

## **38th Annual Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches Awards Banquet**

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BATON ROUGE --- A legendary college coach from north Louisiana and a long-time New Orleans sportswriter were the major honorees at Saturday's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches Awards Banquet.

Inducted into the Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame was Mike Vining of the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

The other major honoree was the former New Orleans *Times-Picayune* sportswriter, Bill Bumgarner, who won the LABC's prestigious Mr. Louisiana Basketball award. This award is given annually to someone who has made a significant, long-term contribution to the game of basketball at any level in the State of Louisiana.

Also honored at the banquet were Louisiana's major college, small college, junior college and high school basketball players and coaches of the year, along with the top pro player from the state.

Vining coached at UL-Monroe from 1981 to 2005, where he retired as the winningest coach in school and Southland Conference history with 401 wins (4<sup>th</sup> most in state history) and a 57.0% career winning percentage. Over 24 seasons, he led UL-Monroe to seven SLC regular season championships, seven conference tournament championships, seven NCAA Tournaments and one NIT appearance.

Vining was a four-time SLC Coach of the Year, two-time Louisiana Coach of the Year and once an NABC District Coach of the Year. He is also a member of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and the SLC Hall of Honor.

Bumgarner is in his 40th year as an acclaimed New Orleans sportswriter and is widely regarded as one of the state's foremost experts on high school sports while on the staffs of the New Orleans *States-Item* and the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*. As a newspaper writer he covered every Top 28 Tournament and was involved in the selection of every all-state and New Orleans all-metro basketball team from 1975 to 2009.

In 1979 Bumgarner was named the Louisiana Prep Writer of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, and in 1990 he received the LSWA's Mac Russo Award for contributions to the association's progress and ideals. This year he will receive the LSWA's Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism.

The LABC also presented the Pete Maravich Memorial Award, honoring Louisiana's Major College Player of the Year, to senior center William Mosley of Northwestern State. This season Mosley was a first team All-Southland Conference and NABC All-District selection and

was the CollegeInsider.com National Mid-Major Defensive Player of the Year, while averaging 11.7 points and an SLC-leading 9.5 rebounds. He was also second in the nation with an average of 4.06 blocked shots per game. His single game highs were 22 points, 17 rebounds and 7 blocked shots.

Coach Dave Simmons of McNeese State received the Tommy Joe Eagles Memorial Award as Louisiana's Major College Coach of the Year. With only one returning full-time starter, he led the Cowboys to a second place finish in the Southland Conference's East Division, the finals of the SLC Tournament and the first round of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament.

The Bob Pettit Award, which is given to Louisiana's Professional Player of the Year, was presented to forward Paul Millsap of the Utah Jazz. In his sixth year in the NBA, the former Louisiana Tech star averaged 16.6 points, 8.8 rebounds and 1.8 steals (4th in NBA). Millsap had 21 double-double games and had single game highs of 31 points, 15 rebounds and 8 steals.

Senior forward Derrick Parker of LSU-Shreveport received the Louisiana Small College Player of the Year award after being named a second team NAIA All-American, first team All-Red River Athletic Conference selection and the RRAC Defensive Player of the Year, while averaging 19.2 points, 11.5 rebounds (3<sup>rd</sup> in nation) and a nation-leading 3.06 blocked shots and 24 double-double games. Coach Dale Valdery of Southern-New Orleans, who was named the Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year, guided the Knights to the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Tournament championship and the second round of the NAIA Tournament with its first winning season in seven years.

Tydrick King and Coach David Francis of Southern-Shreveport were honored as the Louisiana Junior College Player and Coach of the Year, respectively. King, a sophomore forward/center, averaged 23 points and 10 rebounds and was the Miss-Lou Conference Player of the Year and a NJCAA Region 23 All-Tournament selection. Francis, who was the Miss-Lou Conference Coach of the Year, led the Port City Jags to the MLC championship and to the finals of the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament with a 21-8 record.

## **2012 LABC Honorees:**

*Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee:* Mike Vining, UL-Monroe

*Mr. Louisiana Basketball:* Bill Bumgarner, New Orleans Times-Picayune

*Bob Pettit Award for the Louisiana Professional Player of the Year:* Paul Millsap, Utah Jazz

*Pete Maravich Memorial Award for the Louisiana Major College Player of the Year:* William Mosley, Northwestern St.

*Tommy Joe Eagles Memorial Award for the Louisiana Major College Coach of the Year:* Dave Simmons, McNeese St.

*Louisiana Small College Player of the Year:* Derrick Parker, LSU-Shreveport

*Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year:* Dale Valdery, Southern-New Orleans

*Louisiana Junior College Player of the Year:* Tydrick King, Southern-Shreveport

*Louisiana Junior College Coach of the Year:* David Francis, Southern-Shreveport

*Louisiana High School Players of the Year:*

*Class AAAAA:* Cleveland Thomas, Scotlandville

*Class AAAA:* Dee Wagner, Peabody

*Class AAA:* Reginal Johnson, Jr., Richwood

*Class AA:* Malik Morgan, John Curtis

*Class A:* Frank Bartley, Christian Life

*Class B:* Jarell Martin, Madison Prep

*Class C:* Zikiteran Woodley, Pelican

*Louisiana High School Coaches of the Year:*

*Class AAAAA:* T.J. Pugh, McKinley

*Class AAAA:* Charles Smith, Peabody

*Class AAA:* Jeremiah Williams, Bossier

*Class AA:* Mike Krajcer, John Curtis

*Class A:* David Bryant, Louisiana New Tech

*Class B:* Charlie Alexander, Hornbeck

*Class C:* Theodis Johnson, Dubach