

# COLLEGIATE HONORS

Glenn VanWieren, Hope College

## 2004-2005 COLLEGE COACHES OF THE YEAR

### \* MIKE TURNER \*

MENS' COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR \* ALBION COLLEGE

**Mike Turner** has been coaching at Albion College for 35 years (31 of those as the head coach) with an overall win-loss record of 478-302. This season he coached his team to the MIAA Championship. He has also won three non-league tournaments and was ranked in the NCAA Division III top ten each of the last ten weeks of the season. **Mike Turner** was selected for the NCAA Division III tournament and advanced to the Elite Eight. Furthermore, he was selected as the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional Coach of the Year. He coached his 2004-2005 team to an overall record of 26-4 which is a school record for Albion. Albion also earned an MIAA record of 12-2.

### \* JOANNE McCALLIE \*

WOMENS' COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR \* MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**Joanne McCallie** was named the Associated Press Coach of the Year after leading her Spartan team to its greatest season ever. The Spartans finished 33-4 and reached the program's first NCAA National Championship game by rallying from 16 points down to defeat Tennessee in the Final Four. **McCallie** also coached her team to a share of the Big Ten regular season title and the team's first-ever Big Ten Tournament Title. She also led her team to a season-high ranking of #2 in the nation, beating 13 nationally-ranked team's and had a school record 17-game winning streak.

### \* DOUGLAS SCHAFFER \*

MENS' JR COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR \* LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE

**Douglas Schaffer** has been coaching at Lake Michigan College for seven years. He earned the NJCAA Region XII, District 8 Coach of the year in 2004-05; NJCAA National Seventh Place finish in 2004-05; and NJCAA Region XII, District 8 Champions in 2004-2005.

**Schaffer** was the head coach for the NJCAA All-Star Game in 2000 and 2004.

**Coach Schaffer** coached his team to a break-through season.

Lake Michigan College earned the most wins in school history by posting a 27-7 record and finished seventh in the nation. They also won the NJCAA Region XII, District 8 Championship.

After finishing the regular season with a 21-5 record and a second place finish in the MCCA West Division, Lake Michigan College saved their best basketball for the post-season. Lake Michigan College's tournament run included three consecutive games versus nationally ranked Mott (ranked #2), defending national champion, Cuyahoga and nationally ranked Cecil (ranked #3).

During that stretch, Lake Michigan College won two out of three games by defeating Mott and Cecil to validate their presence as a national contender.

### \* KAREN LAFATA \*

WOMENS' JR COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR \* SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

**Karen Lafata** has been coaching basketball for 33 years. She coached 24 years at the high school level and 9 years at Macomb Community College and Schoolcraft College. She has earned three MCCA Eastern Conference titles, one at Macomb Community College and two at Schoolcraft College. Coach Lafata led her team to the MCCA State Championship twice in 2002 and 2005. She has two NJCAA Region XII District H Championships, one at Macomb in 1998 and one at Schoolcraft in 2001.

**Karen** was awarded Coach of the Year in the Eastern Conference in 1998, 2001 and 2002; MCCA State Coach of the Year in 2002 & 2005; and Region XII & District H Coach of the Year in 1998 & 2001.

Her college record at Macomb Community College was 36-25, and at Schoolcraft is 153-56. Her total college record is 189-81 with a .7000 winning percentage. She also has a record of 107-29 in the MCCA Eastern Conference. This season, **Coach Lafata** has led her team to a 24-7 record and set a school record for field goal percentage and steals in a season. **Coach Lafata's** team won the Schoolcraft Invitational, the Kalamazoo Valley Holiday Classic, and was the MCCA State Champions.

In the final NJCAA national poll, her team was ranked seventh.