



KHA Convention News
July 17, 2024

Keynote Speaker: Justin Wren



[Justin Wren](#)

[Finding Purpose through Service](#)

[9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5](#)



[Justin Wren Speaking Reel](#) from [Justin Wren](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Justin Wren, shares his remarkable personal story from humble beginnings in rural Texas and a childhood shaped by relentless bullying. He eventually rose to mixed martial arts stardom, fighting in front of millions around the world, only to lose it all to drugs and depression. He fought back, first on behalf of other victims of bullying and later, through an almost unbelievable turn of events, on behalf of the Pygmy people of the Congo and Uganda. A three-time malaria survivor, Justin has fought large and small opponents. He has evolved into an astonishing force for good in the world and a remarkable keynote speaker.

Justin Wren, also known as "The Big Pygmy," is a multifaceted humanitarian, author, MMA fighter and mental health advocate. Overcoming personal struggles, he found purpose living with the Mbuti Pygmy people in the Congo Basin Rainforest. This led him to establish and serve as the CEO of the nonprofit Fight for the Forgotten, which combats the global water crisis. Justin is also a bestselling author with a remarkable wrestling career and MMA record. His transformative storytelling and motivational speaking inspire millions worldwide, amplified through appearances on various platforms and his podcast, *Overcome with Justin Wren*.

--Hayley Finch-Genschorck

Thursday's Highlights

This year's Kansas Hospital Association Annual [Convention](#) and [Trade Show](#) kicks off at 7:15 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 5, with the KHA Political Advocacy and Grassroots Breakfast. During this breakfast, [Charlie Cook](#) will discuss today's political and legislative environments in a balanced, non-partisan way.

The keynote address, *Finding Purpose through Service* by [Justin Wren](#), starts at 9:45 a.m. General sessions on Thursday include [David Agus, MD](#), *Future Health – A Vision for Personal and Corporate Health in the Next Decade* at 10:55 a.m. At 2:00 p.m., [Erin Stafford](#) will discuss *Escaping the Burnout Trap*.

Join us at noon for the KHA Awards Luncheon. Several awards, including the Charles S. Billings Award, will be presented at this luncheon.

You will want to save time to see all our exhibitors during the trade show, which starts at 3:00 p.m. While at the trade show, enjoy the snacks and drinks provided at the trade show reception, which begins at 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at 6:30 p.m. at the hospitality champions' party. Wear your best Kansas City Chiefs attire. There will be games, food, drinks and prizes. Our generous hospitality champions, including APS, have once again made it possible for us to offer the convention party free of charge.

The 2024 KHA Annual Convention, Champions of Change, will be held Sept. 5-6 in Overland Park at the Sheraton Overland Park/Overland Park Convention Center. [Registration materials](#) may be downloaded from the KHA website. [Online registration](#) is available. All registrations received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16, will qualify for the advance registration discount.

If you have questions about the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show, contact [Melissa Willey](#), [Hayley Finch-Genschorck](#) or [Jennifer Findley](#) at (785) 233-7436.

--Hayley Finch-Genschorck

KHA Convention Room Block Is Sold Out

The Sheraton Overland Park will serve as the convention headquarters. The room block is sold out, but you can be added to a waitlist. Please email [Celeste Buchanan](mailto:celeste.buchanan@marriott.com), celeste.buchanan@marriott.com to be added to the waitlist.

Just a reminder: a deposit for the first night's stay in all rooms is required. This deposit is non-refundable for any reservations canceled after Aug. 13, 2024. It would be appreciated if all reservations were made under individual names, not the organization's name.

Nearby Hotels:

The following hotels are within walking distance of the Kansas Hospital Association Annual Convention and Trade Show. KHA has no pre-negotiated rates with these hotels, so ask for the best rate.

- [Courtyard by Marriott](#) – directly across the street from the Convention Center
11001 Woodson, Overland Park, KS 66211, Phone: (913) 317-8500
www.marriott.com/mcicv
- [Hilton Garden Inn](#) – directly across the street from the Convention Center
5800 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66211, Phone: (913) 345-2661
www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mciopgi-hilton-garden-inn-overland-park
- [Holiday Inn & Suites](#) – one block from the Convention Center
10920 Nall, Overland Park, KS 66211, Phone: (913) 312-0900
www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/overland-park/mkcov/hotel/detail

Websites with additional Overland Park information:

- Convention and Visitors Bureau: www.visitoverlandpark.com
- Convention Center: www.opconventioncenter.com

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