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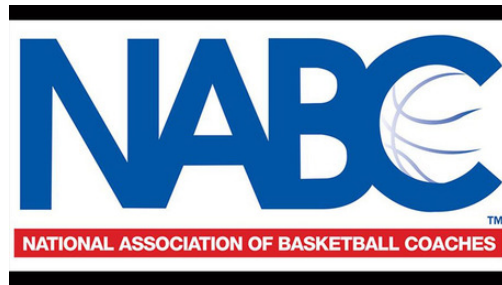
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2019 NJCAA All-Star Game

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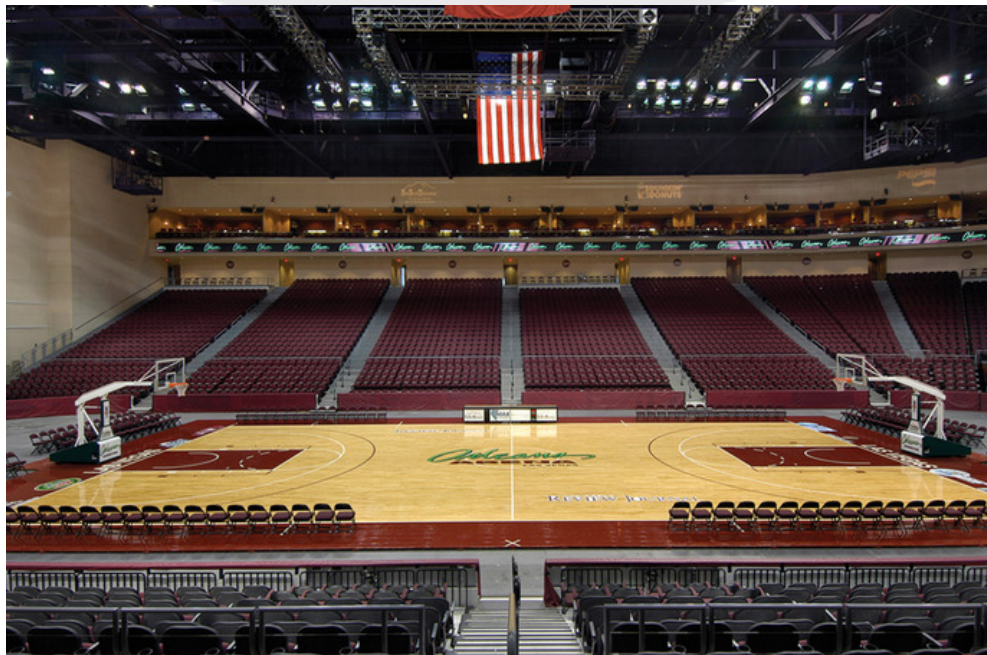
**THE ORLEANS ARENA
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
MAY 18TH, 2019**



DIVISION I ALL-STARS VS. DIVISION II / DIVISION III ALL-STARS

CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE:

**NJCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-STAR GAME
NOMINATION FORM**



WELCOME LETTER FROM COACH DEPEW

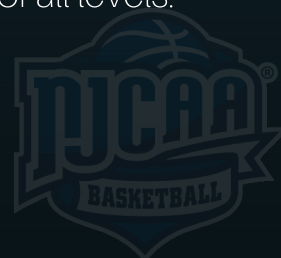
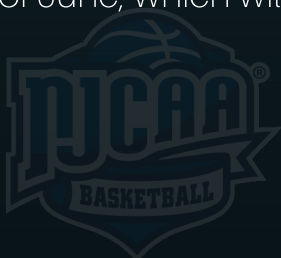


CHRIS DEPEW,
PRESIDENT

Welcome to another edition of the official newsletter of the NJCAA National Men's Basketball Coaches Association. I am honored and privileged to continue to have the opportunity to represent the dedicated and hard-working coaches of the NJCAA. The Executive Board of the Coaches Association works tirelessly each day to provide a voice for all of our members, from every level, on how we proceed within NJCAA Basketball and will continue to strive to find ways for all of us to professionally develop and give back to the game that we love. There has been incredible work done by the Association since our last newsletter.

As a long-time board member within this amazing organization, I am extremely proud of the work that has been done to this point; the NJCAA National All-Star Game in Las Vegas, the NJCAA Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, and most notably recently, a seat at the table of the NABC Board of Director's, just to name a few. The Board and I have worked hard to take the organization to new heights with new initiatives.

This has been a very interesting and busy start to the school year. The NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association Executive Board has had numerous meetings with the NCAA and the NJCAA Executive Board in regard to the historic changes within college basketball. With the landscape of collegiate basketball changing as much as it has in the last six (6) months, we are committed to providing you and your student-athletes the best opportunities to participate, evaluate, and be recruited in the future. We are in the final stages of approving historic legislation that could provide you and your student-athletes an opportunity to practice and participate in individual and team events in the last two weekends of June, which will be live periods for the NCAA coaches of all levels.



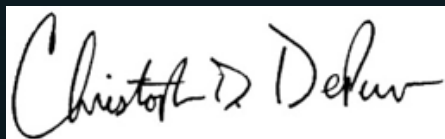
WELCOME LETTER CONTINUED.....

My work over the years as the Dean of Student Development Services (2014-present), Director of Athletics (2001-present), and Coach (1998-2011) at Sullivan County Community College in New York the past 21 years, in conjunction with my elected position as the NJCAA Region XV Men's Director (9 years), NJCAA DIII Men's Basketball Committee Chairman (5 years) and Executive Director and host of the NJCAA DIII National Men's Basketball Championship Tournament (8 years), along with my work as a long standing member of this organization and its Board of Director's, has given me a unique perspective from all sides that has assisted in moving our Association forward during my tenure.

As my tenure as the Coaches Association President comes to an end in the summer of 2019, I believe I will have left the Association in a better place and advanced our mission serving our student/athletes. We have put them in a better position to succeed and look forward to our incoming President, Todd Franklin (Vincennes) and his Board to ensure that NJCAA Basketball continues to grow at all levels of competition. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work closely with Todd, and with many of the most successful coaches in the game at all levels, and am thankful to have had the opportunity to lead this amazing group of people. I would be remiss if I did not thank Coaches Association Executive Director, Thom McDonald and his staff for their incredible and tireless work on behalf on our organization. They are a vital part of everything we are and everything we do.

I truly believe the NJCAA gives our players incredible opportunities. As the immediate Past-President, it will always be my mission to continue to provide those opportunities at all levels of competition, as well as to motivate all of our coaches across the country to join our movement forward. I would like to wish all of you the very best of luck this upcoming season, a very Happy Holiday season, and look forward to seeing and/or meeting all of you in Hutch, Danville or Rochester in March!

Yours in Basketball,



Christopher D. DePew, President
NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association (2017-2019)
Sullivan County Community College



2019 Nike Championship Basketball Clinics

ALL CLINICS "ON THE COURT" WITH PLAYERS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

APRIL 12-14, 2019

STORRS, CONNECTICUT

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

APRIL 26-28, 2019

BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

THE BEAU RIVAGE RESORT AND CASINO

MAY 3-5, 2019

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

"THE LARGEST CLINIC IN THE WORLD"

THE ORLEANS HOTEL & CASINO

THE ORLEANS ARENA

MAY 17-19, 2019

MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

MYRTLE BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2019

Q&A w/Coach Steve Demeo

HEAD COACH - NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE



STEVE DEMEO

2015 NJCAA DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPION

2015 SPALDING NJCAA DIVISION I COACH OF THE YEAR

2017 AUERBACH COACH OF THE YEAR

2017 NJCAA DIVISION I FINAL FOUR

2016/2018 NJCAA DIVISION I ELITE EIGHT

2018 'BASKETBALL TIMES' #1 JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH

Q: HOW DID YOU GET YOUR START IN COACHING BASKETBALL?

A: I STARTED OUT AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO WORKING ON WALL ST. EVEN THOUGH I LOVED IT, I KNEW THAT IT WAS NOT MY CALLING. LUCKILY JERRY POWELL THE HEAD COACH AT QUEENSBOROUGH CC ALLOWED ME TO JOIN HIS STAFF. IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE THAT GOT ME HOOKED! HE GAVE ME A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY AS A YOUNG COACH THAT SET ME UP FOR MY FUTURE IN THIS BUSINESS.

Q: WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL?

A: FIRST OFF, YOU PROVIDE YOUNG MEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET AN EDUCATION AND BETTER THEMSELVES AS PEOPLE. THE SUCCESS STORIES WE HAD QCC AND THEN WHILE I WAS THE HEAD COACH AT BRONX CC AND MONROE ARE WHAT REALLY KEEPS ME DOING THIS JOB. ADDITIONALLY, YOU WEAR EVERY POSSIBLE HAT YOU CAN THINK OF... ACADEMIC, MARKETING, FUNDRAISING, PR, TRAINER OF OUR YOUNG STAFF...AND THEN YOU HAVE TO BE ORGANIZED ENOUGH TO COACH AND TEACH AT LEAST 10 NEW PLAYERS PER SEASON.



Q&A w/Coach Steve Demeo

Q: YOU HAVE DIVISION I NCAA EXPERIENCE, HOW HAS THAT HELPED YOU IN THE NJCAA RANKS, AND HOW WOULD YOU COMPARE THE TWO LEVELS?

A: MY DIVISION I EXPERIENCE HAS HELPED IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY. I BELIEVE THE RELATIONSHIPS I HAVE CULTIVATED OVER THE YEARS HAVE ESPECIALLY IMPACTED RECRUITING.

THE GAME IS THE SAME, AND RECRUITING IS THE SAME. AS A JUNIOR COLLEGE HEAD COACH, YOU ARE MORE INVOLVED IN EVERY ASPECT OF YOUR PROGRAM ON A DAILY BASIS. THE NCAA DI HEAD COACHES DELEGATE AND HAVE A BIGGER STAFF AND SUPPORT STAFF. AT THIS LEVEL YOU AND YOUR STAFF HANDLE STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING, WE OVERSEE ACADEMICS, AS WELL AS HANDLE AND SET UP COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, ETC.



Q: WHAT DID WINNING THE 2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DO FOR YOUR PROGRAM AND WHAT DID IT TAKE TO GET THERE?

A: IT BROUGHT MORE ATTENTION AND VALIDATED WHAT WE STAND FOR. OBVIOUSLY TO WIN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP THINGS HAVE TO FALL RIGHT, BUT WE WERE FORTUNATE EVERY PLAYER STAYED HEALTHY, STAYED CONNECTED AND CONTINUALLY IMPROVED THROUGHOUT THE SEASON! ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS IS OUR THIRD STRING POINT GUARD ONLY PLAYED ONE MINUTE IN THE OVERTIME OF THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, BUT HE WAS READY TO PLAY. HE MADE 2 FTS AND GOT A DEFENSIVE STOP TO HELP US SEAL THE WIN.

Q: YOU FINISHED 31-3 LAST YEAR AND REACHED THE ELITE EIGHT, WHAT KIND OF AN IMPACT WILL LAST SEASON'S FINISH HAVE ON YOUR UPCOMING YEAR?

A: THE EXPERIENCE OF OUR 2 RETURNERS WILL HELP SOME., BUT EVERY SEASON IN JUNIOR COLLEGE IS SO DIFFERENT BECAUSE OF THE HUGE TURNOVER OF PLAYERS. COACHING AT THE JUNIOR COLLEGE LEVEL IS JUST LIKE COACHING A G- LEAGUE TEAM. BASICALLY EVERY SEASON YOU START OVER, AND IT IS A CONTINUAL PROCESS OF FIGURING OUT WHAT STYLE OF PLAY IS BEST FOR THAT GROUP.

Q&A w/Coach Steve Demeo

Q: YOU ARE RANKED #1 IN THE PRESEASON NJCAA DIVISION 1 POLL, WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS UPCOMING SEASON?

A: THE KEY FOR EVERY SEASON IS TO IMPROVE EVERY DAY. IF YOU DO THAT YOU WILL PUT YOUR TEAM IN POSITION TO HAVE A GREAT SEASON. WE ONLY REALLY TALK ABOUT HAVING A GREAT PRACTICE, A GREAT LIFT, OR A GREAT FILM SESSION DURING THE SEASON. BUT WITH THAT BEING SAID OUR GUYS COME HERE KNOWING ANOTHER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, ANOTHER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, AND HOPEFULLY A FIFTH CONSECUTIVE PANHANDLE CHAMPIONSHIP ARE THE EXPECTATIONS.



Q: HOW DO YOU SEE THE FUTURE OF NJCAA BASKETBALL UNFOLDING, AND WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE NEW NCAA RECRUITING PERIODS?

A: I LIKE THE DIRECTION NJCAA BASKETBALL IS TAKING ESPECIALLY UNDER THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF DR. CHRISTOPHER PARKER. I AM EXCITED TO SEE WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS. HAVING OUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ON NATIONAL TV WILL DO WONDERS FOR OUR GAME AND SHOW HOW EXCITING JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL REALLY IS! I AM A FAN OF SUMMER RECRUITING. IT ALLOWS COACHES TO SEE A LOT OF PLAYERS IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THAT IS COST-EFFECTIVE, AND IT ALLOWS PLAYERS TO BE SEEN BY A LOT OF COLLEGES. IN EVERY BUSHEL /INDUSTRY THERE ARE A FEW BAD APPLES BUT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO THROW THEM ALL OUT. I REALLY VALUE THE HIGH SCHOOL COACH AND SEASON AS A BIG PART OF THE EVALUATION PROCESS BUT SUMMER BALL NEEDS TO STAY.

Q: WHAT IS THE NUMBER ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO YOUNG JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACHES?

A: THERE IS NOT A BETTER PLACE TO GET YOUR START BECAUSE OF THE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE YOU GET EVERY DAY. YOU CAN BE ON THE FLOOR COACHING, YOU CAN GO ON THE ROAD TO RECRUIT, YOU WILL PREPARE SCOUTING REPORTS AND YOU WILL BE INVOLVED IN ALMOST EVERY POSSIBLE ASPECT OF RUNNING A PROGRAM.

NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame

TO NOMINATE A PLAYER, COACH OR
CONTRIBUTOR FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

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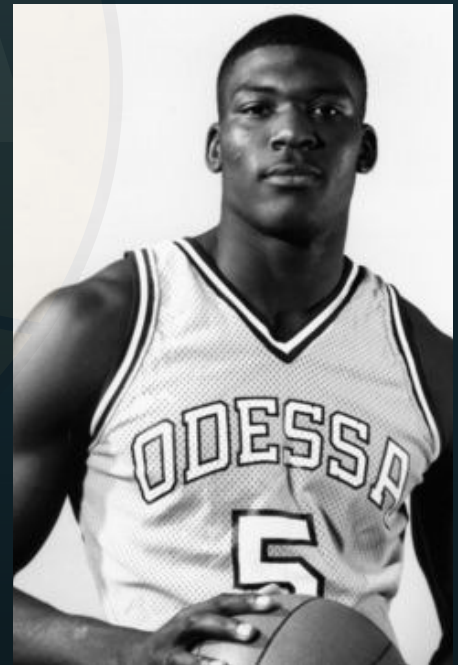
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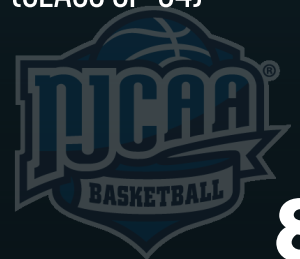
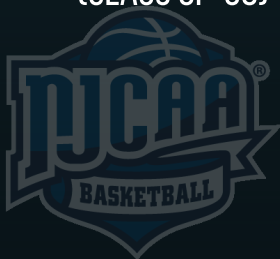
COACH STEVE GREEN
SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE
(CLASS OF '15)



COACH JOE O'BRIEN
SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(CLASS OF '08)



LARRY JOHNSON
ODESSA COLLEGE
(CLASS OF '94)





NJCAA/NCAA Rules Update

DR. CHRIS PARKER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NJCAA

WITH THE RECENT CHANGES TO THE NCAA SUMMER RECRUITING RULES, THE NJCAA ALONG WITH THE NJCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN WORKING HARD ON LEGISLATION TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE PRESENTED THEMSELVES. WE ASKED DR. CHRIS PARKER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NJCAA WHAT IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE ON NJCAA BASKETBALL.

1. WHAT ARE THE POSITIVES FROM THE NEW RULES UPDATES IN NJCAA/NCAA RECRUITING RELATIONS? / WHAT WILL THE BENEFITS BE TO THE STUDENT-ATHLETE?

“THIS WILL CREATE NEW EXPOSURE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE STUDENT-ATHLETES TO BE SEEN BY FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES WHEN ITS TIME FOR THEM TO TRANSFER.” “OUR HOPE IS IT WILL ALSO RESULT IN LARGER SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETE IS RECEIVING AS WELL.”

2. WHAT IS THE NJCAA DOING TO ADJUST TO THE NEW RULES? / WHAT IS THE NJCAA DOING TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY?

“WE HAVE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF FOLKS PUT TOGETHER THAT INCLUDES ALL OF OUR BASKETBALL DIVISION COMMITTEE LEADERS WHO ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE SURE THESE OPPORTUNITIES CAN BECOME A REALITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. “OUR OFFICE IS ASSISTING IN THIS PROCESS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL GUIDELINES ARE ADHERED TO IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES, COLLEGES, AND THE ASSOCIATION.”

Current NJCAA Polls

(AS OF 12/5/2018)

DIVISION I POLL

1. NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE (FL)
2. SOUTH PLAINS (TX)
3. VINCENNES (IN)
4. COFFEYVILLE (KS)
5. FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN STATE (FL)
6. TRINITY VALLEY (TX)
7. HUTCHINSON (KS)
8. ODESSA (TX)
9. BARTON (KS)
10. SALT LAKE (UT)
11. RANGER (TX)
12. TALLAHASSEE (FL)
13. JOHN A. LOGAN (IL)
14. SOUTHERN IDAHO (ID)
15. CASPER (WY)
16. WESTERN NEBRASKA (NE)
17. INDIAN HILLS (IA)
18. CHIPOLA FL (10-0)
19. PEARL RIVER (MS)
20. SNOW UT (9-0)
21. SHELTON STATE (AL)
22. ARIZONA WESTERN (AZ)
23. DAYTONA STATE (FL)
24. SHERIDAN (WY)
25. CONNORS STATE (OK)

DIVISION II POLL

1. SOUTH SUBURBAN (IL)
2. SOUTHWESTERN (IA)
3. HIGHLAND (KS)
4. KIRKWOOD (IA)
5. PARKLAND (IL)
6. CUYAHOGA (OH)
7. SCHOOLCRAFT (MI)
8. DELTA (MI)
9. MOTT (MI)
10. BEAVER COUNTY (PA)
11. ERIE (NY)
12. POTOMAC STATE (WV)
13. SCOTTSDALE (AZ)
14. JOHNSON COUNTY (KS)
15. DAKOTA COUNTY TECH (MN)
16. PIMA (AZ)
17. IOWA LAKES (IA)
18. FREDERICK (MD)
18. LACKAWANNA (PA)
20. MACOMB (MI)

DIVISION III POLL

1. SUFFOLK COUNTY (NY)
2. BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN (NY)
3. HERKIMER (NY)
4. EASTFIELD (TX)
5. HUDSON VALLEY (NY)
6. MOHAWK VALLEY (NY)
7. BUNKER HILL (MA)
8. LORAIN COUNTY (OH)
- T-9. BRISTOL (MA)
- T-9. BROOKDALE (NJ)



2019 National Tournament Locations:



DI MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HUTCHINSON SPORTS ARENA

HUTCHINSON, KS

MARCH 18-23, 2019



DII MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

MARY MILLER CENTER

DANVILLE, IL

MARCH 19-23, 2019



DIII MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

UCR REGIONAL SPORTS CENTER;

ROCHESTER, MN

MARCH 14-16, 2019

