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**2025 Trevor Hudgins Award Top 15 Watch List Released**

Kansas City, MO – Small College Basketball and the Nationals Awards Committee are thrilled to unveil the Trevor Hudgins Top 15 Watch List for the 2024-25 season. This prestigious award, presented annually, recognizes the top senior who has demonstrated excellence over a four-year (or five-year) career within Small College Basketball. John McCarthy had this to say about the Top 15 list:

"Congratulations to all 15 players on the Trevor Hudgins Award Watch List,” mentioned McCarthy. “This is a very elite list of players that have spent their whole careers at the small college levels, and have had tremendous individual and team success. To be listed among only 15 players within college basketball at the small college levels throughout the country is highly prestigious."

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.

The 2025 season marks the second time that the Trevor Hudgins Award will be awarded. In 2024 KJ Jones of Emannuel College was named the inaugural winner. Next up the video of the finalists will be released on Saturday April 5th. The award winner will be announced through a video presentation on Monday April 7th, at halftime of the NCAA Division I National Championship Game.

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. 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, the Scribner Family Foundation, and Marjie Durkes.

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, 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.

**2024-25 Trevor Hudgins Award Watch List**

Tray Alexander 5’10” Pace

Adam Brazil 5’10” Hampden-Sydney

Octavio Brito 6’4” Keene State

Ryker Cisarik 6’9” Nova Southeastern

Jahn Hines 6’4” Christopher Newport

M.J. Iraldi 6’6” Nova Southeastern

Deonte Jackson 5’9” LeTourneau

Jaden Lietzke 6’7” OK Wesleyan

Kaleb Lowery 6’8” The Master’s

Christian Parker 6’6” Mount Union

Logan Pearson 6’4” Wisconsin-Platteville

Ian Scott 6’7” Grace

Joey Skoff 6’3” Morningside

Tristan Smith 6’5” Concordia (NE)

Kyreese Willingham 6’5” MN State