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### **2024 Trevor Hudgins Award Top 25 Watch List Released**

Kansas City, MO – Small College Basketball and the National Awards Committee are excited to announce the inaugural Trevor Hudgins Top 25 Watch List for the 2023-24 season. The Trevor Hudgins Award will be presented annually to the senior who has had the finest overall four-year (or 5-year) career within Small College Basketball. John McCarthy had this to say about the inaugural Top 25 list:

"It's such a thrill to announce the Inaugural Trevor Hudgins Award Watch List of 25 Players," mentioned McCarthy. "Each of the players on this prestigious list are highly deserving, and are finalizing remarkable careers at the small college level. This is a highly unique and special group of players that have meant a great deal to their respective programs and communities. I am very grateful to our National Awards Committee for their insights on so many players throughout the country."

The award is named in honor of Northwest Missouri State's Trevor Hudgins, who had a historic career with the Bearcats. He led the Bearcats to three consecutive NCAA Division II National Championships. During his career, Hudgins started in every game and never missed one. He also never lost an NCAA Tournament game, leading the Bearcats to a remarkable 17-0 record in the NCAA Division II National Tournament. Hudgins was named the NCAA Division II Player of the Year in back-to-back seasons in 2021 and 2022. He holds both the NWMSU scoring and assists records and finished his career with 2,829 points, which ranks first all time in the 110 year history of the MIAA.

Considerations for the Trevor Hudgins Award are overall career statistics and achievements, team achievements, awards, and personal character. The player must have played his entire career at the small college level. This is the highest award given to a four-year (or five-year) player within Small College Basketball. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the list will be reduced to 15 players. The video of the finalists will be released on Friday April 5, and the award winner will be announced through a video presentation on Monday April 8, at halftime of the NCAA Division I National Championship Game.

The overall intent of the Trevor Hudgins Award is two-fold: 1) To keep the collegiate legacy of Trevor Hudgins alive and continue to tell his story to the next generation, and 2) To provide a national platform to honor outstanding players – and ultimately one player – within small college basketball on an annual basis. The Trevor Hudgins Award is sponsored by Northwest Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State Alumni Association, the Scribner Family Foundation Fund, Windmill Benefits and the Kansas State Credit Union.

The Small College Basketball National Awards Committee consists of the following coaches: Gary Stewart – Stevenson (Md.), Chris Briggs - Georgetown (Ky.), Bill Dreikosen - Rocky Mountain (Mont.), Mark Berokoff – Oklahoma City, Mike Donnelly – Florida Southern, Sam Hargraves – Olivet (Mich.), Richard Westerlund – Northwestern (OH), Chase Tiechmann – Florida College, Aaron Siebenthal – Ottawa (Kan.), Mark Vanderslice – USC – Aiken, Matt O'Brien – Southwestern (KS), Chris Wright – Langston (OK), Ben Thompson – Emory & Henry, Justin Leslie – Midwestern State, Raul Placeres – Maryville College (TN), Chris Martin – Loras (IA), John Lamanna – Whitman (WA), Brian Miller – MSOE, Justin Downer – Point Loma Nazarene.

For more information on the Trevor Hudgins Award or Small College Basketball, please head to [smallcollegebasketball.com](http://smallcollegebasketball.com).

## 2023-24 Trevor Hudgins Award Watch List

Josh Angle	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps
Drew Blair	MN-Duluth
Anthony Brown	MidAmerica Nazarene
DJ Campbell	Stockton
Jack Clement	Otterbein
Vinny DeAngelo	Swarthmore
Tyler Dearman	Guilford
Wes Dreamer	NW MO State
Jesse Hafemeister	Catholic
Jake Hilmer	Upper Iowa
Jahn Hines	Christopher Newport
Jeff Hunter	Keene State
Zach Laput	Bentley
KJ Jones	Emmanuel (GA)
Josiah Johnson	Mary Hardin-Baylor
Ryan Jolly	Piedmont
Elijah Malone	Grace
Jayvon Maughmer	Cedarville
Anthony Mazzeo	Case Western Reserve
Christian Parker	Mount Union
Ethan Porterfield	IUP
Tyler Schmidt	Olivet Nazarene
Jeremiah Sparks	Oswego State
Zach Toussaint	West Texas A&M
Malik Willingham	Minnesota State