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PROGRAM

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| Welcome..... | Coach Kyle Blankenship Louisiana State University at Shreveport LABC President |
| Invocation..... | College Coach |
| Dinner | |
| Introduction of Master of Ceremonies | Scott Landry LABC Executive Secretary |
| Introduction of Head Table | Master of Ceremonies |
| Introduction of Previous Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame Inductees | Master of Ceremonies |
| Introduction of Previous Mr. Louisiana Basketball Award Winners | 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 |
| Presentation of Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee..... | Master of Ceremonies |
| Presentation to the LABC President..... | College Coach |
| Closing Remarks..... | Master of Ceremonies |

2022 HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

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| Class C | Player of the Year | John-Paul Ricks Jehovah-Jireh |
| | Coach of the Year | Isaac Fontenot-Amedee Family Christian |
| Class B | Player of the Year | Jordan Crawford Simsboro |
| | Coach of the Year | Micah Rasberry Lacassine |
| Class A | Player of the Year | La'Bree Williams, Jr. Calvary Baptist |
| | Coach of the Year | Harold Boudreaux Southern Lab |
| Class AA | Player of the Year | Chris Lockett Newman |
| | Coach of the Year | Dimario Jackson Port Allen |
| Class AAA | Player of the Year | Percy Daniels Madison Prep |
| | Coach of the Year | Errol Gauff Hannan |
| Class AAAA | Player of the Year | Solomon Washington Carver |
| | Coach of the Year | Mack Jones Huntington |
| Class AAAAA | Player of the Year | Jalen Bolden Zachary |
| | Coach of the Year | Josh Carlin Northshore |

2022 COLLEGE AWARDS

LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Isaiah Payne
Louisiana State University at Eunice

LOUISIANA JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Byron Starks
Louisiana State University at Eunice

LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Zach Wrightsil
Loyola University

LOUISIANA SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Stacy Hollowell
Loyola University

PETE MARAVICH MEMORIAL AWARD

LOUISIANA MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kenneth Lofton, Jr.
Louisiana Tech University

TOMMY JOE EAGLES MEMORIAL AWARD

LOUISIANA MAJOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Eric Konkol
Louisiana Tech University

BOB PETTIT AWARD

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Cam Thomas
Brooklyn Nets

2022 MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD

Doug Ireland
Northwestern State University

2022 LOUISIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Jack Orsley
Loyola University

2022 HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CLASS C

John-Paul Ricks – Jehovah-Jireh (Baton Rouge) – The 6-0 senior averaged 28 points, 8 rebounds, 7 assists and 5 steals in leading second-seeded Jehovah-Jireh to its sixth straight Division V state finals appearance with a 20-12 record. He was also selected to the Baton Rouge *Advocate* All-Metro team and to participate in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game. He has been a two-time Class C Player of the Year and three-time first team Class C All-State selection. He has accepted a scholarship to play college basketball at Tallahassee Community College.

CLASS B

Jordan Crawford – Simsboro – The 6-2 senior averaged 16 points and 8 rebounds in leading top-seeded Simsboro to the Class B state championship with a 33-3 record. He has accepted a scholarship to play college basketball at Dawson Community College in Glendive, Montana.

CLASS A

La'Bree Williams, Jr. – Calvary Baptist (Shreveport) – The 6-6 senior averaged 24 points, 12 rebounds and 4.5 blocked shots in leading second-seeded Calvary Baptist to its third straight Division IV state finals appearance with a 24-8 record. He was also the Shreveport *Times* All-City Player of the Year and was selected to participate in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game.

CLASS AA

Chris Lockett – Newman (New Orleans) – The 6-3 junior averaged 13.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 2 steals in leading top-seeded Newman to the Division III state championship with a 27-3 record. He was also selected to the New Orleans All-Metro Team. He has been a two-time first team Class 2A All-State selection. He is rated as one of the top 60 juniors in the nation by 247Sports and ESPN.

CLASS AAA

Percy Daniels – Madison Prep (Baton Rouge) – The 6-9 senior averaged 18 points, 12 rebounds, 5.6 blocked shots and 3 assists in leading top-seeded Madison Prep to its second straight Class 3A state championship with a 29-6 record. He was also selected to the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team and was the Most Valuable Player in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game. Additionally, he was a Baton Rouge *Advocate* All-Metro selection. He has been a two-time first team Class 3A All-State selection. He has accepted a scholarship to play college basketball at Tulane University.

CLASS AAAA

Solomon Washington – Carver (New Orleans) – The 6-7 senior averaged 14.9 points, 11.1 rebounds, 3 assists, 2.6 blocked shots and 2.4 steals and had 23 double-doubles in leading top-seeded Carver to the Class 4A state championship with a 33-5 record, which was the school's first state title since 2003. The Louisiana Sports Writers Association named him "Mr. Basketball" in Louisiana, and he was named the Gatorade and MaxPreps Louisiana Player of the Year. He was also the New Orleans All-Metro Player of the Year and was the Most Outstanding Player on the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team. He has been a two-time first team Class 4A All-State selection. He has accepted a scholarship to play college basketball at Texas A&M University.

CLASS AAAAA

Jalen Bolden – Zachary – The 6-5 senior averaged 20 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists in leading top-seeded Zachary to its second straight Class 5A state championship with a 36-3 record. He was the Most Outstanding Player in the Class 5A title game and was selected to the LHSAA Marsh Madness All-Tournament team. He was also the Baton Rouge *Advocate* All-Metro Player of the Year and he participated in the Louisiana High School All-Star Game. He has accepted a scholarship to play college basketball at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

CLASS C

Isaac Fontenot-Amedee – Family Christian (Baton Rouge) – In his first season at Family Christian, he led the top-seeded Flames to the Division V state championship with a 29-8 record, which was the school's first state title since 2002.

CLASS B

Micah Raspberry – Lacassine – This year he led fourth-seeded Lacassine to the Class B state semifinals with a 32-7 record, which was the school's first state tournament appearance since 2007. He was also named the Lake Charles *American Press* All-Southwest Louisiana Small Schools Coach of the Year.

CLASS A

Harold Boudreaux – Southern Lab (Baton Rouge) – In his first season at Southern Lab, he led the top-seeded Kittens to the Division IV state championship with a 29-4 record, which was the school's first state title since 2005.

CLASS AA

Dimario Jackson – Port Allen – In his first season at Port Allen, he led the second-seeded Pelicans to its third straight Class 2A state championship with a 24-10 record.

CLASS AAA

Errol Gauff – Hannan (Covington) – This year he led third-seeded Hannan to its first state tournament berth and to the Division II state championship with a 25-8 record. He was also the New Orleans *Times-Picayune* All-St. Tammany Parish Coach of the Year. This is the second time that he has been named state coach of the year.

CLASS AAAA

Mack Jones – Huntington (Shreveport) – This year he led fourth-seeded Huntington to the Class 4A state semifinals with a 27-6 record, despite the death of a starter the night before the state quarterfinal contest. He was also the Shreveport *Times* All-City Coach of the Year.

CLASS AAAAA

Josh Carlin – Northshore (Slidell) – In his first season at Northshore, he led the eleventh-seeded Panthers to the Class 5A state finals with a 28-7 record, which was the school's first state tournament appearance.

2022 COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS

JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Isaiah Payne – LSU-Eunice – The 6-2 sophomore guard was the Louisiana Community College Athletic Conference Player of the Year and a NJCAA All-Region 23 selection. He was also named to the NJCAA Region 23 All-Tournament team. He averaged 17.8 points, 4.3 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 1.3 steals and had a 1.9 assist-turnover ratio and a 37.2% three-point field goal percentage. He scored in double figures in 22 of 25 games, including ten 20+ point games. His single game highs were 31 points, 10 rebounds, 6 assists, 4 three-point field goals made and 4 steals. He led LSU-Eunice to the LCCAC championship and to its first semifinal appearance in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament with a 19-7 record.

JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Byron Starks – LSU-Eunice – He directed LSU-Eunice to the Louisiana Community College Athletic Conference championship and to its first semifinal appearance in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament with a 19-7 record. He was the LCCAC Coach of the Year. This is the third straight year that Starks has received the Louisiana Junior College Coach of the Year award.

SMALL COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Zach Wrightsil – Loyola – The 6-7 senior guard-forward was the NAIA National Player of the Year, a first team NAIA All-American, and the Southern States Athletic Conference Player of the Year. He was also named to the NAIA All-Tournament team and the SSAC All-Tournament team, as well as being a six-time SSAC Player of the Week. He averaged 18.7 points (1st in SSAC), 8.8 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.1 steals and had a 62.0% field goal percentage and a 1.4 assist-turnover ratio. He scored in double figures in all 38 games, including sixteen 20+ point games. He had double figures in rebounds in 12 games, along with 12 double-double games and 1 triple-double game. He had single game highs of 33 points, 21 rebounds, 11 assists, 6 steals and 5 blocked shots. He led Loyola to a No. 2 ranking in the final regular season national poll, to the SSAC regular season and tournament championships and to the NAIA national championship with a 37-1 record.

SMALL COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Stacy Hollowell – Loyola – He guided Loyola to a No. 2 ranking in the final regular season national poll, to the Southern States Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championships and to the NAIA national championship with a 37-1 record. This was Loyola's first national championship since 1945 and Louisiana's first collegiate national title in 61 years. The 37 wins are a new Louisiana collegiate single season record. He was named the NAIA National Coach of the Year and SSAC Coach of the Year and was the HoopDirt NAIA national coach of the week on December 6th. Loyola led the nation in steals and turnovers forced and also led the SSAC in scoring (2nd in nation), assists (2nd in nation), field goal percentage and rebounding. This is the second time that Hollowell has received the Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year award.

MAJOR COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kenneth Lofton, Jr. – Louisiana Tech – The 6-7 sophomore forward was a first team All-Conference USA and NABC All-District selection. He was also named to the C-USA All-Tournament team, as well as being a two-time C-USA Player of the Week. He averaged 16.5 points, 10.5 rebounds (1st in C-USA and 10th in nation) and 2.8 assists and had a 53.9% field goal percentage. He scored in double figures in 28 of 33 games, including two 30+ point games and ten 20+ point games. He had double figures in rebounds in 19 of 33 games, along with 17 double-double games (1st in C-USA and 10th in nation). His single game highs were 36 points, 18 rebounds, 7 assists, 4 steals and 4 blocked shots. He led Louisiana Tech to a third place finish in the West Division of C-USA and to the finals of the C-USA Tournament with a 24-10 record.

MAJOR COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR

Eric Konkol – Louisiana Tech – He led Louisiana Tech to a third place finish in the West Division of Conference USA and to the finals of the C-USA Tournament with a 24-10 record. Louisiana Tech led C-USA in field goal percentage defense. This is the third straight year that Konkol has received the Louisiana Major College Coach of the Year award.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Cam Thomas – Brooklyn Nets (LSU) – He averaged 8.5 points, 2.4 rebounds and 1.2 assists and had an 82.9% free throw percentage as a guard for the Brooklyn Nets, who finished in fourth place in the NBA's Atlantic Division with a 44-38 record. He started 2 games and averaged 17.6 minutes per game. He scored 20 or more points in 10 games. His single game highs were 30 points, 8 rebounds, 4 three-point field goals made, 4 assists, 3 steals and 2 blocked shots. He is in his first year in the NBA.

2022 MR. LOUISIANA BASKETBALL AWARD WINNER

Doug Ireland – Northwestern State University – In 2019 Ireland retired from Northwestern St. after a distinguished 30-year career as the school's sports information director. In that position, he coordinated publicity efforts for the Demons' men's basketball program and its 13 other intercollegiate sports teams through local, regional and national media outlets in print, broadcast, television and internet. He also served as a men's basketball radio announcer for many years. Since 2000, he has earned 33 Louisiana Sports Writers Association awards, including the 2017 LSWA Story of the Year, with a majority of these awards coming from his stories of Northwestern St. athletes, coaches and support staff members.

Ireland is a 1986 graduate of Northwestern St. in broadcast journalism. Prior to working at Northwestern St., he was the Natchitoches Bureau chief of the Shreveport *Times*, an assistant sports information director at UL-Lafayette, the sports editor of the Natchitoches *Times*, and a sportswriter at the *Alexandria Town Talk*. He has been the chairman of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame since 1990, during which time he has helped to make Louisiana basketball a prominent part of that hall of fame. He also helped lead the efforts to build the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Museum in Natchitoches in 2013. He has received numerous professional honors during his career, including the LSWA's Mac Russo Award for contributions to the association's progress and ideals in 2001, the *Alexandria Town Talk's* CENLA Sportsman of the Year in 2012, and the Southland Conference's Louis Bonnette Sports Media Award in 2016.

2022 LOUISIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Jack Orsley – Loyola University – Coach – 1939-49

Orsley won 173 games and lost only 73 during his ten years at Loyola, for a 70.3% career winning percentage. He led Loyola to two consecutive appearances in the NAIA Tournament, including the NAIA national championship in 1945 and a fourth place finish in 1946. He posted seasons of 25-5, 22-11, 21-3, 21-9, 14-2 and 15-5.

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