

**The Nation's Premier Award for  
NCAA Senior Student Athletes**



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**BASKETBALL FINALISTS SELECTED FOR 2006-07 LOWE'S SENIOR CLASS AWARD;  
NATIONWIDE BALLOTING DURING NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
IN MARCH WILL DETERMINE WINNER**

(Kansas City, MO) – Ten male and ten female finalists for the 2006-07 **Lowe's Senior CLASS Award** were announced today and those names will appear on the official ballot for the nation's premier tribute to college seniors.

Finalists were selected from a list of 30 candidates based on personal qualities that define a complete student athlete. While the on-court performance thus far during the college basketball season was a factor in determining the finalists, the off-court areas of focus for the award include classroom, character and community.

The male finalists are: **Jared Dudley** of Boston College, **Nick Fazekas** of Nevada, **Aaron Gray** of Pittsburgh, **Adam Haluska** of Iowa, **Jarrius Jackson** of Texas Tech, **Acie Law IV** of Texas A&M, **J.R. Reynolds** of Virginia, **Curtis Sumpter** of Villanova, **Anthony Tolliver** of Creighton and **Alando Tucker** of Wisconsin.

The female finalists are: **Alison Bales** of Duke, **Amanda Brown** of Penn State, **Jessica Davenport** of Ohio State, **Dee Davis** of Vanderbilt, **Shay Doron** of Maryland, **Katie Gearlds** of Purdue, **Lindsey Harding** of Duke, **Kate Hobbs** of the United States Naval Academy, **Ivory Latta** of North Carolina and **Shay Murphy** of Southern California.

These finalists will be placed on the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award ballot for a nationwide vote during the NCAA Tournament in March. Fan balloting will be coupled with votes from coaches, media and sponsors to determine the male and female recipients. Winners will be announced during the men's and women's respective Final Four weekends.

"These finalists are outstanding student athletes who have worked hard to achieve great things both on and off the court," said **Bob Gfeller**, Lowe's senior vice president of marketing and advertising. "Lowe's is proud of its affiliation with the NCAA and college athletics, and we are pleased to help honor these young individuals who have displayed a commitment to total-life excellence."

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the award was launched during the 2001-02 season in response to the trend of college basketball players leaving college early to turn professional. Lowe's has extended the award in 2007 to include four other NCAA sports: baseball, softball, men's hockey and men's lacrosse. Those winners will be decided in separate balloting.

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, led the Blue Devils to the national championship in 2001 and earned his college degree.

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 AWARD**

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the Lowe's Senior CLASS 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.

#### **ABOUT LOWE'S**

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## **2006-07 Men's Finalists**

Jared Dudley	6'7"	F	Boston College	ACC
Nick Fazekas	6'11"	F	Nevada	WAC
Aaron Gray	7'0"	F/C	Pittsburgh	Big East
Adam Haluska	6'5"	G	Iowa	Big Ten
Jarrius Jackson	6'1"	G	Texas Tech	Big 12
Acie Law IV	6'3"	G	Texas A&M	Big 12
J.R. Reynolds	6'3"	G	Virginia	ACC
Curtis Sumpter	6'7"	F	Villanova	Big East
Anthony Tolliver	6'9"	C	Creighton	Missouri Valley
Alando Tucker	6'6"	F	Wisconsin	Big Ten

## **2006-07 Women's Finalists**

Alison Bales	6'7"	C	Duke	ACC
Amanda Brown	6'4"	F/C	Penn State	Big Ten
Jessica Davenport	6'0"	G	Ohio State	Big Ten
Dee Davis	6'5"	C	Vanderbilt	SEC
Shay Doron	5'9"	G	Maryland	ACC
Katie Gearlds	6'1"	G/F	Purdue	Big Ten
Lindsey Harding	5'8"	G	Duke	ACC
Kate Hobbs	6'2"	F/C	U.S. Naval Academy	Patriot
Ivory Latta	5'6"	G	North Carolina	ACC
Shay Murphy	5'11"	G	Southern California	Pac 10