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2026 SCB Hall of Fame Classic Teams and Matchups Announced

Fort Myers, FL – Small College Basketball is extremely excited to announce the teams and matchups for the 2026 Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Classic. The 2026 Hall of Fame Classic brings together some of the best programs from across the country. This year's event will once again take place in Lakeland, FL and inside the Jenkins Fieldhouse on the campus of Florida Southern College. The tournament tips off on Saturday November 7th and concludes on Sunday November 8th. Small College Basketball is proud to partner with Visit Central Florida Sports, Florida Southern College, and the D2 Conference Commissioners Association. John McCarthy had this to say about the 2026 Hall of Fame Classic:

"This field is loaded! Division II basketball fans rejoice!," stated McCarthy. "Basketball fans from throughout the country will really enjoy watching some of the finest teams in all of NCAA Division II compete in the most prestigious in-season event in NCAA Division II basketball. We are tremendously grateful to Visit Central Florida Sports, Florida Southern College, and the D2 Conference Commissioners Association for their continued support of Small College Basketball and the Hall of Fame Classic."

2026 marks the fifth straight year that the event will feature 10 teams. The Hall of Fame Classic started in 2016 in Evansville, IN. The HOF Classic would then move to St. Joseph, MO, before heading to Lakeland, FL in 2022. During the COVID year of 2020 the event did not take place.

The Hall of Fame Classic continues to stand as one of the premier early-season showcases in NCAA Division II men's basketball, annually bringing together top programs from across the country for a high level competitive stage. The 2026 edition will once again feature a full slate of action, with five games tipping off on Saturday and another five contests set for Sunday. The complete list of participating teams and matchups can be found below. For additional details on the Hall of Fame Classic and all things Small College Basketball, visit smallcollegebasketball.com.

Saturday, November 7, 2026

11:00 Central Missouri vs. Gannon
1:15 Oklahoma Baptist vs. Cal State East Bay
3:30 Lander vs. Black Hills State
5:45 Florida Southern vs. West Liberty
8:00 Washburn vs. Point Loma Nazarene

Sunday, November 8, 2026

11:00 Oklahoma Baptist vs. Lander
1:15 Cal State East Bay vs. Central Missouri
3:30 Gannon vs. Point Loma Nazarene
5:45 Florida Southern vs. Black Hills State
8:00 Washburn vs. West Liberty