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Hall of Fame



Class of 2026
Meritorious Service



I am honored to have been selected for induction into the Kansas State USBC Hall of Fame – Class of 2025. Although unforeseen circumstances prevented my induction last June, the significance of this recognition has never diminished. From the moment I bowled my first game, I knew I had found my passion. What began as a simple love for the sport grew into something that shaped every part of my life — giving me lifelong friendships, unforgettable memories, a sense of purpose, and, most importantly, the love of my life, my husband, Doug. Doug and I have shared 47 wonderful years together. He shared my enthusiasm for bowling, competing alongside me in leagues and tournaments throughout our journey. Our story began in 1976, thanks to a mutual friend who put together a team for a Friday night league at Sunset Bowl. That single invitation led me not only to a team, but to the partner who would stand beside me in every chapter of life.

Beyond competition, my commitment to the sport of bowling has always extended to promoting excellence within the bowling community and advocating for the continued growth of the game. My passion, leadership, and dedication have earned me the respect of my peers in both the Kansas State USBC and the Wy-Jon County USBC, as well as the many bowlers I have been privileged to serve.

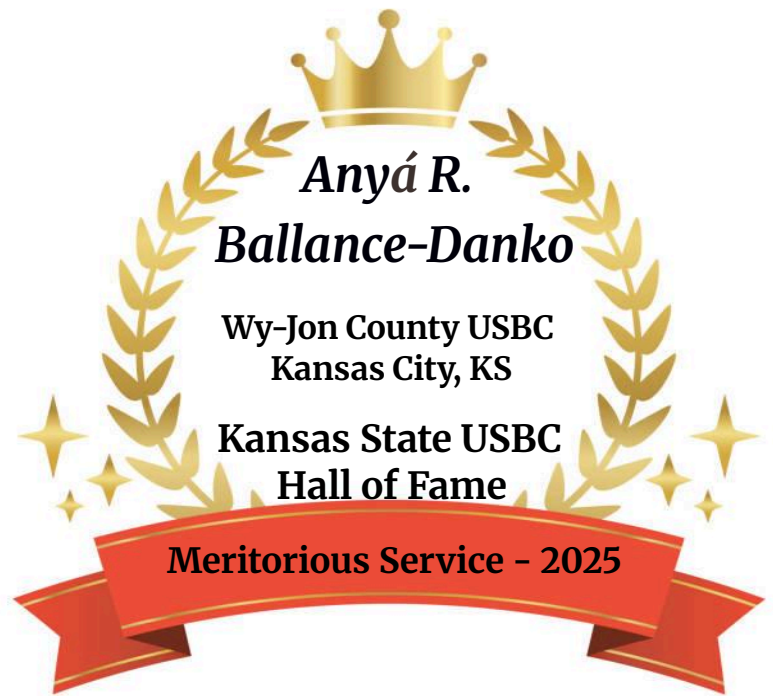
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- ◆ Highest Series - 816 (I hold the distinction of being the first female bowler at KC Bowl, formerly Ranch West Bowling Center, to achieve an 800 series.)
- ◆ Highest Game - 300
- ◆ 700 Series - Several in four (4) different bowling centers.
- ◆ 11 Strikes in a Row - Two (2) in two (2) different bowling centers.
- ◆ Proud recipient of the Lynn Dorton Friendship Award from Kansas State USBC in 2022, acknowledging my dedication.
- ◆ Served on Kansas State USBC committees since 2019, leading to my appointment on the Board of Directors in 2024.
- ◆ A member of Wy-Jon County USBC Board of Directors since 2017, as well as serving on several committees. I organize and oversee fundraising efforts for both the youth and BVL.
- ◆ Held positions of League President and League Secretary over the years.
- ◆ Earned numerous team and individual medals while representing Associated Wholesale Grocers in the Kansas City Corporate Challenge.

I am an active parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kansas City, Kansas, where I generously dedicate my time to various forms of service. At the age of 16, I joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, and I am honored to be a life member today. My leadership within the VFW includes serving as a past President of the Second District in the State of Kansas for the Ladies Auxiliary, as well as holding the title of Kansas State President of the Military Order of the Cootie, an honor degree of the VFW.

With my induction into the Kansas State USBC Hall of Fame, I join a distinguished group of bowlers whose dedication and contributions have shaped the legacy of our sport. Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is a testament to years of dedication and passion for the sport. I hope that the impact of my work extends far beyond the lanes - that my commitment to growing and strengthening the sport will inspire others to do the same.

My story serves as proof that perseverance, heart, and hard work can lead to something deeply meaningful. I enter this prestigious group with gratitude and sincere appreciation. Being inducted into the Kansas State USBC Hall of Fame is the ultimate honor for a lifetime devoted to the sport I love. It represents far more than recognition - it reflects the friendships, the memories, and the incredible bowling community that has supported me every step of the way. I am deeply grateful for this honor and for everyone who has been part of my journey.



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My story serves as proof that perseverance, heart and hard work can lead to something great and very satisfying. I enter this prestigious group with gratitude and a deep appreciation. My induction into the Kansas State USBC Hall of Fame is the ultimate honor for a lifetime of bowling passion and I am honored to receive this recognition.