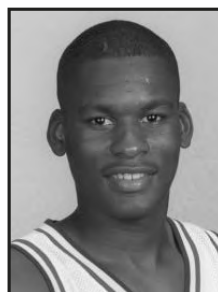


LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES

45th Annual Awards Banquet

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Embassy Suites Hotel
Baton Rouge, LA



Lonnie Cooper



Jim Champagne

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PROGRAM

Welcome..... Coach Stacy Hollowell
Loyola University
LABC President

Invocation..... College Coach

Dinner

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies..... Scott Landry
LABC Executive Secretary

Introduction of Head Table..... 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

Presentation of High School Awards..... College Coaches

Presentation of College Awards..... College Coaches

Presentation of Mr. Louisiana Basketball Award..... Coach Jeff Moore
Northwestern State University

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Inductee:

Presenter:

Lonnie Cooper..... Mitchell Riggs
Louisiana Tech University Inductee's High School Coach

Presentation to the LABC President College Coach

Closing Remarks..... Master of Ceremonies

2019 HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Class C	<i>Player of the Year</i>	Jaron Davis Jehovah-Jireh
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	Jade Losavio Simpson
Class B	<i>Player of the Year</i>	Garrett Edwards Pitkin
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	Ryan Bond Weston
Class A	<i>Player of the Year</i>	Chanse Robinson Lincoln Prep
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	Apphia Jordan North Central
Class AA	<i>Player of the Year</i>	Mylik Wilson Rayville
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	Mike McGuire Metairie Park Country Day
Class AAA	<i>Player of the Year</i>	Jahein Spencer Madison Prep
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	Jeff Jones Madison Prep
Class AAAA	<i>Player of the Year</i>	Jacoby Decker Bossier
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	Chad Pourciau Breaux Bridge
Class AAAAA	<i>Player of the Year</i>	Jalen Cook Walker
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	Tony Clark Thibodaux

2019 COLLEGE AWARDS

LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

*Eric Parrish
Bossier Parish Community College*

LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

*Chris Lovell
Bossier Parish Community College*

LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

*Jeff Garrett
Louisiana State University at Shreveport*

LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

*Stacy Hollowell
Loyola University*

PETE MARAVICH MEMORIAL AWARD LOUISIANA MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

*Tremont Waters
Louisiana State University*

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

*Mark Slessinger
University of New Orleans*

BOB PETTIT AWARD LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

*Ben Simmons
Philadelphia 76ers*

2019 MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD

*Jim Champagne
Lafayette, Louisiana*

2019 LOUISIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Lonnie Cooper
Louisiana Tech University*

2019 HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CLASS C

Jaron Davis – Jehovah-Jireh (Baton Rouge) – The 5-8 senior guard averaged 23 points, 8 assists and 3 steals in leading top-seeded Jehovah-Jireh to its second straight Division V state championship with a 37-6 record. He was also a Baton Rouge *Advocate* All-Metro selection.

CLASS B

Garrett Edwards – Pitkin – The 6-4 junior guard averaged 33 points and 11 rebounds in leading seventh-seeded Pitkin to the Class B state quarterfinals with a 27-13 record. He was also a first team Alexandria *Town Talk* All-Cenla selection. He had eight 40-point games, including a high of 57. He has been a two-time first team Class B All-State selection.

CLASS A

Chanse Robinson – Lincoln Prep (Grambling) – The 6-0 junior averaged 24 points, 11 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals in leading fifth-seeded Lincoln Prep to the Class 1A state quarterfinals. He was also a first team Monroe *News Star* All-Northeast Louisiana Small School selection, as well as a first team Shreveport *Times* All-Area selection.

CLASS AA

Mylik Wilson – Rayville – The 6-3 senior guard averaged 18 points, 8 rebounds and 6 assists in leading top-seeded Rayville to its second straight Class 2A state championship with a 33-6 record. He was the Most Outstanding Player in the Class 2A title game and was selected to the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team for the second consecutive season. He also participated in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game. He was the Monroe *News Star* All-Northeast Louisiana Player of the Year for the second straight year and has been a two-time Class 2A Player of the Year. He is rated as one of the top 125 seniors in the nation by Rivals. He has accepted a scholarship to play college basketball at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

CLASS AAA

Jahein Spencer – Madison Prep (Baton Rouge) – The 6-5 senior averaged 23 points, 11 rebounds and 4 assists in leading fourth-seeded Madison Prep to its fifth straight state championship with a 32-7 record. He was also a Baton Rouge *Advocate* All-Metro selection. He has accepted a scholarship to play college basketball at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

CLASS AAAA

Jacoby Decker – Bossier (Bossier City) – The 5-9 senior guard averaged 14 points, 4 assists, 3 steals and 3 rebounds in leading top-seeded Bossier to the Class 4A state finals with a 32-4 record. He was also selected to the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team and participated in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game. Additionally, he was the Shreveport *Times* All-City Player of the Year.

CLASS AAAAA

Jalen Cook – Walker – The 6-0 junior guard averaged 29.5 points, 5.1 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 2.8 steals in leading third-seeded Walker to the Class 5A state finals for the second straight year with a 29-10 record. He was an honorable mention MaxPreps Junior All-American. 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 Marsh Madness All-Tournament team and was the Baton Rouge *Advocate* All-Metro Player of the Year.

HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

CLASS C

Jade Losavio – Simpson – This year he led second-seeded Simpson to the Class C state championship with a 39-2 record, which was the school's first state title. He was also named the *Alexandria Town Talk* All-Cenla Coach of the Year.

CLASS B

Ryan Bond – Weston (Jonesboro) – This year he led fourth-seeded Weston to the Class B state semifinals with a 36-6 record, which was the school's first state semifinal appearance.

CLASS A

Apphia Jordan – North Central (Lebeau) – This year she led second-seeded North Central to the Class 1A state championship with a 31-6 record, which was the school's first state title. She became only the third woman in Louisiana high school basketball history to lead a boy's team to a state title.

CLASS AA

Mike McGuire – Metairie Park Country Day – This year he led second-seeded Country Day to the Division III state championship with a 25-11 record, which was the school's fifth state title in eleven years. This is the fourth time that he has been named state coach of the year.

CLASS AAA

Jeff Jones – Madison Prep (Baton Rouge) – With only one returning starter, this year he led fourth-seeded Madison Prep to its fifth straight state championship with a 32-7 record. This is the third time that he has been named state coach of the year.

CLASS AAAA

Chad Pourciau – Breaux Bridge – This year he led third-seeded Breaux Bridge to the Class 4A state championship with a 33-5 record, which was the school's first state title and its first state tournament appearance since 1972. He was also the *Lafayette Daily Advertiser* All-Acadiana Coach of the Year.

CLASS AAAAA

Tony Clark – Thibodaux – In his 18th season as a head coach and with only one returning starter, he led top-seeded Thibodaux to the Class 5A state championship with a 33-2 record, which was the school's first state title.

2019 COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS

JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Eric Parrish – Bossier Parish – The 6-7 sophomore forward was a first team NJCAA Region XIV All-Region selection. He was also a two-time Louisiana Player of the Week and was the NJCAA Division I National Player of the Week during the week of Nov. 26. He averaged 18.4 points, 8.7 rebounds, 6.4 assists and 2.1 steals and had a 53.8% field goal percentage, a 32.0% three-point field goal percentage and an 86.6% free throw percentage. He scored in double figures in 24 of 29 games, including four 30-point games and thirteen 20-point games. He also had double figures in rebounds in 13 of 29 games. He had 5 triple-double games and 14 double-double games. His single game highs were 35 points, 17 rebounds, 12 assists, 7 steals, 5 three-point field goals made and 3 blocked shots. He led Bossier Parish to a sixth place finish in the East Division of the Region XIV Athletic Conference and to the NJCAA Region 14 Tournament with a 19-12 record. He has accepted a scholarship to continue his college basketball career at the University of Nevada.

JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Chris Lovell – Bossier Parish – He directed Bossier Parish to a sixth place finish in the East Division of the Region XIV Athletic Conference and to the NJCAA Region 14 Tournament with a 19-12 record. This was the school's most wins and best record since 2007. During the season Bossier Parish garnered its first Top 25 national ranking in over two decades. Bossier Parish led the conference and ranked 5th in the nation in free throw percentage. This is the second straight year that Lovell has received the Louisiana Junior College Coach of the Year award.

SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jeff Garrett – LSU-Shreveport – The 6-7 senior forward was the NAIA National Player of the Year and was a finalist for the Bevo Francis Award as the national small college player of the year. He was a first team NAIA All-American and the Red River Athletic Conference Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year. Additionally, he was a first team All-Louisiana selection, a RRAC All-Tournament selection and a five-time RRAC Player of the Week. He averaged 18.8 points, 14.1 rebounds (1st in nation), 2.82 assists, 1.97 steals and 1.65 blocked shots and had a 52.9% field goal percentage and a 75.3% free throw percentage. He scored in double figures in 29 of 34 games, including seventeen 20-point games. He had double figures in rebounds in 30 of 34 games, including four 20-rebound games. He also had 26 double-double games (1st in nation). He had single game highs of 34 points, 28 rebounds, 6 assists, 6 steals, 6 blocked shots and 5 three-point field goals made. He led LSU-Shreveport to a No. 17 ranking in the final regular season national poll, to a second place finish in the RRAC and to the second round of the NAIA National Tournament with a 23-11 record. He was selected to participate in the NAIA All-Star Game.

SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Stacy Hollowell – Loyola – He directed Loyola to a No. 24 ranking in the final regular season national poll, to a fourth place finish in the Southern States Athletic Conference, to the SSAC Tournament championship and to the second round of the NAIA National Tournament with a 22-12 record. This was Loyola's first SSAC championship and represented an improvement of 6 wins over 2018. Additionally, it was the first time since 1946 that Loyola reached the second round of the NAIA National Tournament. Loyola ranked 5th in the nation in steals and 9th in rebounding. Hollowell is the first Loyola coach to receive the Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year award since 2009.

MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tremont Waters – LSU – The 5-11 sophomore guard was an honorable mention Associated Press All-American and the Southeastern Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year. He was also a finalist for the Bob Cousy Award as the national point guard of the year. He was a first team All-SEC and All-Louisiana selection, as well as a first team NABC and USBWA All-District selection. He averaged 15.3 points, 5.82 assists (1st in SEC), 2.91 steals (1st in SEC and 4th in nation), 2.8 rebounds and 1.70 three-point field goals made and had a 32.7% three-point field goal percentage and an 81.3% free throw percentage. He scored in double figures in 26 of 33 games, including eight 20-point games. He also had 4 double-double games. His single game highs were 36 points, 11 assists, 8 rebounds, 8 steals and 6 three-point field goals made. He led LSU to a No. 12 ranking in the final regular season national polls, to the SEC championship and to the regional semifinals of the NCAA Tournament with a 28-7 record.

MAJOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Mark Slessinger – New Orleans – He led New Orleans to a third place finish in the Southland Conference, to the finals of the SLC Tournament and to the CollegeInsider.com Tournament with a 19-14 record. New Orleans led the SLC in turnovers forced (6th in nation). This is the second time that Slessinger has received the Louisiana Major College Coach of the Year award.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ben Simmons – Philadelphia 76ers (LSU) – He averaged 16.9 points, 8.8 rebounds, 7.7 assists (6th in NBA) and 1.4 steals and had a 56.3% field goal percentage as a starting guard-forward for the Philadelphia 76ers, who finished in second place in the NBA's Atlantic Division with a 51-31 record. He started 79 games and averaged 34.2 minutes per game. He had 10 triple-double games, 42 double-double games, scored 20 or more points in 26 games, had 10 or more rebounds in 35 games and had 10 or more assists in 19 games. His single game highs were 29 points, 22 rebounds, 15 assists, 5 steals and 3 blocked shots. He participated in the 2019 NBA All-Star Game, scoring 10 points, issuing 7 assists and grabbing 6 rebounds. He is in his second year in the NBA. This is the second straight year that Simmons has received the Louisiana Professional Player of the Year award.

2019 MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD WINNER

Jim Champagne – Lafayette, Louisiana – As a long-time AAU, college and youth coach, Champagne has been involved in coaching and promoting basketball for over 40 years. He has helped hundreds of kids in Louisiana get college opportunities and an education through his selfless work in AAU basketball at the local, state and national levels. He has been a strong supporter of basketball in Louisiana at all levels and has helped develop many players in this state who went on to play in college, including several who played professionally. Additionally, many of them have become successful college, junior college and high school coaches, including both of his own sons. His AAU teams won several state championships and, in 1991, his Louisiana Stars AAU teams won the 16U national championship and were the 17U national runner-up.

2019 LOUISIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Lonnie Cooper – Louisiana Tech University – Player – 1995-99

Cooper was the Louisiana Player of the Year in 1999. He was also a three-time All-Sun Belt Conference, two-time first team All-Louisiana and two-time first team NABC All-District selection. He was also a SBC All-Tournament selection in 1997, in addition to being a second team All-Louisiana and NABC All-District selection. He finished his career as the leading three-point shooter and second in assists in Louisiana Tech history, with 219 three-point field goals made for a 2.11 average and 523 assists for a 5.03 average. He also had 1,451 career points for a 14.0 average. He led the nation with a 92.1% free throw percentage in 1999. He averaged 13.7 points and 5.44 assists in 1999, 17.0 points and 5.15 assists in 1998, 14.2 points and 5.11 assists in 1997, and 10.5 points and 4.38 assists in 1996. He had a single game scoring high of 33 points.

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