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Men's and Women's Basketball Candidates Announced for the 2019-20 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (January 17, 2020) – 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 2019-20 Senior CLASS Award[®]. 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 23 having grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher. Twelve athletes are returning to the court this season after receiving All-America honors, and 46 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 2020 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:

Udoka Azubuike	University of Kansas	Maik Kotsar	University of South Carolina
Keith Braxton	Saint Francis University	Skylar Mays	LSU
Desure Buie	Hofstra University	Anfernee McLemore	Auburn University
Yoeli Childs	BYU	Sam Merrill	Utah State
Jordan Cohen	Lehigh	Emmanuel Nzekwesi	Oral Roberts University
Kameron Edwards	Pepperdine	Myles Powell	Seton Hall University
James Foye	Dartmouth College	Trevon Scott	University of Cincinnati
Harald Frey	Montana State University	Nate Sestina	University of Kentucky
Byron Frohnen	UTSA	Ethan Stair	Mercer
Tommy Funk	Army West Point	Lamar Stevens	Penn State
TJ Haws	BYU	Jake Toolson	BYU
Markus Howard	Marquette University	Breein Tyree	Ole Miss
Michael Jacobson	Iowa State University	DJ Vasiljevic	Miami
Justin Kier	George Mason University	Charles Williams	Howard University
Nathan Knight	William & Mary	Cassius Winston	Michigan State University

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CANDIDATES:

Laura Bagwell-Katalinich	Cornell University	Hannah Hedstrom	Lehigh University
Chelsea Brackmann	Bradley	Taylor Herd	Quinnipiac University
Camryn Buhr	Lehigh University	Sabrina Ionescu	Oregon
Kelly Campbell	DePaul	Stella Johnson	Rider University
Kaila Charles	University of Maryland	Stephanie Karcz	Loyola University Maryland
Rachael Childress	UAB	Ayana Mitchell	LSU
Lauren Cox	Baylor	Beatrice Mompremier	University of Miami
Crystal Dangerfield	UConn	Erica Ogwumike	Rice
Ciara Duffy	University of South Dakota	Mikayla Pivec	Oregon State
Nneka Ezeigbo	Robert Morris University	Shadeen Samuels	Seton Hall University
Alana Gilmer	Marist College	Jayla Scaife	Dayton
Bailey Greenberg	Drexel University	Chante Stonewall	DePaul
Rebekah Hand	Marist College	Sug Sutton	University of Texas
Ellie Harmeyer	Belmont	Peyton Williams	Kansas State
Ruthy Hebard	Oregon	Brenna Wise	Indiana University

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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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