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Ricky Blanton



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Program

Welcome	Coach Chad McDowell Louisiana State University in Shreveport LABC President
Invocation.....	College Coach
Dinner	
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies	Scott Landry LABC Executive Secretary
Master of Ceremonies.....	Steve Schneider WAFB-TV
Presentation of High School Awards	College Coaches
Presentation of College Awards	College Coaches
Presentation of Mr. Louisiana Basketball Award	Scotty Robertson Former Louisiana Tech University Coach

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies

<i>Inductee:</i>	<i>Presenter:</i>
Ricky Blanton	Dale Brown Former LSU Coach
Louisiana State University	
Special Presentation	Coach J.P. Piper Nicholls State University LABC Vice President

2010 LABC Annual Award Winners

COLLEGE DIVISION

LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Darrell Williams
Delgado Community College

LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Tommy Smith
Delgado Community College

LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Derrick Parker
Louisiana State University in Shreveport

LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Chad McDowell
Louisiana State University in Shreveport

PETE MARAVICH MEMORIAL AWARD

LOUISIANA MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tasmin Mitchell
Louisiana State University

TOMMY JOE EAGLES MEMORIAL AWARD

LOUISIANA MAJOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Kerry Rupp
Louisiana Tech University

BOB PETTIT AWARD

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Marcus Thornton
New Orleans Hornets

MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD

O.K. "Buddy" Davis
Ruston Daily Leader

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

Class C	Player of the Year	Davarius Critton Athens
	Coach of the Year	Dale Skinner Pleasant Hill
Class B	Player of the Year	Miles Prejean Midland
	Coach of the Year	Ron Stark Fairview
Class A	Player of the Year	Matt Derenbecker Metairie Park Country Day
	Coach of the Year	Mike McGuire Metairie Park Country Day
Class AA	Player of the Year	Ricardo Gathers Riverside
	Coach of the Year	Allen Tew Jonesboro-Hodge
Class AAA	Player of the Year	Torrey Dixon Vidalia
	Coach of the Year	Berwick Hamilton Abbeville
Class AAAA	Player of the Year	Markel Brown Peabody
	Coach of the Year	Charles Smith Peabody
Class AAAAA	Player of the Year	J.J. Thomas Scotlandville
	Coach of the Year	Brent Grigas Hammond

2010 LOUISIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Ricky Blanton – Louisiana State University – Player – 1984-89

Blanton was a two-time honorable mention All-American selection. He was also a two-time All-Southeastern Conference and NABC All-District selection, as well as a two-time first team All-Louisiana selection. He was an SEC All-Tournament selection in 1988 and an NCAA Southeast Regional All-Tournament selection in 1986. He finished his career as the eighth leading scorer and tenth leading rebounder in LSU history, with 1,501 points for an 11.6 average and 766 rebounds for a 5.9 average. He also had a 53.2% career field goal percentage, a 72.9% career free throw percentage and 314 career assists. He averaged 20.3 points, 8.2 rebounds and 4.59 assists in 1989, and 17.0 points, 8.8 rebounds and 3.57 assists in 1988. He also had a 40.4% three-point field goal percentage in 1989. He had single game highs of 37 points and 13 rebounds. He helped lead LSU to two 20-win seasons, the SEC championship in 1985 and four NCAA Tournament appearances, including the Final Four in 1986. Following his senior year he played in the NABC All-Star Game.

2010 LABC COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS

JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Darrell Williams – Delgado – Williams, a 5-8 freshman guard, was a Miss-Lou All-Conference and NJCAA Region 23 All-Region selection and the Most Valuable Player of the Miss-Lou Conference Tournament. He averaged 17.2 points and 4.3 assists. He led Delgado to the MLC Tournament championship and a No. 3 seed in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament.

JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Tommy Smith – Delgado – Smith led Delgado to its first Miss-Lou Conference Tournament championship and to a No. 3 seed in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament. This was Delgado's third season back after Hurricane Katrina and its first regional tournament appearance since 2003. This season represented an improvement of 9 wins over 2009. Smith was named the Miss-Lou Conference Coach of the Year. This is the fourth time that Smith has won the Louisiana Junior College Coach of the Year award.

SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Derrick Parker – LSU-Shreveport – Parker, a 6-6 sophomore forward/center, was a first team NAIA All-American and All-Louisiana selection and a unanimous pick as the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year. He averaged 19.3 points and 2.16 blocks (6th in nation) and had a 58.0% field goal percentage. He also averaged a GCAC-leading 11.8 rebounds (2nd in nation) and 24 double-double games (points and rebounds) (2nd in nation). He had single game highs of 32 points, 23 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 blocks and 3 steals. He was the national player of the week for January 4-10. He led LSU-Shreveport to a No. 9 ranking in the final regular season national poll, the GCAC regular season and tournament championships and the No. 5 seed in the NAIA Tournament with a 27-6 record.

SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Chad McDowell – LSU-Shreveport – McDowell directed LSU-Shreveport to a No. 9 ranking in the final regular season national poll, the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championships and the No. 5 seed in the NAIA Tournament with a 27-6 record. This represented an improvement of five wins over 2009. LSU-Shreveport was ranked in the top 10 in the nation in every national poll during the season. They ranked 7th in the nation in rebounding, 9th in scoring, 9th in field goal percentage defense

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and 10th in blocked shots. Additionally, they led the GCAC in scoring margin, field goal percentage and free throw percentage. This is the sixth time that McDowell has won the Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year award.

MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tasmin Mitchell – LSU – Mitchell, a 6-7 senior forward, was a second team All-Southeastern Conference, first team NABC and USBWA All-District and first team All-Louisiana selection. He averaged 16.8 points, 9.4 rebounds, 1.9 assists, 1.3 steals and had a 34.0% three-point field goal percentage. He had nine 20-point games and 12 double-double games (points and rebounds). He scored in double figures in 27 of 31 games. His single game highs were 38 points (SEC high), 18 rebounds, 4 three-point field goals made, 5 assists and 4 steals.

MAJOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Kerry Rupp – Louisiana Tech – In his third season at Louisiana Tech, Rupp led the Bulldogs to a fourth place regular season finish in the Western Athletic Conference, the semifinals of the WAC Tournament and the national quarterfinals of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament with a 24-11 record. This was the school's most wins in 25 years and represented an improvement of 9 wins over 2009. For the first time in 19 seasons, the Bulldogs received votes in the AP Top 25 poll. They also sported a 10-game winning streak for the first time in 25 seasons and earned the school's first postseason birth in four years.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Marcus Thornton – New Orleans Hornets (LSU) – Thornton averaged 14.5 points (4th among NBA rookies), 2.9 rebounds, 1.6 three-point field goals made (3rd among NBA rookies) and shot 81.4% from the free throw line (5th among NBA rookies) and 37.4% behind the three-point line (7th among NBA rookies) as a backup and then starting guard for the New Orleans Hornets. He scored 20 or more points in 21 games. His single game highs were 37 points, 9 rebounds, 7 assists, 3 steals and 2 blocks. He is in his first year in the NBA.

MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL

O.K. "Buddy" Davis – Ruston *Daily Leader* – Davis has been the sports editor of the Ruston *Daily Leader* since 1970. In that capacity he has played a major role in telling the story of basketball and other sports in Louisiana, especially the northern part of the state. He has covered the careers of athletes such as Karl Malone, P.J. Brown, Paul Millsap, Jerald Honeycutt, Randy White, Mike Green, Mike McConathy, Dave Simmons, Willis Reed, Kim Mulkey, Teresa Weatherspoon, Janice Lawrence and Pam Kelly, such coaches as Scotty Robertson, Leon Barmore, Fred Hobdy and Tim Floyd, and many others who starred for Louisiana high school and college programs before moving on to the professional ranks. Davis has covered 13 women's Final Fours, 26 NCAA women's tournaments, three men's NIT and two women's NIT tournaments, two NBA All-Star games, a Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame induction ceremony, three Summer Olympic Games and numerous tournaments and playoffs involving Louisiana high schools. He has served as a voter for the Associated Press women's national basketball poll and the Louisiana high school basketball polls, as well as for the Naismith Awards for men's and women's basketball, the John Wooden Award and the Nancy Lieberman Award. He has received numerous awards at the national, state and regional levels for his sports writing and sports photography. In 1995 he was named the Louisiana Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, and in 2009 he received the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism from the Louisiana Sports Writers Association. He is a member of the United States Basketball Writers Association and the LSWA and has written an estimated 42,000 sports stories over 40 years.

2010 LABC HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Class AAAAA

J.J. Thomas – Scotlandville (Baton Rouge) – The 6-4 senior averaged 24.2 points and 14.5 rebounds in leading Scotlandville to a No. 2 ranking in the final regular season Class 5A state poll, its first ever Top 28 appearance and the Class 5A state finals with a 33-6 record. He was also selected to the Top 28 All-Tournament team and was the Most Outstanding Player on the Baton Rouge *Advocate* All-Metro team. He has received a scholarship to play college basketball at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Class AAAA

Markel Brown – Peabody (Alexandria) – The 6-5 senior averaged 32.5 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals and 3 blocked shots in leading Peabody to a No. 1 ranking in the final regular season Class 4A state poll and the Class 4A state championship with a 41-0 record. The Louisiana Sports Writers Association named him "Mr. Basketball" in the State of Louisiana. Brown was also the Most Valuable Player on the Top 28 All-Tournament team and was the Alexandria *Town Talk* All-Cenla Player of the Year. He participated in the Derby Festival Basketball Classic in Louisville, Kentucky. He has been a two-time first team Class 4A All-State selection. He has received a scholarship to play college basketball at Oklahoma State University.

Class AAA

Torrey Dixon – Vidalia – The 6-3 senior forward averaged 26 points, 12 rebounds and 5 blocked shots in leading Vidalia to a No. 2 ranking in the final regular season Class 3A state poll and its first state championship since 1979 with a 30-2 record. He was also selected to the Top 28 All-Tournament team. He was named the Natchez *Democrat* All-Metro Player of the Year and the Co-Player of the Year on the Concordia *Sentinel* All-Concordia Parish team. He has received a scholarship to play junior college basketball at Baton Rouge Community College.

Class AA

Ricardo Gathers – Riverside (Reserve) – The 6-7 sophomore averaged 19.9 points and 15 rebounds in leading Riverside to a No. 1 ranking in the final regular season Class 2A state poll and the school's first state championship with a 35-6 record. He was named the Most Outstanding Player in the Class 2A title game and was selected to the Top 28 All-Tournament team and the New Orleans *Times-Picayune* Small Schools All-Metro team. He is rated as one of the top 15 sophomores in the nation by ESPN.

Class A

Matt Derenbecker – Metairie Park Country Day – The 6-7 senior averaged 25.5 points, 8.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists, 2.3 blocked shots and 1.9 steals in leading Country Day to a No. 1 ranking in the final regular season Class 1A state poll and the Class 1A state finals with a school-best 38-6 record. He has been a two-time Louisiana Gatorade Player of the Year and a two-time first team All-State selection. He was also named the New Orleans *Times-Picayune* Small Schools All-Metro Player of the Year and was a Top 28 All-Tournament selection. He is rated as one of the top 100 players in the nation by Rivals and ESPN. He has received a scholarship to play college basketball at LSU.

Class B

Miles Prejean – Midland – The 6-1 senior averaged 23.3 points and 10.1 rebounds in leading Midland to a No. 1 ranking in the final regular season Class B state poll and the Class B state finals with a 34-5 record.

Class C

Davarius Critton – Athens – The 6-2 senior averaged 17 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists in leading Athens to a No. 5 ranking in the final regular season Class C state poll and its first Class C state championship since 1999 with a 40-4 record. He was previously a second team Class C All-State selection.

HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

Class AAAAA

Brent Grigas – Hammond – This year he led Hammond to a No. 5 ranking in the final regular season Class 5A state poll and its first Top 28 appearance in a decade with a 29-4 record.

Class AAAA

Charles Smith – Peabody (Alexandria) – This year he led Peabody to a No. 1 ranking in the final regular season Class 4A state poll, its sixth state championship and its second 41-0 record in six years. Peabody was also ranked No. 14 in the final ESPN Rise Fab 50 national poll. Smith was also named the Alexandria *Town Talk* Cenla Coach of the Year. He was an assistant coach for the East team in the Jordan Brand Classic in New York City. This is the second time that he has been named the LABC's Class 4A state coach of the year.

Class AAA

Berwick Hamilton – Abbeville – In his third year at Abbeville, he led the school to a No. 3 ranking in the final regular season Class 3A state poll and its first Top 28 appearance with a 27-6 record. This is the second time that he has been named state coach of the year by the LABC.

Class AA

Allen Tew – Jonesboro-Hodge (Jonesboro) – This year he led an unranked and 15th seeded Jonesboro-Hodge team to the Class 2A state finals with a 26-10 record.

Class A

Mike McGuire – Metairie Park Country Day – This year he led Country Day to a No. 1 ranking in the final regular season Class 1A state poll and the Class 1A state finals with a school-best 38-6 record. This is the second time that he has been named the LABC's Class 1A state coach of the year.

Class B

Ron Stark – Fairview (Grant) – This year he led Fairview to a No. 6 ranking in the final regular season Class B state poll and the Class B state semifinals with a 31-8 record.

Class C

Dale Skinner – Pleasant Hill – This year he led Pleasant Hill to a No. 3 ranking in the final regular season Class C state poll and the Class C state finals with a 33-7 record.

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