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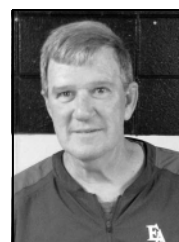
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PROGRAM

Welcome	Coach Dale Valdery Southern University at New Orleans LABC President
Invocation	College Coach
Dinner	
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies.....	Scott Landry LABC Executive Secretary
Master of Ceremonies.....	Scott Prather Sports Radio ESPN 1420
Presentation of High School Awards.....	College Coaches
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Presentation of Mr. Louisiana Basketball Award	Denny Wright Grand Isle High School

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Inductee:	Presenter:
Roy Ebron	Bob Marlin
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	UL-Lafayette Coach
Tim Floyd	Bob Stull
University of New Orleans	UTEP Director of Athletics
Special Presentation	Coach Bob Marlin University of Louisiana at Lafayette LABC Vice President

2014 HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Class C	Player of the Year	Javier Roper New Living Word
	Coach of the Year	Curtis Shavers Sicily Island
Class B	Player of the Year	Brennan Maddox Fairview
	Coach of the Year	Ron Stark Fairview
Class A	Player of the Year	Johnathan Stove Christian Life
	Coach of the Year	Byron Starks Lafayette Christian
Class AA	Player of the Year	Malik Crowfield Riverside
	Coach of the Year	Joshua Hancock Lakeview
Class AAA	Player of the Year	Reginal Johnson, Jr. Richwood
	Coach of the Year	Joe Spencer University
Class AAAA	Player of the Year	Tyree Griffin Landry-Walker
	Coach of the Year	Brian Gibson Landry-Walker
Class AAAAA	Player of the Year	Greg White-Pittman Holy Cross
	Coach of the Year	Micah Coleman Natchitoches Central

2014 COLLEGE AWARDS

LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mark Gray
Southern University at Shreveport

LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

David Francis
Southern University at Shreveport

LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jonathan Blount
Centenary College

LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Dannnton Jackson
Xavier University

PETE MARAVICH MEMORIAL AWARD LOUISIANA MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Elfrid Payton
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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

Michael White
Louisiana Tech University

BOB PETTIT AWARD LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Paul Millsap
Atlanta Hawks

2014 MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD

Kenny Almond
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2014 LOUISIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Roy Ebron
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Tim Floyd
University of New Orleans

2014 HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CLASS C

Javier Roper – New Living Word (Ruston) – The 6-6 junior averaged 19 points and 10 rebounds in leading second-seeded New Living Word to its first state championship with a 33-8 record. He was named the Most Outstanding Player in the Class C title game and was selected to the Top 28 All-Tournament team. He was also a first team *Monroe News Star* All-Northeast Louisiana Small School selection. He was previously a second team Class C All-State selection as a sophomore.

CLASS B

Brennan Maddox – Fairview (Grant) – The 6-1 sophomore averaged 22.2 points and 16.4 rebounds in leading fourth-seeded Fairview to the Class B state finals with a 33-6 record. He was also named the *Lake Charles American Press* All-Southwest Louisiana Small Schools Player of the Year, and he was a first team *Alexandria Town Talk* All-Cenla selection.

CLASS A

Johnathan Stove – Christian Life (Baton Rouge) – The 6-4 senior averaged 25.9 points, 10.9 rebounds, 3.2 assists, 2.9 steals and 2 blocks in leading fifth-seeded Christian Life to the Class 1A state quarterfinals with a 26-9 record. He also participated in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game. He has been a two-time first team and once second team Class 1A All-State selection. He has received a scholarship to play college basketball at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

CLASS AA

Malik Crowfield – Riverside (Reserve) – The 6-4 sophomore averaged 18.96 points and 11.15 rebounds in leading top-seeded Riverside to its second straight Class 2A state championship with a 34-3 record. He was an honorable mention MaxPreps Sophomore All-American. He was named the Most Outstanding Player on the Top 28 All-Tournament team and in the Class 2A title game. He was also the *Times-Picayune* New Orleans Area Small Schools Player of the Year.

CLASS AAA

Reginal Johnson, Jr. – Richwood (Monroe) – The 6-4 senior averaged 32 points and 15 rebounds in leading fourth-seeded Richwood to the Class 3A state finals with a 28-7 record. The Louisiana Sports Writers Association named him “Mr. Basketball” in Louisiana. He was selected to the Top 28 All-Tournament team and was named the *Monroe News Star* All-Northeast Louisiana Player of the Year for the second time. He also participated in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game. He has been a two-time Class 3A Player of the Year and three-time first team Class 3A All-State selection. He has received a scholarship to play college basketball at Alcorn State University.

CLASS AAAA

Tyree Griffin – Landry-Walker (New Orleans) – The 5-11 senior averaged 17 points, 9 rebounds and 6 assists in leading top-seeded Landry-Walker to the Class 4A state championship with a 35-4 record. He was named the Most Outstanding Player in the Class 4A title game and was selected to the Top 28 All-Tournament team. He was also named the *Times-Picayune* New Orleans Area Large Schools Player of the Year, and he was selected to participate in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game. He was previously a second team Class 4A All-State selection as a junior. He has received a scholarship to play college basketball at Oklahoma State University.

CLASS AAAAA

Greg White-Pittman – Holy Cross (New Orleans) – The 6-2 senior averaged 25.3 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.2 assists in leading Holy Cross to the Class 5A state playoffs with a 19-11 record. He was also a *Times-Picayune* New Orleans Large Schools all-area selection, and he participated in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game. He was previously a second team Class 4A All-State selection as a junior.

HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

CLASS C

Curtis Shavers – Sicily Island – In his 27th year of coaching, he led fourth-seeded Sicily Island to its second straight Top 28 and its first Class C state finals appearance with a 26-15 record.

CLASS B

Ron Stark – Fairview (Grant) – This year he led fourth-seeded Fairview to its first Class B state finals appearance with a 33-6 record. He was also named the Lake Charles *American Press* All-Southwest Louisiana Small Schools Coach of the Year. This is the second time that he has been named the LABC's Class B state coach of the year.

CLASS A

Byron Starks – Lafayette Christian – This year he led Lafayette Christian to its first district championship and first Top 28 appearance with a 28-4 record. This was Lafayette Christian's first season in Class 1A after moving up from Class B.

CLASS AA

Joshua Hancock – Lakeview (Campti) – This year he led second-seeded Lakeview to its first Top 28 appearance in a decade and to the Class 2A state finals with a 28-5 record.

CLASS AAA

Joe Spencer – University (Baton Rouge) – This year he led third-seeded University to its first state championship in a decade and its first Class 3A title with a 30-7 record. University's starting lineup included one junior, three sophomores and one freshman.

CLASS AAAA

Brian Gibson – Landry-Walker (New Orleans) – In his 25th year of coaching, he led top-seeded Landry-Walker to the Class 4A state championship with a 35-4 record in the new school's first year following the consolidation of L.B. Landry and O. Perry Walker. He was also named the *Times-Picayune* New Orleans Area Large Schools Coach of the Year.

CLASS AAAAA

Micah Coleman – Natchitoches Central – In his 8th season at Natchitoches Central, he led the second-seeded Chiefs to the school's first state championship with a 31-3 record. The Chiefs finished the season ranked 45th in the nation in the final USA Today Super 25 poll, 10th in the southeast in the final Prep Nation regional poll and 18th in the southeast in the final Student Sports regional poll. Coleman was also the Shreveport *Times* All-Area Coach of the Year and the Alexandria *Town Talk* All-Cenla Coach of the Year.

2014 COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS

JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mark Gray – Southern-Shreveport – The 6-5 sophomore center averaged 14 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists. He led Southern-Shreveport to the Miss-Lou Conference championship and to the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament with a 20-7 record.

JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

David Francis – Southern-Shreveport – Francis guided Southern-Shreveport to the Miss-Lou Conference championship and to the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament with a 20-7 record. This was Francis' 10th conference championship in 14 seasons. This is the ninth time that Francis has received the Louisiana Junior College Coach of the Year award.

SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jonathan Blount – Centenary – The 6-1 senior guard was an honorable mention DIII News All-American and a first team All-Louisiana and NABC Division III All-District selection. He was also the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Co-Player of the Year and a SCAC All-Tournament selection. He was a four-time SCAC Player of the Week and once a Louisiana Player of the Week. He led the SCAC in scoring with a conference record 24.4 average. He also averaged 3.6 rebounds, 2.11 three-point field goals made and had a 43.4% three-point field goal percentage and an 85.0% free throw percentage. He scored in double figures in all 28 games, including twenty 20-point games and four 30-point games. He had single game highs of 53 points (school record), 8 rebounds, 7 assists, 5 three-point field goals made and 4 steals. He led Centenary to a second place finish in the SCAC and to the finals of the SCAC Tournament with an 18-10 record. Blount is the first Centenary player to receive a Louisiana college player of the year award since 2004.

SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Dannton Jackson – Xavier – Despite having to replace five senior starters, Jackson guided Xavier to a No. 12 ranking in the final regular season national poll, to the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference regular season championship, to the semifinals of the GCAC Tournament and to the NAIA National Tournament with a 23-9 record. This season marked the fourth straight year in which Xavier has won at least 23 games, and it included seven wins against NAIA National Tournament qualifiers. Jackson was the GCAC Coach of the Year for a league-record third consecutive year and became the school's career leader in coaching victories in December. Xavier led the GCAC in rebounding defense (2nd in nation), field goal percentage defense (3rd in nation), scoring defense (8th in nation) and rebounding margin (8th in nation). Jackson is the first Xavier coach to receive the Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year award since 2001.

MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Elfrid Payton – UL-Lafayette – The 6-3 junior guard was a CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major All-American and a first team All-Sun Belt Conference, All-Louisiana and NABC All-District selection. He was also the CollegeInsider.com National Defensive Player of the Year and the SBC Defensive Player of the Year. He averaged 19.2 points, 6.0 rebounds, 5.94 assists (1st in SBC) and 2.29 steals (1st in SBC) and had a 50.9% field goal percentage. He scored in double figures in 32 of 35 games, including four 30-point games, eighteen 20-point games and one triple-double game. He had single game highs of 34 points, 13 rebounds, 11 assists, 6 steals and 4 blocks. He led UL-Lafayette to a No. 21 ranking in the final regular season Mid-Major Top 25 national poll, to a third place finish in the SBC, to the SBC Tournament championship and to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2005 with a 23-12 record. Payton is the first UL-Lafayette player to receive the Louisiana Major College Player of the Year award since 1994.

MAJOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Michael White – Louisiana Tech – In his third season at Louisiana Tech, White led the Bulldogs to the Conference USA regular season championship, to the finals of the C-USA Tournament and to the quarterfinals of the NIT with a 29-8 record. The 29 wins tied for the most in school history. Louisiana Tech led C-USA in scoring, scoring margin (3rd in nation), assists, steals (5th in nation), blocks, turnover margin (6th in nation) and assist-turnover ratio. White is the first Louisiana Tech coach to receive the Louisiana Major College Coach of the Year award since 2010.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Paul Millsap – Atlanta Hawks (Louisiana Tech) – He averaged 17.9 points, 8.5 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 1.7 steals and 1.1 blocks and had a 35.8% three-point field goal percentage as a starting forward for the Atlanta Hawks, who finished in fourth place in the NBA's Southeast Division with a 38-44 record. He started 73 games and averaged 33.5 minutes per game. He had 30 double-double games, scored 30 or more points in two games, scored 20 or more points in 29 games, and had 10 or more rebounds in 31 games. His single game highs were 34 points, 17 rebounds, 10 assists, 7 three-point field goals made, 6 steals and 5 blocks. Millsap participated in the 2014 NBA All-Star Game, scoring 6 points and grabbing 3 rebounds. He is in his eighth year in the NBA. This is the sixth time that Millsap has received the Louisiana Professional Player of the Year award.

2014 MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD WINNER

Kenny Almond – Baton Rouge, Louisiana – During his 38 seasons of coaching high school basketball in the Baton Rouge area at East Ascension, Woodlawn, Lee and Central, Almond has compiled an 876-388 record and earned three state championships along with four state runner-up finishes and 14 district championships. His career wins total ranks 7th nationally among all active high school coaches. He has been a three-time state high school coach of the year and his 2003 Woodlawn squad finished the season 39-0 and ranked sixth in the nation. His last two Woodlawn teams won 56 consecutive games to set a record in the state's largest classification. Almond is a native of Baton Rouge and a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University. In 2012 he was inducted into the Louisiana High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

2014 LOUISIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Roy Ebron – University of Louisiana at Lafayette – Player – 1970-73

Ebron was an honorable mention All-American in 1972. He was a two-time first team All-Southland Conference and once a second team All-Gulf States Conference selection. He was also a two-time All-Louisiana selection. He finished his three-year career as the fourth leading scorer and leading rebounder in ULL history, with 1,683 points for a 19.3 average and 1,064 rebounds for a 12.2 average. He also had a 57.9% career field goal percentage. He averaged 19.5 points and 12.3 rebounds in 1973, 23.0 points and 14.2 rebounds in 1972, and 15.6 points and 10.2 rebounds in 1971. He had field goal percentages of 53.8% in 1973, 61.0% (7th in nation) in 1972 and 59.3% in 1971. He had six games of 20 or more rebounds, including a single game high of 28 rebounds. He helped lead ULL to two straight regional semifinal finishes in the NCAA Division I Tournament and a third place finish in the NCAA Division II Tournament.

Tim Floyd – University of New Orleans – Coach – 1988-94

Floyd won 126 games and lost only 59 during his six years at New Orleans, for a 68.1% career winning percentage. He was a two-time conference Coach of the Year, Louisiana Coach of the Year and NABC District Coach of the Year. He led New Orleans to four conference regular season championships and one conference tournament championship. He also led New Orleans to two NCAA Tournament appearances and three NIT appearances, including the NIT quarterfinals in 1990 and second round in 1994. His 1993 squad was ranked 17th in the nation in the final regular season AP poll. He posted four 20-win seasons, including seasons of 26-4, 23-8, 21-11, 20-10 and 19-11.

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