

COLLEGIATE HONORS

Glenn VanWieren, Hope College

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan has selected its annual College Coaches of the Year.

2006-2007 COLLEGE COACHES OF THE YEAR

* DAVE HAMMER *

MENS' COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR * AQUINAS COLLEGE

This year's honored men's basketball coach is **Dave Hammer** of Aquinas College. **Coach Hammer** has done an incredible job over the past four years with 82 wins and a couple of first time school records.

Eighty-two wins is the most wins in school history over this period with a 2006-2007 conference record of 11-3 and 22-12 overall.

Dave received the Coach of the Year Award in 2005-2006 from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The last two years, he has had a conference record of 23-5 and in 2005-2006 won the conference for the first time in Aquinas College history.

In 2005-2006 they qualified for the national tournament, another first for Aquinas.

Dave is the first coach at Aquinas to win 20-plus games for 3 consecutive years.

* JOHN ROSS *

WOMENS' COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR * CALVIN COLLEGE

John Ross of Calvin College is this year's honored women's basketball coach.

Coach Ross has just finished his fourth year as head coach of the women's basketball team.

This 2006-2007 season was a landmark for **Coach Ross** as he led Calvin to a 28-3 overall record.

He also led Calvin to its second MIAA regular season title in the last 4 years.

During this season, the Knights achieved a national ranking as high as number 2 in both the D3hoops.com and USA Today.

In addition to his coaching duties, **John Ross** is teaching core activity classes in Calvin's Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance and Sports Departments.

* CLINT STOUT *

MENS' JR COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR * KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This year's honored Junior College coach is mens' basketball coach, **Clint Stout** of Kellogg Community College.

Coach Stout completes his fifth season as Kellogg Community College's head coach.

He has led Kellogg Community College to an overall record of 25-7 and 13-1 in the MCCA Western Conference.

Kellogg Community College was ranked 15 in the final NJCAA Division II poll. KCC was also the District 8 Runner-Up.

Coach Stout had two first team All-Conference players and was also the Great North Christmas Tournament Champion.

* RON WELCH *

WOMENS' JR COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR * KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ron Welch of Kalamazoo Valley Community College is this year's honored women's basketball coach. **Coach Welch** is in his twelfth year at KVCC.

This season's overall record was 24-5, ranked 14th in the poll.

He led the Lady Cougars to a conference co-champ with the record of 11-3.

He was named MCCA Western Conference Coach of the Year for the fifth time.

Over the last eight years, **Coach Welch** helped the Lady Cougars advance to the NJCAA Region XII Finals, but was shy of a victory by two points.

KVCC has been Conference Champs five of the past seven years.