

2011 BCAM College Coaches of the Year

JOHN ROSS * WOMEN's COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR CALVIN COLLEGE

Coach Ross led the Calvin College Knights to the MIAA tournament title for the first time since 2005. Calvin advanced to the second round of the NCAA DIII National Tournament and finished the season with an overall record of 25-5.

GARY BAILEY * MEN's COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR GRACE BIBLE COLLEGE

Gary Bailey is in only his sixth season as the Head Coach at Grace Bible College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, yet he has turned the basketball program into one of the most respected programs inside and outside the NCCAA. With five Midwest Regional championships, two Elite Eight appearances, and four National Championships (2006, 2009, 2010, 2011), Grace has been re-writing the record books. The Grace Tigers have posted season win totals of 28, 30, and 31 the last three years and recorded 59 straight wins in the NCCAA. Coach Bailey has received the Midwest Region Coach of the Year award for four seasons and has been the National Coach of the Year for the last two seasons. This past season the Tigers won their third straight National Championship and finished the season 31-7.

JASON COOPER * WOMEN's JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR LAKE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In his fourth season as the head coach, Jason Cooper led the Lady Indians to an 18-7 overall and 12-4 Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) record. LMC finished the regular season in second place in the Western Conference and advanced to the semi-finals at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XII conference tournament, losing to the regional champions, Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Cooper's collegiate head coaching overall record stands at 88-29, for a 75.2 winning percentage.

DICK SHILTS * MEN's JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Coach Dick Shilts had an outstanding 2010-2011 basketball season and is retiring after 32 years as the athletic director / basketball and golf coach at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. This season Dick's team played in the District 8 Championship game, qualifying KVCC for its first ever National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament in Danville, Illinois. During Coach Shilts 32 years of coaching at KVCC he has won eight Western Conference championships and five Michigan Community College Athletic Association state championships. During these years he has recorded 650 wins in basketball, was the first athletic director at KVCC, was actively involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was a respected friend to so many coaches and friends of basketball. He is a Hall of Fame Member of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. He is the proud father of four daughters, a son, and 10 grandchildren ranging in age from 2 to 16. Our gratitude goes to Coach Shilts for being a man of integrity who has made significant contributions to the lives of so many individuals through the sport we

love—basketball.