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COLLEGE BASKETBALL'S TOP SENIOR STUDENT ATHLETES NOMINATED FOR 2007 LOWE'S SENIOR CLASS AWARD

(Kansas City, MO) – The top 30 men's and women's candidates for the 2007 **Lowe's Senior CLASS Award** – the nation's premier tribute to college seniors – were announced today. The award is presented annually to an NCAA Division I male and female senior basketball player who excel both on and off the court.

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the award was launched during the 2001-02 season to honor the attributes of college basketball seniors who remain committed to their university and pursue the many rewards that a senior season can bring.

Sponsored by Lowe's, the award has already reached its sixth year. Finalists will be selected based on personal qualities that define a complete student athlete. These areas of excellence are identified under the categories of **classroom**, **character** and **community**, as well as the candidate's performance and team loyalty on the **court**.

The greater emphasis on the off-court achievements of the candidate reflects Lowe's commitment to helping young people build successful careers and encouraging students to use their skills to make an impact in life.

The Lowe's Senior CLASS Award will also be expanding in the 2006-07 school year to include additional NCAA men's and women's sports. Lowe's will announce the specific sports later this month.

"At Lowe's, we take pride in acknowledging hard work and outstanding accomplishments both on and off the court," said **Bob Gfeller**, Lowe's senior vice president of marketing and advertising. "That commitment extends beyond our employees and customers and into the communities we serve where these student-athletes become real-life mentors. We're thrilled to honor each candidate's contributions and look forward to recognizing the award recipients later this year."

This year's list of 30 male and female candidates for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for basketball includes representatives from 29 schools and 15 conferences for men, while the women encompass 27 schools and 13 conferences. On the men's side, the Atlantic Coast Conference landed seven players on the list including two candidates from Virginia Tech. On the women's side, the Southeastern Conference placed seven athletes on the list including a duo from Vanderbilt. The North Carolina and Duke women's programs also have double candidates.

From the list of 30 nominees for each gender, a national media committee will select 10 finalists for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award in February as the conference basketball season hits its peak.

Those ten names will be placed on the official ballot for a nationwide vote during the NCAA Tournament in March. Fan balloting will be coupled with votes from coaches and media to determine the male and female recipients. Winners will be announced during the men's and women's respective Final Four weekends.

The award was conceived by sportscaster **Dick Enberg**, who continues to serve as Honorary Chairman. It was inspired by the remarkable story of former Duke star **Shane Battier**, who could have been an NBA lottery pick but returned to college for his senior season and led the Blue Devils to the national championship in 2001.

Previous winners of the men's award include **Juan Dixon** of Maryland (2002), **David West** of Xavier (2003), **Jameer Nelson** of St. Joseph's (2004), **Wayne Simien** of Kansas (2005) and **J.J. Reddick** of Duke (2006).

Recipients of the women's award include **Sue Bird** of Connecticut (2002), **LaToya Thomas** of Mississippi State (2003), **Alana Beard** of Duke (2004), **Kendra Wecker** of Kansas State (2005) and **Seimone Augustus** of LSU (2006).

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ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

Thirty candidates for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award are selected for both men's and women's basketball each year. Candidates must be an NCAA Division I senior and must have exhausted all years of their collegiate athletic eligibility. The complete list of 2006-07 candidates is attached.

ABOUT LOWE'S

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Lowes Senior CLASS Award 2006-2007 Women's Nominees

Name	Height	Class	Pos.	School	Conference
Alison Bales	6'7"	Sr.	C	Duke	ACC
Amanda Brown	6'4"	Sr.	F/C	Penn State	Big Ten
Cori Chambers	5'9"	Sr.	G	Georgia	SEC
Jazz Covington	6'2"	Sr.	C	Louisville	Big East
Jessica Davenport	6'0"	Sr.	G	Ohio State	Big Ten
Dee Davis	6'5"	Sr.	C	Vanderbilt	SEC
Jessica Dickson	5'11"	Sr.	F	South Florida	Big East
Shay Doron	5'9"	Sr.	G	Maryland	ACC
Katie Gearlds	6'1"	Sr.	G/F	Purdue	Big Ten
Lindsey Harding	5'8"	Sr.	G	Duke	ACC
Kiera Hardy	5'6"	Sr.	G	Nebraska	Big 12
Cameo Hicks	5'10"	Sr.	G	Washington	Pac 10
Kate Hobbs	6'2"	Sr.	F/C	United States Naval Academy	Patriot
Tiffany Jackson	6'3"	Sr.	F	Texas	Big 12
Melanie Johnson	6'1"	Sr.	F	South Carolina	SEC
Tara King	6'0"	Sr.	F	Northern Iowa	Missouri Valley
Ivory Latta	5'6"	Sr.	G	North Carolina	ACC
Camille Little	6'2"	Sr.	F	North Carolina	ACC
Ali Mann	6'1"	Sr.	F	Bowling Green	MAC
Lyndsey Medders	5'9"	Sr.	G	Iowa State	Big 12
Katie Montgomery	5'11"	Sr.	G	New Mexico	Mountain West
Carrie Moore	5'9"	Sr.	G	Western Michigan	Mid-American
Navonda Moore	5'10"	Sr.	G/F	Alabama	SEC
Lizanne Murphy	6'1"	Sr.	F	Hofstra	Colonial
Shay Murphy	5'11"	Sr.	G	Southern California	Pac 10
Sarah Pfeifer	6'0"	Sr.	F	Arkansas	SEC
Armintie Price	5'9"	Sr.	G	Mississippi	SEC
Noelle Quinn	6'0"	Sr.	G	UCLA	Pac 10
Jillian Robbins	6'1"	Sr.	F	Tulsa	Conference USA
Carla Thomas	6'3"	Sr.	F/C	Vanderbilt	SEC

Lowes Senior CLASS Award 2006-2007 Men's Nominees

Name	Height	Class	Pos	School	Conference
De'Angelo Alexander	6'5"	Sr.	G	Charlotte	Atlantic 10
Morris Almond	6'6"	Sr.	G	Rice	Conference USA
Mario Boggan	6'7"	Sr.	F/C	Oklahoma State	Big 12
Coleman Collins	6'9"	Sr.	F	Virginia Tech	ACC
Jermareo Davidson	6'10"	Sr.	F	Alabama	SEC
Zabian Dowdell	6'3"	Sr.	G	Virginia Tech	ACC
Jared Dudley	6'7"	Sr.	F	Boston College	ACC
Nick Fazekas	6'11"	Sr.	F	Nevada	WAC
Rashaun Freeman	6'9"	Sr.	F/C	Massachusetts	Atlantic 10
Aaron Gray	7'0"	Sr.	F/C	Pittsburgh	Big East
Caleb Green	6'8"	Sr.	F	Oral Roberts	Mid-Continent
Adam Haluska	6'5"	Sr.	G	Iowa	Big Ten
Brandon Heath	6'4"	Sr.	G	San Diego State	Mountain West
Jarrius Jackson	6'1"	Sr.	G	Texas Tech	Big 12
Carl Landry	6'7"	Sr.	F	Purdue	Big Ten
Acie Law	6'3"	Sr.	G	Texas A&M	Big 12
Sammy Mejia	6'6"	Sr.	G	DePaul	Big East
Derek Raivio	6'3"	Sr.	G	Gonzaga	West Coast
JR Reynolds	6'3"	Sr.	G	Virginia	ACC
Blake Schilb	6'7"	Sr.	G	Loyola, Chicago	Horizon
Mustafa Shakur	6'3"	Sr.	G	Arizona	Pac 10
Loren Stokes	6'3"	Sr.	G	Hofstra	Colonial
Curtis Sumpter	6'7"	Sr.	F	Villanova	Big East
Kammron Taylor	6'2"	Sr.	G	Wisconsin	Big Ten
Reyshawn Terry	6'8"	Sr.	F	North Carolina	ACC
Al Thornton	6'8"	Sr.	F	Florida State	ACC
Anthony Tolliver	6'9"	Sr.	C	Creighton	Missouri Valley
Alando Tucker	6'6"	Sr.	F	Wisconsin	Big Ten
Ayinde Ubaka	6'4"	Sr.	G	California	Pac 10
Kyle Visser	6'11"	Sr.	C	Wake Forest	ACC