

2024 BCAM College Coaches of the Year

Sue Syljebeck - Siena Heights University - Women's College Coach of the Year

The Siena Heights University women's basketball team concluded a strong 2023-24 season under veteran coach Sue Syljebeck finishing with a 27-4 overall record. They advanced to the NAIA Tournament for the seventh time in program history. All seven bids have come since 2013 under Sue Syljebeck. The Saints also had six players earning distinct recognition by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes this season for their academic excellence. The Wolverine-Hoosier Conference post season awards were high within Coach Syljebeck's program as six different awards were garnered by players: First Team (1), Second Team (2), All-Defensive Team (2), and All-Freshman Team (1). Coach Syljebeck is this year's 2024 BCAM Women's College Coach of the Year.

Jay Jenkins - Southwestern Michigan College - Women's Junior College Coach of the Year

Southwestern Michigan College had an amazing 2023-24 campaign with a record of 27-5 under the direction of SMC first-year head coach Jay Jenkins. The Roadrunners won the MCAA Western Conference, the Great Lakes District B Championship, and earned a trip to the 2024 NJCAA Division II National Championship in Joplin, Missouri. The Green and Gold fiercely defended their home court by going 15-1, losing only one home game by a single point. For his efforts, Coach Jenkins was named the 2024 Great Lakes District B Coach of the Year. The SMC Women's Basketball Team was well represented in the MCCA post season honors as the Roadrunners collected nine awards. In addition, sophomore guard Cameron Thomas was named to the NJCAA All-American team. Coach Jay Jenkins has clearly earned the title of this year's 2024 Women's Junior College Coach of the Year.

Tony Barbee - Central Michigan University - Men's College Coach of the Year

Coach Barbee just completed his third season at the helm of Central Michigan's basketball team, and the progress is undeniable. Each year the Chippewas have improved their win totals, culminating in 18 wins this season. Competing in the extremely competitive Mid American Conference, Coach Barbee's team this season amassed an impressive 12 conference wins, placing them 4th overall in the conference. This year's success found the former Auburn and UTEP head coach as a finalist for the National BEN JOBE Coach of the Year award, and has earned this year's 2024 BCAM College Coach of the Year.

Jim Horn - Kalamazoo Valley Community College - Men's Junior College Coach of the Year

Ever since coming out of COVID, Coach Jim Horn and the Kalamazoo Valley Cougars have been on a tear, culminating with an undefeated regular season and winning the West Division of the Michigan Junior College Athletic Association this season. For the past three years, Coach Horn's Cougars have been near the top of the standings, posting a 10-2 conference record last year, along with 23 total wins. This year, the Cougs took it another step and went undefeated in conference play, and won an impressive 24 games overall. The former Portage Northern basketball coach has been at the helm for KVCC since 2015 and has won well over 100 games during this time. He is the 2 time NJCAA Western Conference Coach of the Year, and this year's recipient of the 2024 BCAM Junior College Coach of the Year.