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Men's and women's basketball finalists announced for the 2016 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (February 18, 2016) – Twenty NCAA® men's and women's basketball student-athletes who excel both on and off the court were selected as finalists today for the 2015-16 Senior CLASS Award® in collegiate basketball. To be eligible for the award, student-athletes must be classified as NCAA Division I seniors and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of finalists follows this release.

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their athletic platforms to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

The finalists were chosen by national media from the list of 30 men's candidates and 30 women's candidates announced in January. Nationwide fan voting begins immediately to help select the winner, and fans are encouraged to submit votes online at the Senior CLASS Award website through March 21. Fan votes will be combined with those of the media and Division I head coaches to determine the winners. The Senior CLASS Award recipients will be announced during the 2016 NCAA Men's Final Four® and NCAA Women's Final Four®.

For more information on each of the finalists, visit seniorCLASSaward.com.

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Men's Basketball Finalists

Ryan Arcidiacono, Villanova
Malcolm Brogdon, Virginia
Perry Ellis, Kansas
Buddy Hield, Oklahoma
Georges Niang, Iowa State
Marcus Paige, North Carolina
Justin Sears, Yale
Denzel Valentine, Michigan State
Fred VanVleet, Wichita State
Kyle Wiltjer, Gonzaga

Women's Basketball Finalists

Jillian Alleyne, Oregon
Adut Bulgak, Florida State
Aundrea Gamble, Arkansas State
Ruth Hamblin, Oregon State
Bria Holmes, West Virginia
Moriah Jefferson, Connecticut
Jonquel Jones, George Washington
Kelsey Minato, Army West Point
Tiffany Mitchell, South Carolina
Breanna Stewart, Connecticut

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ABOUT THE AWARD

An acronym for C*elebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition. The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards a senior season can bring. Kansas City-based Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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