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**2025 Bevo Francis Top 50 Watch List Announced**

Kansas City, MO – The National Awards Committee and Small College Basketball are excited to unveil the Bevo Francis Top 50 Watch List for the 2024-25 season. Following the announcement of the Top 100 Watch List on January 15th, 2025, the committee faced the tough challenge of narrowing the field to the Top 50. This year’s list showcases some of the top talent from NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, NAIA, USCAA, and NCCAA. John McCarthy shared his thoughts on the impressive group of players making the cut this year:

“Congratulations to the 50 players on this prestigious Bevo Francis Award Watch List,” stated McCarthy. “This is an elite list of players that are in the midst of fantastic seasons, on teams that are having great success. Our committee has provided tremendous insight, and I am so grateful to them. It's such an incredibly challenging process to select 50 players from roughly 16,000-18,000 players that compete at the various small college levels, yet this is what makes this such an elite group of players. Again, congratulations to each and every player on this list. It was earned.”

The Clarence “Bevo” Francis Award is presented annually to the player who has had the finest overall season within Small College Basketball. Considerations will be season statistics and individual achievements, awards, personal character and team achievements. This is an incredibly prestigious award, as this award will only be given to one player within Small College Basketball per season.

2025 marks the eighth year of the Bevo Francis Award. Past winners include Dominez Burnett of Davenport University in 2016, Justin Pitts of Northwest Missouri State University in 2017, Emanuel Terry of Lincoln Memorial University in 2018, Aston Francis of Wheaton College in 2019, Kyle Mangas of Indiana Wesleyan University in 2020 and Trevor Hudgins of Northwest Missouri State University in 2022. In 2023, RJ Sunahara of Nova Southeastern was named the winner, while in 2024 Elijah Malone of Grace College received the honor. The award was not presented during the 2021 season.

On March 15th, the list will be reduced to the Top 25 players. Then on April 5th, the finalists of this year’s award will be announced, followed by the Bevo Francis Award winner being crowned on April 7th.

The Bevo Francis 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 – Great Lakes Christian, Chase Tiechmann – Florida College, Aaron Siebenthall – 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.

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**2024-25 Bevo Francis Award** **Watch List**

Tray Alexander 5’10” Sr. Pace

Jack Bachelor 6’2” So. Washburn

Braxton Benham 6’1” Sr. Berry

Benjamin Bill 6’10” So. Daemen

Jadin Booth 6’2” Sr. Florida Southern

Adam Brazil 5’10” Sr. Hampden-Sydney

Octavio Brito 6’4” Sr. Keene State

Ryker Cisarik 6’9” Sr. Nova Southeastern

Tae Dozier 6’5” Jr. Georgetown

Wes Enis 6’2” So. Lincoln Memorial

Elyjah Freeman 6’8” Fr. Lincoln Memorial

Demitri Gardner 6’4” Jr. Augusta

Hobert Grayson 6’6” Jr. Ouachita Baptist

Dallas Graziani 5’8” Jr. Nova Southeastern

Jacob Hanna 6’3” Sr. Washburn

Chaze Harris 6’6” Jr. Life

Justin Hemphill 6’6” Sr. Daemen

Jahn Hines 6’4” Sr. Christopher Newport

Tristan How 6’7” Sr. New York University

MJ Iraldi 6’6” Sr. Nova Southeastern

Cameron Kahn 6’6” Sr. Dallas Baptist

Reed Kemp 6’0” Sr. Maryville (TN)

Antwan Kimmons 6’0” Sr. Concordia-St. Paul

Jair Knight 6’2” Jr. Emory

Peyton Law 6’7” Jr. Freed-Hardeman

Jaden Lietzke 6’7” Sr. Oklahoma Wesleyan

Lucas Lorenzen 6’4” Jr. Dordt

Kaleb Lowery 6’8” Sr. The Masters

E.J. Matthews-Spratley 6’2” Jr. Stockton

Jalen McCoy 6’5” Sr. USC-Aiken

Erza McKenna 6’9” Sr. Mobile

Latavious Mitchell 6’8” Sr. Florida Memorial

Samaje Morgan 5’9” Jr. College of Idaho

Tommy Murr 6’1” Sr. Alabama-Huntsville

Kashie Natt 6’3” Sr. LSU Alexandria

Collin Parker 6’8” Sr. Columbia (MO)

Ben Pearce 6’1” Jr. Emory

Logan Pearson 6’4” Sr. Wisconsin-Platteville

Shane Regan 6’4” Sr. Wesleyan

Nick Reid 6’7” Sr. Upper Iowa

Ian Scott 6’7” Sr. Grace

Brayden Shorter 6’5” So. Washburn

Joey Skoff 6’3” Sr. Morningside

Aamari Smith 6’3” Sr. Whittier

Tristan Smith 6’5” Sr. Concordia (NE)

Alex Steen 6’8” Jr. Florida Southern

Marcus Tomashek 6’6” Jr. Michigan Tech

Caleb Van De Griend 6’8” Jr. Minot State

Joshua Van Gorp 6’10” Sr. Central (IA)

Alex Van Kalsbeek 6’6” Jr. Northwestern (IA)