

2021 IHSAA STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

AWARDS SCRIPTS

Update: March 10, 2021

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 – CLASS 1A CHAMPIONSHIP

Halftime: IBCA AWARDS

Ladies and gentlemen, we now turn your attention to mid-court and the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association's annual Academic All-State Award presentations.

Handing out awards are officers from the IBCA.

The IBCA's 2021 Academic All-State selections are student-athletes who have been nominated and selected from across the state in all classes of boys' basketball. This team averages a GPA of 4.0, an ACT composite of 28.7, and more than almost 15 points per game.

Now, the selections:

Caiden Atienza, Maquoketa

Connor Becker, Maquoketa

Zayne Feller, Camanche

Bennett Haack, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn

Ira Hazeltine, Iowa City Liberty

Tanner Henningsen, Gilbert

Brennan Holder, South Central Calhoun

Eli Kading, ACGC

Lex Kassel, Emmetsburg

Amar Kuljuhovic, Waterloo West

Carson Michels, Marquette Catholic, Bellevue

Cade Pepper, MMCRU

Braden Powers, St. Ansgar

Luke Rankin, Dallas Center-Grimes

Matt Riedl, Dowling Catholic

Ryan Riggs, Dowling Catholic

Cade Rohwer, Alta-Aurelia

Ethan Rollinger, Vinton-Shellsburg

Payton Sandfort, Waukee

Trey Shearer, Montezuma

Sam Skaar, Roland-Story

Alex Thomas, Dallas Center-Grimes

Garrett Trapp, River Valley

Michael Vonnahme, Pocahontas Area

Congratulations once again to the IBCA's 2021 Academic All-State team!

And next up are the IBCA's 2020 Coaches' Win Club honorees. We have five different win marks hit this season, with 10 coaches on-hand tonight to celebrate their team accomplishments.

In the 300 win group...

Doug Newton from Exira-Elk Horn Kimballton...

Aaron Thomas of Aplington-Parkersburg, joined by his wife Ellie...

BJ Windhorst of Valley, West Des Moines, with his wife Missy and sons Drake, Thomas, and Ethan...

In the 400 win club this year...

Curtis Boothe of Central Decatur, here tonight with his wife Missy and children Raegan, Carter, Matthew, and Sam...

Joining the 500 win club this year...

Clive Clark of South Central Calhoun, here with his wife Julie and sons Matthew and Joe...

In the 600 win club this year...

Darrell Burmeister of Nodaway Valley, joined by assistant coach Dick Kohler...

Fred Lorensen of PCM, Monroe, joined by his son Todd...

And Marty McKowen from Wapsie Valley, joined tonight by his wife Marti.

Congratulations, coaches!

And finally tonight, the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association selects a dedicated contributor and supporter of Iowa high school basketball as its Don Logan Award winner each year.

This year's selection is Brian Wheatley!

A member of the IBCA board of directors since 2008, he has led clinics, academic all-state and all-star teams, and served as president in 2015. After starting as an assistant boys' coach under Mike Hilmer, Brian became girls' basketball head coach in 2004 and has recorded 300 wins, six state tournament trips, and the 2020 state championship.

Please help us congratulate the 2021 IBCA Don Logan award winner, **BRIAN WHEATLEY!**

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Halftime: Administrator Awards

Ladies and gentlemen, each year at the state basketball tournament, the Iowa High School Athletic Association takes time to honor dedicated school administrators who have excelled in serving their communities and students across the state throughout their careers.

Two award-winning educators are receiving the IHSAA's School Administrator Award today. They were to be honored at the 2020 tournament, but we are grateful they could join us this year!

1. Our first award winner is a native of Albia who spent more than 40 years in education before retiring in 2019.

A superintendent at Clarksville, Jefferson-Scranton, and most recently Decorah, he oversaw school and facilities renovations as well as academic overhauls at each stop. He served on several councils for former Governor Tom Vilsack, as well as the SAI Legislative Committee and two terms on the Iowa High School Speech Association's executive committee.

Joined by his wife Connie, daughter Becky and her family Steve, Adrie, and Emerson, please help us welcome Administrator Award winner **MIKE HALUSKA**.

2. Our next recipient was an athletic director at Cedar Rapids Regis, then the first activities director at Xavier, where he was from 1998 to 2006.

His department oversaw 30 title-winning sports teams and award-winning fine arts at Xavier, and he coached football as an assistant and head coach at Regis and Xavier for 20 years. He has taught at the University of Iowa's Sport and Recreation Management program since 2016.

Joined tonight by his wife Julie, please help us congratulate **MIKE WINKER**.

A thank you to today's Administrator Award winners for their service!

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FRIDAY, MARCH 12 – CLASS 3A CHAMPIONSHIP

Halftime: Officials Hall of Fame, Basketball Hall of Fame

Ladies and gentlemen, we would like to take this time to honor inductees to two of the Iowa High School Athletic Association's Halls of Fame.

First, we'll highlight the dedicated and devoted work done by game officials with their selection into the Officials Hall of Fame. These officials were supposed to be inducted at the 2020 state tournament, so we're thankful that they've joined us today.

1. Our first inductee was a student-athlete at West Marshall and Simpson College who began officiating in 1980.

An excellent three-sport official, he has worked baseball, basketball, and football at the varsity and collegiate levels, including 10 baseball championship games and four football championships for the IHSAA. He has officiated collegiately in all three of his sports as well.

Joined tonight by his family, please welcome into the Officials Hall of Fame, **JAY FLORA**.

2. Our next inductee is a proud native of Norway and won five state baseball championships with coach Jim Van Scoyoc's teams.

He became a registered official in 1986 and his 35 years as a baseball umpire have included 24 state tournaments and 13 state championship games.

He has also made seven state tournament appearances in boys' basketball and worked seven postseason games in football.

Joined tonight by his parents, Dan and Shona, and his officiating partners and mentors, please help us congratulate **JEFF FRESE**.

3. A native of Manning, our next inductee began officiating while still in college at Briar Cliff and has since been registered with the IHSAA for 40 years.

He has worked 16 postseason and five titles games in football and 17 more state tournaments in basketball while also excelling as an official for the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

Formerly a boys' and girls' basketball official of the year, he was named NFHS Section 4 Distinguished Active Official in 2015.

Joined tonight by his wife Kathy, son Tony, daughter-in-law Dana, and grandkids Jackson and Delaney, please help us welcome **ROYCE RANNIGER**.

4. A multi-sport standout in high school and college baseball player, our final inductee began officiating with intramurals while earning advanced degrees from the University of Iowa.

He has since been a registered official for over 40 years with the IHSAA and IGHSAU, working 19 postseasons in football, and 25 state tournaments in boys' basketball.

Accompanied by his wife Angie, children Amanda, Andrea, Blake, and Reid, and his mother JoAnn, please help us congratulate **KURT WALDERBACH**.

One more round of applause please for all of our Officials Hall of Fame inductees!

And next up, we have one honoree into the Basketball Hall of Fame. This outstanding former player was selected for the 2020 Basketball Hall of Fame class which has been rolled over into this year.

5. A two-year standout at Waterloo East, this inductee averaged nearly 20 points per game as a senior alongside Hall of Famer Mike Davis to lead the Trojans to the 1990 Class 3A championship.

An all-state and all-tournament team pick, he later served in the United States Navy and now works at John Deere.

Joined by his family, please welcome back to Des Moines and into the IHSAA Basketball Hall of Fame, **CORTEZ MCGHEE.**

Please join in congratulating this year's Basketball Hall of Fame and Officials Hall of Fame selections one more time!

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FRIDAY, MARCH 12 – CLASS 4A CHAMPIONSHIP

Halftime: *Basketball Hall of Fame*

Ladies and gentlemen, since 1969 the Iowa High School Athletic Association has honored outstanding players and coaches in Iowa varsity basketball history with induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

These coaches were supposed to be inducted at the 2020 state tournament, so we're thankful that they've joined us tonight.

Let's meet the coaches of the 2020, now 2021 Basketball Hall of Fame class...

1. Our first inductee spent his entire career as a coach and teacher at Ackley-Geneva, which later became AGWSR.

He was head coach from 1986 until 2018, winning 423 games, six NICL-West titles, and appearing in two state tournaments. The Cougars were runners-up in 2A in 2001 and finished third in 2005.

Joined by his family tonight, please welcome into the Hall of Fame, **RUSS BANZHAF**. *[BONZ-OFF]*

2. The next Hall of Fame coach was a teacher and coach at Ar-We-Va, Westside, serving as head coach for 39 years before retiring in 2016.

The Class 1A program won 527 games during his tenure, including 28 winning seasons, and 12 conference titles.

Joined tonight by his daughters Jadee and Lauren, please help us congratulate **TIM BELL**.

3. A player at Greene under Hall of Fame coach Jerry Eimers, our next Hall of Fame selection coached in more than 800 games and developed programs at Denver, Fort Madison, Burlington, and Davenport, West.

His 1984 team at Denver won the Class 1A championship and won conference titles at Fort Madison at Davenport, West. He retired in 2018 after 36 seasons as a head coach.

Joined tonight by his grandchildren, please help us honor **MARK BIGLER**.

4. The next Hall of Fame selection spent his first season as a head coach with six-on-six girls' basketball, then became a head boys' coach at Marquette, West Point and Beckman Catholic, Dyersville.

His teams recorded four state tournament appearances and he won 401 games as a head coach.

Joined tonight by coaches from Beckman Catholic, please help us congratulate **DAN CORREY**.

5. In 36 seasons as a head coach, our final Hall of Famer of the night won 498 games and appeared in five state tournaments.

A coach at Panora-Linden, North Polk, Des Moines Hoover, Waukee, and Johnston, his best finish came as 4A runner-up with Hoover in 1998, and twice finishing in third with Hoover and Johnston.

With his wife Bridget and children Jordan and Bowen, please help us welcome back **BOB SANDQUIST**.

Please join in congratulating this year's Hall of Fame selections one more time!

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11 – CLASS 4A SEMIFINAL

Halftime: *Character Counts Coach of the Year*

Ladies and gentlemen, we'd like to take this opportunity to recognize an annual service and coaching award recognizing outstanding coaches from IHSAA member school schools.

In recognition of being the embodiment of the Six Pillars of Character—the Robert D. & Billie Ray Center at Drake University and the Iowa Games proudly recognize this year's IHSAA Character Counts Coach of the Year – Larry Lyle from Keota!

Coach Lyle is a native of Keota and coached at every level from youth sports through high school programs, including long tenures as a baseball coach, head boys' track and field coach, and assistant basketball coach, with multiple state level appearances.

Recognized in Keota as an understanding, patient, and personable coach, he has long prioritized the entire student experience in activities and in the community.

Here to present the Character Counts Coach of the Year award is Scott Raecker, director of The Ray Center at Drake University. Congratulations, Coach Lyle!

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MEDIA UPDATE:

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

For All-Tournament Team ballots, please find

IHSAA communications director Chris Cuellar or

email ccuellar@iahsaa.org.

Top five selections based on their play in this tournament.

Provide name and order 1 through 5.

#1 is worth 6 points, #2 is worth 4 points, #3 is worth 3 points,

#4 is worth 2 points, #5 is worth 1 point.

Teams for each class will be announced following each of Friday's championships.