

## **2024 BCAM WOMEN'S COLLEGE COACHES OF THE YEAR**

### **Sue Syljebeck - Siena Heights University**

#### **Women's College Coach of the Year**

The Siena Heights University women's basketball team concluded a strong 2023-24 season under veteran coach Sue Syljebeck finishing with a 27-4 overall record. They advanced to the NAIA Tournament for the seventh time in program history. All seven bids have come since 2013 under Sue Syljebeck. The Saints also had six players earning distinct recognition by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes this season for their academic excellence. Wolverine-Hoosier Conference post season awards were high within Coach Syljebeck's program as six different awards were garnered by players: First Team (1), Second Team (2), All-Defensive Team (2), and All-Freshman Team (1).

### **Jay Jenkins - Southwestern Michigan College**

#### **Women's Junior College Coach of the Year**

Southwestern Michigan College had an amazing 2023-24 campaign with a record of 27-5 under the direction of SMC first-year head coach Jay Jenkins. The Roadrunners won the MCCA Western Conference and Great Lakes District B Championship. The district win earned SMC a trip to the 2024 NJCAA Division II National Championship in Joplin, Missouri. The Green and Gold fiercely defended their home court by going 15-1, losing only one home game by a single point. For his efforts, Coach Jenkins was named the 2024 Great Lakes District B Coach of the Year. The SMC Women's Basketball Team was well represented in the MCCA post season honors as the Roadrunners collected nine awards. In addition, sophomore guard Cameron Thomas was named to the NJCAA All-American team.