controlled substances, 606 for firearms violations, and 93 for sex offenses. Of those arrested, 199 have been juveniles. The task force has seized 1,167 illegal firearms. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods.

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Begun in September 2025, the MSTF is a multi-agency initiative to combat violent crime in Memphis. Composed of federal, state, and local law enforcement, as well as the Tennessee National Guard, the task force is focused on arresting violent criminals, clearing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing children. Since the operation began, the MSTF has located 149 missing children.

This operation reflects the MSTF’s commitment to coordinated enforcement efforts and its mission to identify, apprehend, and hold accountable those who pose a threat to public safety.

Anyone with information about wanted fugitives is encouraged to submit it via the USMS Tips app.

For more information about the U.S. Marshals please visit www.usmarshals.gov.

