

## Thomas Hursey Distinguished Service Award



### **Ric Wesley – Grand Valley State University (retired)**

Ric Wesley is the 2022 recipient of the Thomas Hursey Distinguished Service Award. Ric has served on the BCAM board of directors as the Men's College Representative since 2012. "Ric has been a valuable member of the board of directors for many years. He was a calming voice of reason for me as well as the entire board. His experience at all levels of the game has been invaluable to us. Ric is a mentor to so many coaches around the country and a lifelong friend of BCAM" said Dan Young, BCAM Executive Director.

In his 18 seasons at Grand Valley State University, Wesley had an overall record of 356-170 and 233-127 (GLIAC). His 356 career coaching wins rank 2nd in GVSU Men's Basketball history. He was named GLIAC coach of the year in the 2007-8 season. During his tenure, the Lakers won three GLIAC regular season championships, a trio of conference tournament titles, and five GLIAC Divisional championships. Grand Valley State has made six NCAA Tournament appearances since Wesley took over the program. Wesley has coached 35 All-GLIAC honorees (including 17 All-GLIAC First Team).

Prior to being named head coach at Grand Valley State, Wesley completed five years as associate head coach at Southwest Missouri State.

Prior to his arrival at SMS, Wesley spent four years as an assistant coach at Lamar University in Beaumont, Tex. Wesley helped direct the Cardinals' offensive attack as LU punched up the best scoring average in the Sun Belt Conference during the 1996-97 season, and Lamar turned in its best win total and longest stretch of winning seasons in over a decade.

Prior to his stay at Lamar, Wesley worked at Iowa State University during the 14-season tenure of Cyclones' head coach Johnny Orr. Wesley was a graduate assistant one year, a part-time assistant for a season, and a full-time assistant coach for the last 12 seasons he was in Ames, IA.

During Wesley's ISU years, the Cyclones turned in six of the top seven all-time career scorers in school history and had seven National Basketball Association draft picks. Iowa State reached the NCAA tournament in 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1992 and 1993, reaching the Sweet 16 in 1986. ISU played in the preseason NIT in 1987 and 1992 and the postseason event in 1994.

A native of Chesaning, MI, Ric is a 1980 graduate of Central Michigan University and got his first coaching experience at CMU as a student assistant coach for the Chippewas during his four years on the Mount Pleasant campus.

Ric and his wife, Patricia, are the proud parents of Charlie (Rachel) and Caroline. He also has two grandsons, Jacob and Nathan.

### ***Distinguished Service Award Winners***

1994 Tom Hursey	2005 Dave Wassink	2016 Tom Valko
1995 Ed Dutcher	2007 Bill Shellenbarger	2017 Dan Young
1996 Ron Vondette	2009 Dan Christner	2018 Dorene Ingalls
1998 Stu Thorburn	2011 Mike Mack	2019 Amy Heydenburg
1999 Doug Herner	2013 Alan Snyder	2021 Dennis Hopkins
2001 Peggy Porter	2014 Rich Moffit	
2003 Glen Bagnall	2015 Jim Maier	