



2022 BCAM College Coaches of the Year

Greg Mitchell – Hope College – Men’s College Coach of the Year

This past season Coach Greg Mitchell led Hope College to both the MIAA regular season and conference tournament titles. This was the Dutchmen’s first outright MIAA title since 2017, and the fourth conference title during Coach Mitchell’s 8 year reign as head coach. Hope College made their 28th NCAA Tournament appearance and first since the 2018 season. They finished the season with a 22-7 overall record, Coach Mitchell’s third 20-win season at his alma mater. In winning the school’s 14th MIAA Tournament trophy, the Dutchmen went 12-2 in conference play and were a perfect 3-0 versus their rival Calvin University this past season.

Hassan Nizam – Macomb C.C. – Men’s Junior College Coach of the Year

In his very first year as the head coach of Macomb Community College, Coach Hassan Nizam led his team to a historical season. The Monarchs won the MCCA Championship while also capturing the program’s 2nd straight outright MCCA Eastern Conference title (4th overall). MCC ended their season at 25-5 after a hard-fought loss to Henry Ford CC in the Great Lakes District B Championship. It was the first time since the 83-84 season that Macomb CC men’s basketball team stands alone atop the MCCA Conference as outright champions! The conference title is the 4th overall in Monarch history and only the 2nd outright championship.

Kim Barnes Arico – University of Michigan – Women’s College Coach of the Year

Kim Barnes Arico has taken Michigan women’s basketball to new heights. She finished her 10th season leading the Maize and Blue to 25 wins and the first NCAA Elite Eight appearance in program history. Barnes Arico is the winningest coach in program history with 218 wins, the only coach to ever eclipse 200 victories. She holds a 134-32 (.807) record at Crisler Center after the first ever undefeated mark (16-0) in 2021-22. Kim is a two-time Big Ten Coach of the Year (2017, 2022) and was a semi-finalist for the 2022 Werner Ladder Coach of the Year honor. While at U-M she has coached 20 players to postseason conference honors.

Heather Brown – Jackson College – Women’s Jr. College Coach of the Year

After taking a one year pause in competition during the 20-21 season due to covid, Heather Brown led her team to the top of the MCCA by sharing the Western Conference title for the 2021-22 season. This marks Coach Brown’s 6th season as the head coach at Jackson College. The Jets concluded the year with a 19-7 overall record and clinched a berth in the NJCAA Great Lakes District A tournament. Under Brown’s guidance the women’s team had several players receive postseason honors including freshman Zaria Bridgewater to the All-Region, All-MCCA, Western Conference 1st team and the All-Freshman teams.

College Coaches of the Year must be BCAM members and are selected by the BCAM College COY Committee. Coaches may only win this award once every three years.