

2023 BCAM WOMEN'S COLLEGE COACHES OF THE YEAR

John Williams IV, Spring Arbor University

Women's College Coach of the Year

First-year Spring Arbor head coach John Williams IV led an impressive turnout for the women's basketball program. The team concluded the 2022-23 season with the best season record since 2003-04, with 19 wins and 10 losses (9-9 in the Crossroads League) compared to a 4-23 record the year prior. Coach Williams' team ranked in the Top 20 nationally for NAIA in four (4) different categories (free throws made per game, defensive rebounds per game, total rebounds per game, rebounding margin per game). Four of his players were recognized with post-season all-conference awards. In the classroom, the Cougars had six (6) NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Coach Williams was honored by Spring Arbor University with the Teaching Excellence Award.

Lance Maney, Mid-Michigan College

Women's Junior College Coach of the Year

The Mid-Michigan College Lakers had a historic season under first year head coach Lance Maney. Coach Maney guided his team to a 28-6 overall record and 13-1 in Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) conference play. The Lakers' historic season included an MCCA Northern Conference title, an MCCA State Championship, and a District Championship accompanied by a bid to the 2023 NJCAA National Tournament. The conference and state championships were firsts for the program's history. In addition, the 28 wins tied the program record for wins in a single season. Several of Coach Maney's student-athletes were honored with post season recognition with seven (7) Lakers earning 2022-23 MCCA awards, while sophomore guard Bailey Vissman earned a spot on the 2023 NJCAA Region XII Division II All-Tournament team.