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Men's and Women's Basketball Candidates Announced for the 2018-19 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (November 30, 2018) – Sixty NCAA® men's and women's basketball student-athletes who excel both on and off the court were selected as candidates today for the 2018-19 Senior CLASS Award® in collegiate basketball. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of candidates 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 platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

Among the 60 candidates, all are in excellent academic standing with 13 having grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher. Twenty-five athletes are returning to the court this season after receiving All-America honors, and 54 of the candidates earned all-conference honors for their performances a year ago. Each of the candidates also volunteers his or her time with charitable organizations and causes while upholding a reputation for positive character on campus and in the community.

The men's and women's candidates will be narrowed to two fields of 10 finalists in February, and those names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one male candidate and one female candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four C's of community, classroom, character and competition.

The Senior CLASS Award winners will be announced during the 2019 NCAA Men's Final Four® and NCAA Women's Final Four® this spring. For more information on each of the candidates, visit seniorCLASSaward.com.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL CANDIDATES:

Zach Braxton	Weber State	Juwan Morgan	Indiana
Devontae Cacok	UNC Wilmington	Matt Morgan	Cornell
Isaac Copeland	Nebraska	Trey Moses	Ball State
Clayton Custer	Loyola Chicago	Zane Najdawi	The Citadel
Mike Daum	South Dakota State	Michael Nzei	Seton Hall
Jon Elmore	Marshall	Josh Perkins	Gonzaga
Frankie Ferrari	San Francisco	Trey Phills	Yale
Jaire Grayer	George Mason	Paul Rowley	William & Mary
Ethan Happ	Wisconsin	Tyler Seibring	Elon
Aric Holman	Mississippi State	TJ Shorts II	UC Davis
Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye	Bradley	Chris Silva	South Carolina
Kimbal Mackenzie	Bucknell	Lance Tejada	Lehigh
Terance Mann	Florida State	Reid Travis	Kentucky
Luke Maye	North Carolina	Dylan Windler	Belmont
Drew McDonald	Northern Kentucky	Justin Wright-Foreman	Hofstra

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CANDIDATES:

Kristine Anigwe	Cal Berkeley	Megan Huff	Utah
Allison Arens	South Dakota	Paris Kea	North Carolina
Sammie Bachrodt	Drake	Jessica Kovatch	Saint Francis
Cassidy Barrios	Nicholls State	Deanna Kuzmanic	UAB
Allazia Blockton	Marquette	Kitija Laksa	South Florida
Bianca Boggs	William & Mary	Kennedy Leonard	Colorado
Kalani Brown	Baylor	Teaira McCowan	Mississippi State
KeKe Calloway	Mercer	Macy Miller	South Dakota State
Bridget Carleton	Iowa State	Teniyah Page	Penn State
Napheesa Collier	Connecticut	Katie Powell	UNLV
Sophie Cunningham	Missouri	Tori Schickel	Butler
Asia Durr	Louisville	Alanna Smith	Stanford
Mart'e Grays	DePaul	Hallie Thome	Michigan
Megan Gustafson	Iowa	Brianna Turner	Notre Dame
Presley Hudson	Central Michigan	Courtney Woods	Northern Illinois

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ABOUT THE AWARD

An acronym for *Celebrating 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. Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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