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PROGRAM

Welcome.....	Coach Larry Cordaro Louisiana State University at Alexandria LABC President
Invocation.....	College Coach
Dinner	
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies.....	Scott Landry LABC Executive Secretary
Introduction of Head Table.....	Matt Moscona Guaranty Media Master of Ceremonies
Introduction of Previous Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame Inductees	Master of Ceremonies
Introduction of Previous Mr. Louisiana Basketball Award Winners	Master of Ceremonies
Hall of Fame Spotlight.....	Don Landry Founder of the LABC
Presentation of High School Awards.....	College Coaches
Presentation of College Awards.....	College Coaches
Presentation of Mr. Louisiana Basketball Award.....	Demetria Hill-Sloan Christina Hill Daughters of Recipient

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Inductees:	Presenters:
E.W. Foy..... McNeese State University/ Southeastern Louisiana University	Steve Welch Former Player and Assistant to Inductee
Tommy Joe Eagles	Jamie Eagles Son of Inductee
Louisiana Tech University	
Presentation to the LABC President	Coach Stacy Hollowell Loyola University LABC Vice President
Closing Remarks.....	Master of Ceremonies

2018 HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Class C	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>John Buggs Summerfield</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Dirk Ricks Jehovah-Jireh</i>
Class B	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Dee Levingston Simsboro</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Shaun Dumas Crescent City</i>
Class A	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Greg Williams Lafayette Christian</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Troy Green White Castle</i>
Class AA	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Mylik Wilson Rayville</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Damon West Rayville</i>
Class AAA	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Kobe Julien Madison Prep</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Charles Smith Peabody</i>
Class AAAA	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Jonathan Cisse St. Thomas More</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Christopher Kovatch Carencro</i>
Class AAAAA	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Ja'Vonte Smart Scotlandville</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Anthony Schiro Walker</i>

2018 COLLEGE AWARDS

LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

*Mubarak Muhammed
Bossier Parish Community College*

LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

*Chris Lovell
Bossier Parish Community College*

LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

*Stevie Clark
Louisiana State University at Shreveport*

LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

*Larry Cordaro
Louisiana State University at Alexandria*

PETE MARAVICH MEMORIAL AWARD LOUISIANA MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

*Frank Bartley
University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

TOMMY JOE EAGLES MEMORIAL AWARD LOUISIANA MAJOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

*Bob Marlin
University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

BOB PETTIT AWARD LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

*Ben Simmons
Philadelphia 76ers*

2018 MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD

*Cleveland Hill
Nicholls State University*

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*E. W. Foy
McNeese State University/Southeastern Louisiana University*

*Tommy Joe Eagles
Louisiana Tech University*

2018 HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CLASS C

John Buggs – Summerfield – The 6-3 senior averaged 23 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists in leading top-seeded Summerfield to the Class C state championship with a 32-5 record. He was the Most Outstanding Player in the Class C title game and was selected to the LHSAA All-Tournament team. He also participated in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game and was a Shreveport *Times* second team All-Area selection. He has been a two-time first team Class C All-State selection.

CLASS B

Dee Levingston – Simsboro – The 6-2 senior averaged 18.5 points, 8 rebounds and 3 assists in leading top-seeded Simsboro to the Class B state championship with a 38-3 record. He was also a Monroe *News Star* first team All-Northeast Louisiana Small School selection.

CLASS A

Greg Williams – Lafayette Christian – The 6-4 senior averaged 14 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals in leading top-seeded Lafayette Christian to its second straight Division IV state championship with a 27-5 record. He also participated in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game and was a Lafayette *Daily Advertiser* All-Acadiana selection. This is the second straight year that he has been named Class 1A Player of the Year. He has accepted a scholarship to play college basketball at St. John's University.

CLASS AA

Mylik Wilson – Rayville – The 6-3 junior guard averaged 18 points, 8 assists and 5 rebounds in leading top-seeded Rayville to the Class 2A state championship with a 35-0 record. He was the Most Outstanding Player in the Class 2A title game and was selected to the LHSAA All-Tournament team. He was also the Monroe *News Star* All-Northeast Louisiana Player of the Year. He is rated as one of the top 100 juniors in the nation by 247Sports.

CLASS AAA

Kobe Julien – Madison Prep (Baton Rouge) – The 6-5 senior averaged 24 points and 10 rebounds in helping lead top-seeded Madison Prep to its fourth straight state championship with a 26-6 record. He was also a Baton Rouge *Advocate* All-Metro selection. He has accepted a scholarship to play college basketball at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

CLASS AAAA

Jonathan Cisse – St. Thomas More (Lafayette) – The 6-2 senior guard averaged 21.2 points, 5.3 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.8 steals in leading top-seeded St. Thomas More to the Division II state championship with a 28-10 record, which was the school's third state title and its first since 2013. He was also selected to the LHSAA All-Tournament team and was named the Most Outstanding Player in the Division II title game. Additionally, he was the Lafayette *Daily Advertiser* All-Acadiana Most Valuable Player and has been a two-time first team Class 4A All-State selection.

CLASS AAAAA

Ja'Vonte Smart – Scotlandville (Baton Rouge) – The 6-4 senior guard averaged 32 points, 10 rebounds and 6 assists in leading top-seeded Scotlandville to the Division I state championship with a 30-5 record. He was a first team MaxPreps All-American. For the third straight year, the Louisiana Sports Writers Association named him "Mr. Basketball" in Louisiana and he was the Louisiana Gatorade Player of the Year. He was also named the Most Outstanding Player on the LHSAA All-Tournament team and was the Baton Rouge *Advocate* All-Metro Player of the Year. He participated in both the Jordan Brand Classic and the Allen Iverson Roundball Classic and is rated as one of the top 35 seniors in the nation by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN. He has been a four-time first team Class 5A All-State selection and a three-time Class 5A Player of the Year. He has accepted a scholarship to play college basketball at LSU.

HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

CLASS C

Dirk Ricks – Jehovah-Jireh (Baton Rouge) – This year he led top-seeded Jehovah-Jireh to the Division V state championship with a 30-13 record, which was the school's first state title. This season the Warriors played seven games against five reigning state champions and two against runners-up. This is the third time that he has been named Class C Coach of the Year.

CLASS B

Shaun Dumas – Crescent City (Metairie) – This year he led third-seeded and defending state champion Crescent City to the Division V state finals with a 28-15 record.

CLASS A

Troy Green – White Castle – This year he led fourth-seeded White Castle to its second straight Class 1A state championship with a 24-8 record, which was the school's first ever back-to-back state titles.

CLASS AA

Damon West – Rayville – This year he led top-seeded Rayville to the Class 2A state championship with a 35-0 record, which was the school's first state title since 2001. He was also the *Monroe News Star* All-Northeast Louisiana Small School Coach of the Year. Rayville finished the season ranked eighth in the final PrepNation southeast regional poll. This is the third straight year that he has been named Class 2A Coach of the Year.

CLASS AAA

Charles Smith – Peabody (Alexandria) – In his 33rd year of coaching, he led second-seeded Peabody to the Class 3A state finals with a 35-3 record, which was the school's 25th state tournament appearance. He earned his 1,000th career win this season and became the third winningest coach in Louisiana high school history. This is the fourth time that he has been named state coach of the year.

CLASS AAAA

Christopher Kovatch – Carencro (Lafayette) – This year he led fifth-seeded Carencro to the Class 4A state championship with a 27-10 record, which was the school's first state title. This season the Golden Bears played games against five state champions, three against state runners-up and three against state semifinalists. He was also the *Lafayette Daily Advertiser* All-Acadiana Coach of the Year.

CLASS AAAAA

Anthony Schiro – Walker – This year he led fourth-seeded Walker to the Class 5A state championship with a 33-4 record, which was the school's first state tournament appearance since 1962 and its first state title. This season the Wildcats played eight games against teams that were state semifinalists, four of which went on to become state runners-up and three that became state champions. He was also the *Baton Rouge Advocate* All-Metro Coach of the Year and the *Livingston Parish News* All-Parish Coach of the Year.

2018 COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS

JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mubarak Muhammed – Bossier Parish – The 6-8 sophomore forward was a second team NJCAA Region XIV All-Region selection. He averaged 14.2 points, 9.1 rebounds and 1.5 blocks and had a 75.2% free throw percentage. He scored in double figures in 26 of 30 games, including seven 20-point games. He also had double figures in rebounds in 17 of 30 games. He had 16 double-double games. His single game highs were 31 points, 18 rebounds, 5 assists, 5 blocked shots and 2 steals. He led Bossier Parish to a fifth place finish in the North Division of the Region XIV Athletic Conference and to a No. 8 seed in the NJCAA Region 14 Tournament with a 17-14 record.

JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Chris Lovell – Bossier Parish – In his second season as the head coach at Bossier Parish, he led the Cavaliers to a fifth place finish in the North Division of the Region XIV Athletic Conference and to a No. 8 seed in the NJCAA Region 14 Tournament with a 17-14 record. This represented an improvement of 7 wins over 2017 and was the school's best record since 2007 and most wins since 2008. He was the HoopDirt Junior College National Coach of the Week on January 15. He is the first Bossier Parish coach to receive the Louisiana Junior College Coach of the Year award since 2006.

SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Stevie Clark – LSU-Shreveport – The 5-11 senior guard was a first team NAIA All-American and the Red River Athletic Conference Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year. He was also a first team All-Louisiana selection, as well as an NAIA National Tournament and RRAC All-Tournament selection. He was a three-time RRAC Player of the Week and the NAIA National Player of the Week on January 30. He averaged 21.5 points (1st in RRAC and 8th in nation), 4.4 rebounds, 4.15 assists, 2.58 three-point field goals made and 2.21 steals (1st in RRAC and 8th in nation) and had a 35.1% three-point field goal percentage and an 89.2% free throw percentage (1st in RRAC and 4th in nation). He scored in double figures in 32 of 33 games, including four 30-point games and twenty-two 20-point games. He had single game highs of 38 points, 10 assists, 9 rebounds, 6 three-point field goals made and 6 steals. He led LSU-Shreveport to a No. 3 ranking in the final regular season national poll, to the RRAC regular season championship and to the semifinals of the NAIA National Tournament with a 30-5 record.

SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Larry Cordaro – LSU-Alexandria – He directed LSU-Alexandria to a No. 14 ranking in the final regular season national poll, to a second place finish in the Red River Athletic Conference, to the RRAC Tournament championship and to the finals of the NAIA National Tournament with a 29-8 record. LSU-Alexandria became the first Louisiana men's college basketball team to play for a national championship since 1975, falling in overtime on a buzzer-beater. Cordaro was the HoopDirt NAIA National Coach of the Week on March 5. LSU-Alexandria led the RRAC in assists (4th in nation), field goal percentage (5th in nation), three-point field goal percentage (6th in nation), blocked shots (6th in nation), free throw percentage (7th in nation), scoring margin, field goal percentage defense and assist/turnover ratio. They also ranked 8th in the nation in scoring. This is the fourth straight year that Cordaro has received the Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year award.

MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Frank Bartley – UL-Lafayette – The 6-3 senior guard was a first team All-Sun Belt Conference and All-Louisiana selection, as well as a first team NABC and USBWA All-District selection. He averaged 17.8 points, 3.6 rebounds, 2.64 three-point field goals made, 1.97 assists and 1.36 steals and had a 38.3% three-point field goal percentage and an 86.0% free throw percentage (1st in SBC). He scored in double figures in 32 of 33 games, including twelve 20-point games. His single game highs were 26 points, 6 rebounds, 6 steals, 5 assists and 5 three-point field goals made. He led UL-Lafayette to the Sun Belt Conference regular season championship and to the NIT with a 27-7 record.

MAJOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Bob Marlin – UL-Lafayette – He led UL-Lafayette to the Sun Belt Conference regular season championship and to the NIT with a 27-7 record. This was UL-Lafayette's first regular season conference title since 2004 and its most wins in school history. He was also the SBC Coach of the Year and a NABC District Coach of the Year. UL-Lafayette led the SBC in won-loss percentage, scoring, scoring margin (10th in nation), field goal percentage, free throw percentage, rebound margin, assists (10th in nation), assist-turnover ratio, steals and turnovers forced. He is the first UL-Lafayette coach to receive the Louisiana Major College Coach of the Year award since 1994.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ben Simmons – Philadelphia 76ers (LSU) – He averaged 15.8 points, 8.2 assists, 8.1 rebounds and 1.7 steals and had a 54.7% field goal percentage as a starting guard-forward for the Philadelphia 76ers, who finished in third place in the NBA's Atlantic Division with a 52-30 record. He started 81 games and averaged 33.7 minutes per game. He had 12 triple-double games, 38 double-double games, scored 30 or more points in 2 games and 20 or more points in 20 games, had 10 or more rebounds in 27 games and had 10 or more assists in 26 games. His single game highs were 32 points, 18 rebounds, 15 assists, 6 steals and 4 blocked shots. He was a four-time Eastern Conference Rookie of the Month. He is in his first year in the NBA.

2018 MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD WINNER

Cleveland Hill – Nicholls State University – In 1968, 50 years ago this year, Hill broke the color barrier in athletics at Nicholls State University. His quiet, unassuming manner and his exceptional play on the basketball court made him immediately one of the most respected students on campus. His teammates voted him as the team captain after his sophomore season, the first non-senior to be so honored. He went on to become the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder and led the Colonels to their first ever post-season tournament. He was a two-time first team all-conference selection and garnered honorable mention All-American honors in 1972. He then became the first Nicholls St. player drafted into professional basketball. However, he joined the U.S. Army and played on the All-Army and Armed Forces basketball teams in 1974 and 1975.

In 1975, Hill returned to Nicholls St. to get his teacher's certificate and served as a student basketball coach, then later a full-time assistant coach. After leaving coaching, he earned a master's degree and later a doctorate in education. He became a professor in the Nicholls St. physical education department, then later the school's first African-American administrator when he was named the Dean of the College of Education. He retired after seven years as dean and a total of 26 years of service at Nicholls St. as an assistant basketball coach, a health and physical education assistant professor, and director of student teaching. He later returned to Nicholls St. as an interim Dean of Student Affairs. He is presently serving as associate professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Holy Cross in New Orleans.

Hill served a total of 22 years in the U.S. Army, retiring in 2002 after three years of active duty and 19 years of reserve duty. He is a member of both the Nicholls State University Hall of Fame and the Nicholls State University Athletics Hall of Fame. In 1994 he was inducted into the Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

2018 LOUISIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

E.W. Foy – McNeese State University/Southeastern Louisiana University – Coach – 1969-77
Foy won 117 games and lost 90 during an eight-year career at McNeese St. and Southeastern La., for a 56.5% career winning percentage. He was the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year in 1973. His teams won two conference championships, including an NCAA Division II Tournament regional final appearance in 1973. He posted two 20-win seasons, including seasons of 21-7, 20-7, 16-8, 16-11 and 15-10. He was also a founding member of the LABC.

Tommy Joe Eagles – Louisiana Tech University – Coach – 1985-89
Eagles won 87 games and lost only 40 during his four years at Louisiana Tech, for a 68.5% career winning percentage. He was a Southland Conference, American South Conference and Louisiana Coach of the Year. His teams won two conference regular season and three conference tournament championships. He led Louisiana Tech to two NCAA Tournament appearances and two NIT appearances, including a third place finish in the NIT in 1986. He posted four straight 20-win seasons, with records of 23-9, 22-8, 22-9 and 20-14.

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