

**NETBALL AMERICA® CEO AWARDED THE USA  
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON SPORTS, FITNESS & NUTRITION COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD**



September 2, 2024 – Washington D.C.: Netball America CEO and Co-Founder Sonya Ottaway has been selected as one of only 20 recipients for the 2024 President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition Community Leadership Award. Sonya will receive this award at the upcoming President's Council Annual Meeting on Friday September 6, 2024.

The President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition Community Leadership Award celebrates leaders who are building more vibrant and thriving communities through sports, physical activity, fitness, and nutrition-related programs.

Members of the President's Council selected Sonya Ottaway as an award winner. Council members include Stephen Curry (NBA player), Elena Delle Donne (WNBA Player and Olympic Gold Medalist), Laura Ricketts (Co-owner of the Chicago Cubs, LGBTQ Advocate, and Attorney), Chloe Kim (Snowboard and Olympic Gold Medalist), José Andrés (Chef, Humanitarian and named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People), among many others.

This prestigious award is given due to the impact Sonya has made not only in the USA but globally using the sport of Netball. From creating the global award winning [Be An Inspiration program](#) that has impacted over 100,000 youth and provides opportunities for the Black and LGBTQ communities, to producing job opportunities for Netball coaches and youth, while hosting international Netball events in the USA and establishment of the first all American citizen USA Netball team. Sonya also introduced the first American Netball curriculum into over 100+ US Schools. Sonya's passion and experience has taken her all over the world, speaking at Oprah Winfrey's Leadership Academy, the Asia Pacific World and Sport Conference, partnering with global organizations to create a safe haven for girls and building a netball court in South Africa, while also working with the US Ambassador to introduce opportunities for girls in Uganda, just to name a few.

Sonya has dedicated her life to servicing the communities through her charity work as a volunteer all while having a full-time career with one of the largest accounting firms in the world. Her motto is "what matters is whether you've created something special, and whether you've made a real difference to others people's lives".

### **About Netball America®**

Netball America® serves as the driving force behind the growth and development of Netball in the United States, providing a platform for enthusiasts to engage with the sport, while uniting communities for positive change. Netball America® has members in 33 U.S. States and Canada, and programs operate in North and South America, the Caribbean, South Africa and Uganda.

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