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BO RYAN
Head Coach, 1984–99
UW–Platteville
Platteville, Wisconsin
Overall record of 352–76

Welcome from John McCarthy
Founder of Small College Basketball

Dear Basketball Fans,

It gives me tremendous pleasure to welcome you to the 2019 Small College Basketball National Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. Tonight, we induct some of basketball’s greatest players, coaches and contributors into this prestigious Hall of Fame.

In alphabetical order, the Class of 2019 includes Phog Allen, World B. Free, Mike Harper, Marques Haynes, Cleo Hill, Larry Humes, Vern Mikkelsen, Danny Miles, Mel Peterson, Bo Ryan, Ed Smallwood and John Smith. Sincerely, I congratulate each and every one of these Hall of Famers—and you can read more about them in this program, and on the website (www.smallcollegebasketball.com).

Our Hall of Fame Committee has spent a great deal of time seeking information, and then sifting through and evaluating a tremendous amount of information about players, coaches and contributors over the history of college basketball. We have, literally, looked at information about hundreds of candidates. My sincere thanks to the Hall of Fame Committee. This esteemed group consists of Steve Knight, Don Landry, Mike Lightfoot, Danny Miles, Greg Moore, Jim Nelson, Doug Palm, Roy Pickett, Gary Pine, Jim Poteet, Butch Raymond, John Rinko, Gary Stewart, and Rich Zvesec.

The Hall of Fame is an important component to the overall mission of Small College Basketball, which is to unite all people with a passion for college basketball at the small college levels, and to serve as ambassadors for the game. We will enhance the website component for the Hall of Fame, and we look forward to welcoming future Hall of Fame inductees for many years to come.

I think that it’s also important to note some of our basic guidelines for the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame. First, our emphasis is on accomplishments and contributions at the collegiate level. We define “small college” as all schools competing at the four-year, non-NCAA Division I level as such, all players, coaches and contributors that competed, coached or contributed at the small college level may be considered. Coaches must be three years removed from coaching, and players must be five years removed from their collegiate playing careers to be considered. There are no such time requirements for contributors.

I sincerely thank Missouri Western Athletic Director Josh Looney and Senior Associate Athletic Director Brett Esely, along with Mary Supple and Lindsay Bernard (St. Joseph CBV) and Brandi Abbott (Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center) for their willingness to work with Small College Basketball to bring this Hall of Fame Induction to St. Joseph.

Also, a big “thank you” goes out to Rick Waggener, who has been with Small College Basketball from the beginning. He is an absolute professional, and he has spent a tremendous amount of time behind the scenes with the website, videos and advice to make Small College Basketball into something special. I tip my hat to Rick Waggener. Additionally, I tip my cap and thank Dan Snell, who has served as our “Voice of God” at each induction ceremony. He’s a pro, and I greatly appreciate Dan Snell. Finally—and importantly—I sincerely thank Matt Ankenbrandt, our Sports Information Director—for putting together this program. He’s been fantastic for Small College Basketball.

The Small College Basketball National Hall of Fame Induction is something special. For me, personally, it’s the culmination of a dream. Through this special Hall of Fame, we’re able to honor the great players, coaches and contributors to our game at the small college levels. Additionally, we’re able to tell their stories to the next generation, and we’re able to preserve an important part of basketball history. Thank you—and all of you that are so passionate about our game—for helping to make this dream become a reality.

Sincerely,

John McCarthy
Founder
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Induction Ceremony Agenda
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Opening video
Opening Comments, John McCarthy

Small College Basketball National Hall of Fame Inductees, Class of 2019

World B. Free
Michael Harper
Larry Humes
Danny Miles
Mel Peterson
Bo Ryan
John Smith

Larry Smith Award Presentation To Cylk Cozart
Special Presentation of the 1,000-Win Coaches
Special Announcement
Presentation of the Hall of Fame Class of 2019

Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Induction ceremony concludes
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2016 Hall of Fame Class

Dick Barnett - Tennessee A&I
Bevo Francis - University of Rio Grande
John Ebeling - Florida Southern
Clarence Gaines - Winston-Salem State
Travis Grant - Kentucky State
Bob Hopkins - Grambling State
Lucious Jackson - Pan American
Phil Jackson - North Dakota
Arad McCutchen - Evansville
John McLendon - Tennessee A&I, North Carolina College, Kentucky State, Hampton, Cleveland State
Earl Monroe - Winston-Salem State
Dr. James Naismith - Contributor
Willis Reed - Grambling State
John Rinka - Kenyon
Jerry Sloan - Evansville

2017 Hall of Fame Class

Don Meyer - Hamline, Lipscomb, Northern State
Dave Robbins - Virginia Union
Zelmo Beaty - Prairie View A&M
Walt Frazier - Southern Illinois-Carbondale
Bob Love - Southern
Jack Sikma - Illinois Wesleyan
Elmore Smith - Kentucky State
Jim Spivey - Southeastern Oklahoma State
Rico Swanson - Bethel
George Tinsley - Kentucky Wesleyan
A1 Tucker - Oklahoma Baptist
Emil S. Liston - Baker, NAIA

2018 Hall of Fame Class

John Barnhill - Tennessee A&I
ML Carr - Guilford
Pat Douglass - Cal State Bakersfield
Philip Hutcheson - Lipscomb
Earl Jones - District of Columbia
Charles Oakley - Virginia Union
John Pierce - Lipscomb
Terry Porter - Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Leonard "Truck" Robinson - Tennessee State
Clarence Walker - Indiana State
Marvin Webster - Morgan State
John Wooden
2019 Hall of Fame Class

Phog Allen, Central Missouri, Baker, Haskell Indian Nations

Considered the “Father of Coaching”, Allen coached at Baker University (1905-1908), Haskell Indian Nations (1909-1909) and Warrensburg Teachers College (1912-1919). Allen got his coaching start at Baker University in 1905, where he coached for three seasons, going 45-9. At Warrensburg Teachers College, Allen won conference championships (1913 & 1914) in his first two seasons and finished with an 84-31 overall record. By winning the 1913 conference championship, his team became the inaugural winner of the MIAA conference. At Haskell Indian Nations, his teams went 27-5.

Allen is the Founder of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), and was the first President of the organization. The organization is credited with starting the NCAA Tournament. Additionally, Allen was the driving force behind the addition of basketball to the Olympic Games in 1936. He coached Team USA to a gold medal in the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki. He is a charter inductee into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame (1969) and the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame (2006).

World B. Free, Guilford

Led Guilford to the NAIA National Championship & named Tournament MVP in 1973; led the 1973 NAIA Tournament in points with 120; scored 30 points in the National Championship game and was the first freshman to be named MVP; scored 2,006 points over a 3-year collegiate career (85 games) for a career average of 23.6 ppg; Two-time NAIA All American; Inducted into the Guilford and NAIA Hall of Fame. Member of the NAIA’s 50th & 75th Anniversary Teams.

Marques Haynes, Langston

With an initial $25-church scholarship Marques Haynes enrolled at Langston University. He was an athlete-student there from 1942-46. During that time the team went 112-3, including a 59-game winning streak. He also was named to the all-conference team and led his team in scoring. In 1946 his Langston team upset the Harlem Globetrotters. Haynes would gain international acclaim as a member of the Globetrotters and as an ambassador of the game. Considered to have been among the game’s greatest ball handlers, he was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2011. Observers claimed that Haynes was able to dribble a ball three times in a second and control the ball just an inch or two off the floor.
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Cleo Hill, Winston - Salem State

The 6-1 guard played for Coach Clarence Gaines at Winston-Salem State from 1957-61 and is the school's second all-time leading scorer behind Earl Monroe. Hill scored 2,488 points for a ppg average of 25.4 in a total of 98 games. He averaged 27.7 ppg in 1959-60 and 26.7 ppg in 1960-61 to help the Rams claim consecutive Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) championships. In doing so, Hill earned all-CIAA honors for both seasons. Winston-Salem State posted records of 19-5 and 26-5 in those two seasons. In recognition of his senior-year performance, Hill earned NAIA first-team all-American honors in 1961. A member of the Winston-Salem State/Clarence "Big House" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame, Hill also was inducted into the CIAA Hall of Fame in 1994. In 1961 Hill became only the fifth African-American from a historically black college/university to be taken in the first round of an NBA draft.

Danny Miles, Oregon Tech

Danny Miles was the coach at Oregon Tech for 45 years (1971-2016) and led the Hustlin' Owls to three NAIA Division II National Championships (2004, 2008 and 2012). Coach Miles led Oregon Tech to 1,040 wins during his career, and finished with a 1,040-437 record, for a 70.4% winning percentage. He had 10 seasons of 30 or more wins, and he was named NAIA National Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2008, and the NABC Coach of the Year in 2012. Coach Miles has been elected to the following Halls of Fame: Medford High School; City of Medford Sports Hall of Fame; State of Oregon Sports Hall of Fame; NAIA Hall of Fame; National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. He was awarded the NAIA's National Winner of the Champion of Character Award (for all sports) in 2009; he was given the John Wooden "Keys to Life" Award. In 2013, the NABC gave him the Guardians of the Game Pillar Award for Advocacy. Additionally, the court is named after Coach Miles at Oregon Tech, and in 2016, a street was named in his honor (Danny Miles Way).

Michael Harper, North Park

As the starting center, the 6-10 Harper led North Park to three consecutive NCAA Division III national championships in 1978, '79, and '80 and was named the national tournament's Most Outstanding Player in 1978 and 1979. He also was named the most outstanding player in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) in 1978, '79, and '80. An NCAA Division All-American in 1979 and 1980, Harper had a career CCIW Field goal percentage of 61%. North Park's overall won/lost record during the three years was 83-10 (43-5 in CCIW play) and included wins against several DI and DII teams. For his career, Harper scored 1,180 points (second highest all-time total in North Park history) and grabbed 1,184 rebounds (all-time school record). His single-game bests were 43 points vs. Chicago State in 1980 and 26 rebounds vs. St. Xavier, also in 1980.
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Larry Humes, Evansville


Vern Mikkelsen, Hamline

Played 1947-49... Won an NAIA national title with Hamline in 1949... Two-time NAIA All-Tournament Team Member... Scored 179 points in 11 NAIA tournament games, averaging 16.3 ppg... Two-time NAIA All American... Member of the NAIA 50th & 75th Anniversary Teams... Inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1956... Went on to play in the NBA. Inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995.

Mel Peterson, Wheaton

Wheaton (Ill.) (1956-60); Was a 3-time All-American ... As just a freshman, named Most Outstanding Player of the 1957 NCAA Men's College Division Basketball Tournament, leading the Crusaders to 28-1 record and the inaugural NCAA college division championship (89-65 victory over Kentucky Wesleyan) ... Averaged 22.7 points and 15.8 rebounds over his career, and still holds the Wheaton record for points per game, career points (2,522), field goals made (1,031), and career rebounds (1,767) ... Was an 11th-round draft pick of the Detroit Pistons in the 1960 NBA draft ... Joined the Army and thus was selected as the Army rep to the USA team that won 1963 Pan American Games gold medal (played with Willis Reed and Lucious Jackson)... Member of the Wheaton Hall of Fame.
Bo Ryan served as the Head Coach at Wisconsin-Platteville from 1984-1999, where his teams posted an overall record of 352-76 for an 82% winning percentage. He guided the Pioneers to four NCAA Division III National Championships, winning the title in 1991, 1995, 1998 and 1999. The ’95 and ’98 titlists posted 31-0 and 30-0 records, respectively, only the second and third time that has been accomplished in DIII history. He also won eight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships and set a Division III scoring defense record in 1997, with his team allowing only 47.5 points per game. During his tenure, UW-Platteville was the winningest NCAA men’s basketball program of the 1990’s (all divisions of the NCAA) with a 266-26 record, good for a remarkable 90.6% winning percentage. In his last 12 seasons at Platteville, his teams had a home record of 157-7. Ryan was named DIII National Coach of the Year four times and also earned WSU/CWAC Coach of the Year honors six times. He is a member of the UW-Platteville Athletic Hall of Fame, the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame and the Hall of Fame at Wilkes University (his alma mater). The court at UW-Platteville now bears his name.

Ed Smallwood, Evansville

Three-time United Press International All-American 1958, 1959, 1960; Won two NCAA College Division Championships 1959, 1960; Two-time NCAA Championship Most Outstanding Player 1958, 1960; Chosen to NCAA Elite Eight 50th Anniversary Team; Scored 1,898 career points for a 23.1 average; Grabbed 981 career rebounds for a 11.9 average.

John Smith, Winona State


Smith was an integral player for the Winona State men’s basketball team that won two national championships in 2006 and 2008 and a national champion runner-up in 2007. Smith helped lead Winona State to a NCAA Division II record 57-game win streak, and the Warriors had a remarkable 105-6 record during his final three seasons.

He recorded numerous accolades during his illustrious career. He was the 2008 National Player of the Year in the NABC, Division II Bulletin, and the Basketball Times as well as the 2007 National Player of the Year in the same publications as well as earning the Daktronics Division II National Player of the Year as well. He earned First Team All-American honors in 2007 and 2008 and both the Daktronics and the NABC Regional Player of the Year awards. Smith earned the NSIC Most Valuable Player awards in both 2007 and 2008 as well as made the NSIC First Team All-Conference in 2006, 2007, and 2008. Smith not only made his mark on the Winona State record books, but the Division II basketball record books as well. He is WSU’s record holder in points scored (2,263), field goals made (849), free throws made (541), free throws attempted (790), and games played (146). He is also Winona State’s second all-time leading rebounder (1,334) and shot blocker (420) as well hold WSU’s second best field goal percentage (.591). Smith’s 146 games played is the NCAA Division II record. He is eighth in NCAA Division II record book for career rebounds and second in career blocked shots.

In 2009, Smith led Winona State to a Division II National Championship win over Virginia Union 73-61. He received the NCAA Division II Tournament’s Most Outstanding Player award. In 2007, Smith led Winona State to a 35-1 record and a runner-up in the NCAA Division II National Championship game. In 2008, Smith again led Winona State to its third NCAA National Championship game in three years, this time winning the championship 67-76 over Augusta State. Smith scored 18 points and knocked down four three-pointers to help WSU secure the win after coming back from 12 down at halftime to win the game.