



## 2023 BCAM College Coaches of the Year

### **Bill Sall – Calvin University – Men’s College Coach of the Year**

This past season, Bill Sall led his Calvin University Knights to a second straight year of 22 wins, the most again since 2015. The fourth-year head coach won the MIAA regular season championship with an impressive 13-1 league record. The impressive 2022-2023 season came to an end in the championship game of the MIAA tournament, but the future looks extremely bright as freshman Jalen Overway was named the MIAA Player of the Year for his efforts all season. Coach Sall’s turnaround at Calvin has been impressive, as he has led his Calvin team to the NCAA tournament and into the sweet sixteen just a year ago. Matching last year’s impressive 22 win mark puts Coach Sall’s record at Calvin at an impressive 67-33. The former Calvin Knight standout, and MIAA Co-Player of the year has amassed nearly 300 wins in his 21 years as a college head coach.

### **Matt Johnson – Bay College – Men’s Junior College Coach of the Year**

What a great year for Matt Johnson and his Bay College Norsemen! The 8<sup>th</sup> year head coach led his team to an undefeated conference season in the always tough Michigan Community College Northern division. The 14-0 record was the first undefeated conference season for Bay College. This was the first outright championship for the Norsemen. Bay College’s season came to an end with a hard fought loss against Flint Mott, concluding the season with an impressive 26-6 record. Matt Johnson, who also serves as the athletic director at the upper peninsula school, has a long history of success in the state of Minnesota, where he has amassed nearly 100 wins in 7 seasons in the land of 10,000 lakes. Matt has seen almost 15 former players move on to 4 year schools during his time as head coach, and has upset the #2 and #5 teams in the country during his career.

### **John Williams IV – Spring Arbor University – Women’s College Coach of the Year**

First-year Spring Arbor head coach John Williams IV led an impressive turnout for the women’s basketball program. The team concluded the 2022-23 season with the best season record since 2003-04, with 19 wins and 10 losses (9-9 in the Crossroads League) compared to a 4-23 record the year prior. Coach Williams’ team ranked in the Top 20 nationally for NAIA in four (4) different categories (free throws made per game, defensive rebounds per game, total rebounds per game, rebounding margin per game). Four of his players were recognized with post-season all-conference awards. In the classroom, the Cougars had six (6) NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Coach Williams was honored by Spring Arbor University with the Teaching Excellence Award.

### **Lance Maney – Mid-Michigan College – Women’s Junior College Coach of the Year**

The Mid-Michigan College Lakers had a historic season under first year head coach Lance Maney. Coach Maney guided his team to a 28-6 overall record and 13-1 in Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) conference play. The Lakers’ historic season included an MCCAA Northern Conference title, an MCCAA State Championship, and a District Championship accompanied by a bid to the 2023 NJCAA National Tournament. The conference and state championships were firsts for the program’s history. In addition, the 28 wins tied the program record for wins in a single season. Several of Coach Maney’s student-athletes were honored with post season recognition with seven (7) Lakers earning 2022-23 MCCAA awards, while sophomore guard Bailey Vissman earned a spot on the 2023 NJCAA Region XII Division II All-Tournament team.

*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.*