

# LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES

## 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Banquet

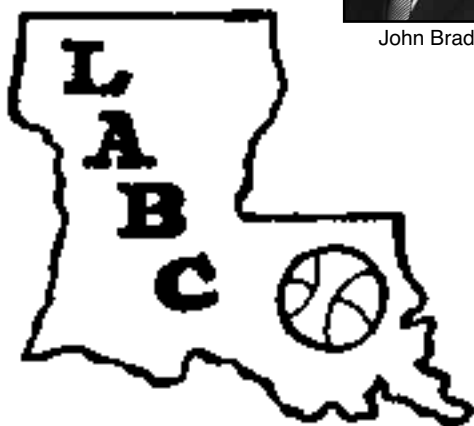
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# PROGRAM

Welcome..... LABC President

Invocation..... College Coach

Dinner

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

Introduction of Head Table ..... Master of Ceremonies

Introduction of Previous Louisiana Basketball  
Hall of Fame Inductees, Previous Mr. Louisiana  
Basketball Award Winners and Past Presidents  
of LABC ..... Master of Ceremonies

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

Presentation of College Awards..... College Coaches

Presentation of Mr. Louisiana Basketball Award..... Master of Ceremonies

Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame Induction ..... Master of Ceremonies

Presentation to the LABC President..... College Coach

Closing Remarks..... Master of Ceremonies

# 2026 HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

<i>Class C</i>	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>DeAvery Durham Gibbsland-Coleman</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Klint Robinson Saline</i>
<i>Class B</i>	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Maliki Broussard Lacassine</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Bradley McLaren Zwolle</i>
<i>Class A</i>	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Jabari Levingston Lincoln Prep</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Antonio Hudson Lincoln Prep</i>
<i>Class AA</i>	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Kellen Brewer Metairie Park Country Day</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Shawn Davis Ferriday</i>
<i>Class AAA</i>	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Cooper Nelson Sterlington</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Antonio Benjamin Marksville</i>
<i>Class AAAA</i>	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Ben Radford Brusly</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Troy Jones Northside</i>
<i>Class AAAAA</i>	<i>Player of the Year</i>	<i>Ahmad Hudson Ruston</i>
	<i>Coach of the Year</i>	<i>Jonathan McClinton Zachary</i>

# **2026 COLLEGE AWARDS**

## **LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

*Tony Montgomery  
Bossier Parish Community College*

## **LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR**

*Rodney Broughton  
Southern University at Shreveport*

## **LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

*Hayden Brittingham  
Louisiana State University at Shreveport*

## **LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR**

*Kyle Blankenship  
Louisiana State University at Shreveport*

## **PETE MARAVICH MEMORIAL AWARD**

## **LOUISIANA MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

*Larry Johnson  
McNeese State University*

## **TOMMY JOE EAGLES MEMORIAL AWARD**

## **LOUISIANA MAJOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR**

*Bill Armstrong  
McNeese State University*

## **BOB PETTIT AWARD**

## **LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

*Naz Reid  
Minnesota Timberwolves*

# **2026 MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD**

*Danny Broussard  
St. Thomas More Catholic High School*

# **2026 LOUISIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

*John Brady  
Louisiana State University*

# 2026 LABC HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

## HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

### CLASS C

**DeAvery Durham** – Gibsland-Coleman (Gibsland) – The 5-10 senior averaged 19 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists in leading top-seeded Gibsland-Coleman to the Class C state championship with a 29-3 record. He was the Most Outstanding Player in the state title game and the Most Valuable Player on the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team. He has been a two-time Class C Player of the Year.

### CLASS B

**Maliki Broussard** – Lacassine – The 6-1 junior averaged 25 points, 9 rebounds and 5 assists in leading fourth-seeded Lacassine to its second consecutive Class B state championship with a 28-6 record. He was the Most Outstanding Player in the state title game and was named to the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team. He was also the *Lake Charles American Press* All-Southwest Louisiana Small Schools Player of the Year.

### CLASS A

**Jabari Levingston** – Lincoln Prep (Grambling) – The 6-2 sophomore averaged 21.3 points, 8.7 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals in leading top-seeded Lincoln Prep to the Division IV select state championship with a 30-3 record. He was the Most Outstanding Player in the state title game and was named to the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team. He was also a first team *Shreveport Times* All-Area selection.

### CLASS AA

**Kellen Brewer** – Metairie Park Country Day – The 6-6 junior averaged 20.1 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 blocked shots in leading third-seeded Metairie Park Country Day to its second consecutive Division III select state championship with a 26-9 record. He was named to the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team. He was also the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* All-Metro Player of the Year. He has been a two-time first team Class 2A All-State selection. He is rated as one of the top 150 juniors in the nation by 247 Sports and Rivals.

### CLASS AAA

**Cooper Nelson** – Sterlington (Monroe) – The 5-10 senior averaged 27 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals in leading eleventh-seeded Sterlington to the Division II non-select state quarterfinals with a 25-10 record. He was also the *Ouachita Citizen* All-Parish Player of the Year. He finished his high school career as the school's all-time leading scorer with almost 3,000 points. He has been a two-time Class 3A All-State selection. He is planning to continue his basketball career at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

### CLASS AAAA

**Ben Radford** – Brusly – The 6-5 senior averaged 15.6 points, 14 rebounds and 6.3 blocked shots in leading third-seeded Brusly to the Division II non-select state championship with a 29-5 record, which was the school's first state title since 1984. He was the Most Outstanding Player in the state title game and was named to the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team. He was also the *Baton Rouge Advocate* All-Metro Player of the Year. He is planning to continue his basketball career at Tougaloo College.

### CLASS AAAAA

**Ahmad Hudson** – Ruston – The 6-8 junior averaged 19.7 points, 13.4 rebounds and 2.7 blocked shots in leading second-seeded Ruston to the Division I non-select state finals with a 23-4 record. He was a third team MaxPreps Junior All-American and was named to the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team. The Louisiana Sports Writers Association named him "Mr. Basketball" in Louisiana, and he was also named the Gatorade and MaxPreps Louisiana Player of the Year, as well as the *Shreveport Times* All-Area Player of the Year. He has been a two-time Class 5A Player of the Year and a three-time first team Class 5A All-State selection. He is rated as one of the top 25 juniors in the nation by all of the major recruiting services. Additionally, this year he was a first team Class 5A All-State selection in football as a tight end and is a highly rated football recruit as well.

# HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

## CLASS C

**Klint Robinson** – Saline – This year he led fourth-seeded Saline to the Class C state semifinals with a 23-14 record, which was the school's first state semifinal appearance since 2010. Following the season, he announced his retirement as head coach after 12 seasons at Saline and his first state tournament appearance.

## CLASS B

**Bradley McLaren** – Zwolle – This year he led second-seeded Zwolle to the Class B state finals with a 29-8 record. This is the second time that McLaren has been named Class B state coach of the year.

## CLASS A

**Antonio Hudson** – Lincoln Prep (Grambling) – This year he led top-seeded Lincoln Prep to the Division IV select state championship with a 30-3 record, which was the school's first state title in 34 years. He was also the *Shreveport Times* All-Area Coach of the Year. This is the second time that Hudson has been named Class 1A state coach of the year.

## CLASS AA

**Shawn Davis** – Ferriday – This year he led top-seeded Ferriday to the Division IV non-select state championship with a 33-2 record, which was the school's first state title since 1989.

## CLASS AAA

**Antonio Benjamin** – Marksville – This year he led top-seeded Marksville to the Division III non-select state championship with a 27-5 record, which was the school's second state title in three years. This is the second time that Benjamin has been named state coach of the year.

## CLASS AAAA

**Troy Jones** – Northside (Lafayette) – In his first season as a head coach, he led twelfth-seeded Northside to the Division II select state finals with a 24-14 record, which was the school's first state tournament appearance since 2014. He was also the *Lafayette Daily Advertiser* All-Metro Coach of the Year and the *Acadiana Advocate* All-Metro Coach of the Year.

## CLASS AAAAA

**Jonathan McClinton** – Zachary – This year he led top-seeded Zachary to its second consecutive Division I non-select state championship with a 33-4 record. He was also the *Baton Rouge Advocate* All-Metro Coach of the Year. This is the second time that McClinton has been named Class 5A state coach of the year.

# 2026 LABC COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS

## JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Tony Montgomery** – Bossier Parish – The 6-1 freshman point guard was a first team NJCAA Region 14 All-Region selection (being one of only two freshman named to the first team). He averaged 19.4 points (1<sup>st</sup> in Region 14), 4.9 assists (1<sup>st</sup> in Region 14), 3.9 rebounds, 1.9 three-point field goals made and 1.9 steals and had a 31.9% three-point field goal percentage and a 1.2 assist-turnover ratio. He scored in double figures in 27 of 31 games, including three 30+ point games and sixteen 20+ point games. His single game highs were 34 points, 12 assists, 8 rebounds, 6 three-point field goals made, 4 steals and 2 blocked shots. He led Bossier Parish to the first round of the NJCAA Region 14 Tournament.

## **JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR**

**Rodney Broughton** – Southern-Shreveport – In his first season at Southern-Shreveport, he led the Port City Jags to the Louisiana Community College Athletic Conference championship and the quarterfinals of the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament with an 18-11 record, which included an improvement of nine wins over 2025. This was the school's most wins, first conference title and first NJCAA regional tournament appearance since 2017. Broughton was the LCCAC Coach of the Year. Southern-Shreveport ranked 9th in the nation in blocked shots.

## **SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**Hayden Brittingham** – LSU-Shreveport – The 6-5 senior forward was a first team NAIA All-American, as well as the Red River Athletic Conference Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year. He was also the MVP of the RRAC Tournament and a NABC All-Region selection. Additionally, he was a three-time RRAC Offensive Player of the Week and four-time RRAC Defensive Player of the Week. He averaged 17.5 points, 8.8 rebounds, 2.9 assists, 1.6 steals and 1.5 blocked shots and had a 56.4% field goal percentage. He scored in double figures in 30 of 34 games, including fourteen 20+ point games, and had 11 double-double games. He had single game highs of 38 points, 15 rebounds, 8 assists, 6 blocked shots and 4 steals. He led LSU-Shreveport to a No. 13 ranking in the final regular season national poll, to the RRAC regular season and tournament championships and to the third round of the NAIA Tournament with a 28-6 record.

## **SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR**

**Kyle Blankenship** – LSU-Shreveport – He directed LSU-Shreveport to a No. 13 ranking in the final regular season national poll, to the Red River Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championships and to the third round of the NAIA Tournament with a 28-6 record. He was named the RRAC Coach of the Year. LSU-Shreveport led the RRAC in scoring (4th in nation), field goal percentage (4th in nation), three-point field goal percentage (4th in nation), blocked shots (4th in nation), rebounding (5th in nation) and rebound margin. This is the fifth time that Blankenship has received the Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year award.

## **MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**Larry Johnson** – McNeese St. – The 6-4 freshman guard was the Southland Conference Freshman of the Year, a first-team All-SLC selection and a member of the SLC All-Tournament team. He was also a second team NABC All-District selection, as well as a finalist for the Kyle Macy Award as the national freshman of the year. He averaged 17.4 points, 5.5 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 1.2 steals. He scored in double figures in 30 of 34 games, including twelve 20+ point games and 3 double-double games. He had single game highs of 30 points, 12 rebounds, 7 steals, 6 assists and 3 three-point field goals made. He led McNeese St. to a No. 7 ranking in the final regular season national mid-major poll, to a second-place finish in the SLC, to the SLC Tournament title and to the first round of the NCAA Tournament with a 28-6 record.

## **MAJOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR**

**Bill Armstrong** – McNeese St. – In his first season at McNeese St., he led the Cowboys to a No. 7 ranking in the final regular season national mid-major poll, to a second-place finish in the Southland Conference, to the SLC Tournament title and to the first round of the NCAA Tournament with a 28-6 record. He was a finalist for the Joe B. Hall Award as the nation's top first-time head coach. McNeese St. led the SLC in turnover margin (1st in nation), turnovers forced (2nd in nation), steals (2nd in nation), scoring, scoring margin, field goal percentage defense and assist-turnover ratio.

## **PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**Naz Reid** – Minnesota Timberwolves (LSU) – He averaged 13.6 points, 6.2 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 2.1 three-point field goals made and had a 36.2% three-point field goal percentage as a center-forward for the Minnesota Timberwolves, who finished in third place in the NBA's Northwest Division with a 49-33 record. He started 3 games and averaged 26.1 minutes per game. He had 6 double-double games, twelve 20+ point games and eight 10+ rebound games. His single game highs were 33 points, 13 rebounds, 7 assists, 6 three-point field goals made, 4 blocked shots and 3 steals. This year he became the first player in NBA history to have more than 150 three-pointers and 75 blocked shots in a single season while coming off the bench. He is in his seventh year in the NBA. This is the third time that Reid has received the Louisiana Professional Player of the Year award.

# 2026 MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD WINNER

**Danny Broussard** – St. Thomas More Catholic High School – Broussard has been the head coach at St. Thomas More for 43 years, where he has accumulated over 1,100 career wins, six state championships and five state runner-up finishes. He is Louisiana's second all-time winningest high school head coach and ranks fifth nationally. He has a 1,189-365 career record (76.5% winning percentage) and has averaged 27.7 wins per season. In the 2019-20 season he became only the fourth Louisiana prep basketball coach to reach the 1,000-win milestone. He is a three-time Louisiana state coach of the year, and served as a head coach at the 2025 McDonald's All-American game. Last year Broussard was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame. He was previously inducted into the Louisiana High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2018.

# 2026 LOUISIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

**John Brady** – Louisiana State University – Coach – 1997-2008

Brady won 192 games and lost 139 during his 11 years at LSU, for a 58.0% career winning percentage. He was a two-time Southeastern Conference and NABC District Coach of the Year, a three-time Louisiana Coach of the Year and once a USBWA District Coach of the Year. He led LSU to two SEC championships, two NIT appearances and four NCAA Tournament appearances, advancing to the Sweet 16 in 2000 and the Final Four in 2006. His 2000 squad was ranked 9th in the nation in the final regular season poll and his 2006 team was ranked 18<sup>th</sup>. He posted four 20-win seasons, including records of 28-6, 27-9, 21-11, 20-10 and 18-11.

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