

52nd Annual Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches Awards Banquet

May 2, 2026
Baton Rouge Marriott
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, LA --- The coach who led LSU to the promised land of the NCAA Final Four in 2006, along with a legendary high school coach from Lafayette, were the major honorees at Saturday's 52nd Annual Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches Awards Banquet.

Inducted into the Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame was former LSU coach John Brady.

Long-time St. Thomas More Catholic High School coach Danny Broussard received the LABC's 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.

Brady coached LSU from 1997 to 2008, where he won 192 games, had a 58.0% career winning percentage and posted four 20-win seasons. He led the Tigers to two Southeastern Conference championships, two NIT appearances and four NCAA Tournament appearances, advancing to the Sweet 16 in 2000 and the Final Four in 2006.

Two of his teams finished the regular season nationally ranked, with his 2000 squad finishing 9th in the nation and his 2006 team ranked 18th.

His coaching accolades along the way included being named Louisiana Coach of the Year three times, as well as being a two-time SEC and NABC District Coach of the Year and once a USBWA District Coach of the Year.

Broussard has been the head coach at St. Thomas More Catholic High School in Lafayette for 43 years, where he has won over 1,100 games, 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 is still within reach of becoming the nation's all-time winningest prep basketball coach.

Broussard has a 1,189-365 career record and a 76.5% winning percentage, averaging 27.7 wins per season.

He has been 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 he was inducted into the Louisiana Sports

Hall of Fame, and he was previously inducted into the Louisiana High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2018.

The LABC also presented the Pete Maravich Memorial Award, honoring Louisiana's Major College Player of the Year, to freshman guard Larry Johnson of McNeese State. This season Johnson was the Southland Conference Freshman of the Year and a finalist for the Kyle Macy Award as the national freshman of the year, as well as a first-team All-SLC selection and a member of the SLC All-Tournament team. He averaged 17.4 points and 5.5 rebounds and scored in double figures in 30 of 34 games, including three double-double games.

Coach Bill Armstrong of McNeese State received the Tommy Joe Eagles Memorial Award as Louisiana's Major College Coach of the Year. In his first season at McNeese State, he led the Cowboys to a No. 7 ranking in the final regular season national mid-major poll, to the Southland Conference 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.

Senior forward Hayden Brittingham of LSU-Shreveport received the Louisiana Small College Player of the Year award after being named a first team NAIA All-American. He was also the Red River Athletic Conference Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, as well as the MVP of the RRAC Tournament, while averaging 17.5 points and 8.8 rebounds, including 11 double-double games.

Coach Kyle Blankenship of LSU-Shreveport, who was named the Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year, guided the Pilots 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 also named the RRAC Coach of the Year. This is the fifth time that Blankenship has received this award.

Tony Montgomery of Bossier Parish and Coach Rodney Broughton of Southern-Shreveport were honored as the Louisiana Junior College Player and Coach of the Year, respectively. Montgomery, a freshman point guard, led NJCAA Region 14 in scoring (19.4 ppg) and assists (4.9 apg), while earning first team NJCAA Region 14 All-Region honors. In his first season at Southern-Shreveport, Broughton 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, while being named the LCCAC Coach of the Year.

The Bob Pettit Award, which is given to Louisiana's Professional Player of the Year, was presented to center-forward Naz Reid of the Minnesota Timberwolves. In his seventh year in the NBA, the former LSU star averaged 13.6 points and 6.2 rebounds and had a 36.2% three-point field goal percentage. He had 6 double-double games, twelve 20+ point games and eight 10+ rebound games, along with single game highs of 33 points, 13 rebounds, 7 assists, 6 three-point field goals made and 4 blocked shots. 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. This is the third time that Reid has received this award.

2026 LABC Honorees:

Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee: John Brady, LSU

Mr. Louisiana Basketball: Danny Broussard, St. Thomas More Catholic High School

Bob Pettit Award for the Louisiana Professional Player of the Year: Naz Reid, Minnesota Timberwolves

Pete Maravich Memorial Award for the Louisiana Major College Player of the Year: Larry Johnson, McNeese St.

Tommy Joe Eagles Memorial Award for the Louisiana Major College Coach of the Year: Bill Armstrong, McNeese St.

Louisiana Small College Player of the Year: Hayden Brittingham, LSU-Shreveport

Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year: Kyle Blankenship, LSU-Shreveport

Louisiana Junior College Player of the Year: Tony Montgomery, Bossier Parish

Louisiana Junior College Coach of the Year: Rodney Broughton, Southern-Shreveport

Louisiana High School Players of the Year:

Class AAAAA: Ahmad Hudson, Ruston

Class AAAA: Ben Radford, Brusly

Class AAA: Cooper Nelson, Sterlington

Class AA: Kellen Brewer, Metairie Park Country Day

Class A: Jabari Levingston, Lincoln Prep

Class B: Maliki Broussard, Lacassine

Class C: DeAvery Durham, Gibsland-Coleman

Louisiana High School Coaches of the Year:

Class AAAAA: Jonathan McClinton, Zachary

Class AAAA: Troy Jones, Northside

Class AAA: Antonio Benjamin, Marksville

Class AA: Shawn Davis, Ferriday

Class A: Antonio Hudson, Lincoln Prep

Class B: Bradley McLaren, Zwolle

Class C: Klint Robinson, Saline