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**2025 Bevo Francis Top 25 Watch List Announced**

Kansas City, MO – Small College Basketball and the National Awards Committee is thrilled to announce the Bevo Francis Top 25 Watch List for the 2024-25 season. Starting from the Top 100, down to the Top 50, the committee continues to face tough decisions in narrowing down the candidates to the Top 25. Once again this year, the list includes some of the top talent from NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, NAIA, USCAA, and the NCCAA. John McCarthy had this to say about the Top 25 list:

"Congratulations to the 25 players on this highly prestigious Bevo Francis Award Watch List,” stated McCarthy. “This is a very elite group of players that have all led their teams to their respective national tournaments and 20+ wins (thus far) this season.. I am very grateful for the tremendous insight from our National Awards Committee."

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 April 5th, the finalists of the Bevo Francis Award will be announced. Then on April 7th, the winner of this year’s award will be revealed.

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.

To stay up to date on all things Small College Basketball or to learn more about the Bevo Francis Award, please head to smallcollegebasketball.com.

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

Tray Alexander 5’10” Sr. Pace

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

Wes Enis 6’2” So. Lincoln Memorial

Dallas Graziani 5’8” Jr. Nova Southeastern

Jacob Hanna 6’3” Sr. Washburn

Chaze Harris 6’6” Jr. Life

Jahn Hines 6’4” Sr. Christopher Newport

Tristan How 6’7” Sr. New York University

MJ Iraldi 6’6” Sr. Nova Southeastern

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

Jair Knight 6’2” Jr. Emory

Peyton Law 6’7” Jr. Freed-Hardeman

Kaleb Lowery 6’8” Sr. The Masters

Tommy Murr 6’1” Sr. Alabama-Huntsville

Kashie Natt 6’3” Sr. LSU Alexandria

Logan Pearson 6’4” Sr. Wisconsin-Platteville

Shane Regan 6’4” Sr. Wesleyan

Ian Scott 6’7” Sr. Grace

Tristan Smith 6’5” Sr. Concordia (NE)

Marcus Tomashek 6’6” Jr. Michigan Tech

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