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

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (February 6, 2019) – 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 2018-19 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 earlier in the season. Nationwide fan voting begins immediately to help select the winner, and fans are encouraged to submit votes online at the <u>Senior CLASS Award website</u> through March 25. 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 2019 NCAA Men's Final Four[®] and NCAA Women's Final Four[®].

For more information on each of the finalists, visit <u>seniorCLASSaward.com</u>.

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Men's Basketball Finalists

Clayton Custer, Loyola-Chicago Mike Daum, South Dakota State Jon Elmore, Marshall Ethan Happ, Wisconsin Luke Maye, North Carolina Drew McDonald, Northern Kentucky Josh Perkins, Gonzaga Reid Travis, Kentucky Dylan Windler, Belmont Justin Wright-Foreman, Hofstra

Women's Basketball Finalists

Kristine Anigwe, Cal Berkeley Allazia Blockton, Marquette Kalani Brown, Baylor Bridget Carleton, Iowa State Asia Durr, Louisville

Megan Gustafson, Iowa Jessica Kovatch, Saint Francis Teaira McCowan, Mississippi State Alanna Smith, Stanford Brianna Turner, Notre Dame

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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. Kansas Citybased Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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