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**NABC PRESENTS MAJOR AWARDS FOR 2016 ON SUNDAY
AT AT&T NABC GUARDIANS OF THE GAME AWARDS SHOW**

HOUSTON, Texas (APRIL 3, 2016) – The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) presented its major awards for the 2015-16 men’s basketball season Sunday night at the annual AT&T NABC Guardians of the Game Awards Show. The event was held at the Cullen Theater at Wortham Center in Houston during the annual NABC Convention held in conjunction with the 2016 NCAA[®] Men’s Final Four[®].

Here is a summary of awards presented by the NABC for the 2015-16 season:

2016 UPS NABC Division I Coach of the Year – Bill, Self, University of Kansas

2016 UPS NABC Division II Coach of the Year – Tom Billeter, Augustana University

2016 UPS NABC Division III Coach of the Year – John Tauer, University of St. Thomas (MN)

2016 UPS NABC NAIA Division I Coach of the Year – Dave Holmquist, Biola University*

2016 UPS NABC NAIA Division II Coach of the Year – Greg Tonagel, Indiana Wesleyan University*

2016 NABC Division I Player of the Year – Denzel Valentine, Michigan State University

2016 NABC Division I Defensive Player of the Year – Malcolm Brogdon, University of Virginia

2016 NABC Pete Newell Big Man of the Year – Jakob Poeltl, University of Utah

2016 NABC Division II Player of the Year – Daniel Jansen, Augustana University

2016 NABC Division III Player of the Year – Joey Flannery, Babson College

2016 NABC NAIA Division I Player of the Year – DeOndre McWhorter, Georgetown College (KY)*

2016 NABC NAIA Division II Player of the Year – Dominez Burnett, Davenport University (MI)*

2016 NABC Metropolitan Award -- Reggie Minton, NABC Deputy Director

2016 Coaches vs. Cancer Award – Frank Martin, University of South Carolina*

2016 NABC Guardians of the Game Award for Advocacy – Charlie Brock, Springfield College
Presented by Marriott Rewards

2016 NABC Guardians of the Game Award for Education – Oliver “Doc” Eslinger, California Institute
Presented by Champion of Technology

2016 NABC Guardians of the Game Award for Leadership – Ben Braun, Rice University;
Presented by Connor Sports University of California; Eastern Michigan University

2016 NABC Guardians of the Game Award for Service – Gregg and Peggy Nibert, Presbyterian College
Presented by Dove Men+Care

2016 NABC Cliff Wells Appreciation Award – Gary Heise, Premier Sports Management

2016 Hillyard Golden Anniversary Award – Billy Tubbs, Lamar University; University of Oklahoma, TCU*

2016 Newton S. Hillyard Award (to outgoing NABC President) – Ron Hunter, Georgia State University

2016 Under Armour 30-under-30 Team

J.A. Anglin, UL-Monroe; Trey Brown, High Point;
Adam Cohen, Vanderbilt; Freddy Coleman, North Dakota State;
Doug Davenport, Eastern Kentucky; Frank Davis, Tenn. Tech;
B.J. Dunne, Vassar; Sam Ferry, Monmouth;
Chester Frazier, Kansas State; Janson Hightower, Southwestern;
Bryan Hodgson, Buffalo; Will Holland, Saint Francis-PA;
John Impelman, Pepperdine; Joe Krabbenhoft, South Dakota State;
Garrett Lever, Weber State; Donny Lind, Mount Saint Mary's;
Brandon Linton, U.S. Military Academy; Brett MacConnell, Princeton;
Brian McDonald, Northeastern; Joe Mihalich Jr., Pennsylvania;
Jordan Mincy, Florida; Greg Paulus, Ohio State;
Danny Peters, Ball State; Will Reigel, Davidson;
Jon Scheyer, Duke; Ryan Sims, Fort Wayne;
Preston Spradlin, Morehead State; Ben Swank, Green Bay;
Brigham Waginger, Western Carolina; Jack Wooten, Elon

*awards were not presented at the AT&T NABC Guardians of the Game Awards Show

About the National Association of Basketball Coaches

Located in Kansas City, MO, the NABC was founded in 1927 by Forrest "Phog" Allen, the legendary basketball coach at the University of Kansas. Allen, a student of James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, organized coaches into this collective group to serve as Guardians of the Game. The NABC currently claims nearly 5,000 members consisting primarily of university and college men's basketball coaches. All members of the NABC are expected to uphold the core values of being a Guardian of the Game by bringing attention to the positive aspects of the sport of basketball and the role coaches play in the academic and athletic lives of today's student-athletes. The four core values of being a Guardian of the Game are advocacy, leadership, service and education. Additional information about the NABC, its programs and membership, can be found at www.nabc.org.

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