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## **ORAL ROBERTS' MAX ABMAS IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2021 LOU HENSON NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

BOSTON, MA -- Oral Roberts' Max Abmas is the recipient of the 2021 Lou Henson award.

The 6-foot-1 sophomore led the nation in scoring, averaging 24.5 points per game and ranked third nationally with 4.0 made three-point field goals per contest. He scored 30 or more on seven occasions and was the only player in College Basketball to score 40 or more points in a game twice, including a 42-point effort against Summit League regular-season champion South Dakota State on Feb. 13.

"Special players make it look easy and Max Abmas certainly makes it look effortless," said Angela Lento Vice President of [CollegeInsider.com](http://CollegeInsider.com). "He needs just a little daylight to beat you from beyond the arc and if you get

out on him, he will beat you off the bounce. He's a tireless worker who makes everyone around him better."

The Summit League Player of the Year helped lead the Golden Eagles to their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2008. He scored 29 and 26 points respectively in wins over Ohio State and Florida, as Oral Roberts became just the second No. 15 seed to ever advance to the Sweet 16. The Rockwall, TX native had a game-high 25 points in the regional semifinal loss to Arkansas.

The Lou Henson National Player of the Year Award, which is presented annually to the top mid-major player in division I college basketball, honors the former Illinois and New Mexico State head coach who won 775 games in 41 seasons.

Henson is the winningest coach in Illinois basketball history with 423 victories. During his 21 seasons (1975-1996), Henson led the Fighting Illini to 16 postseason appearances, including 12 NCAA tournaments and a Final Four appearance in 1989.

Henson, who is also the all-time winningest coach in New Mexico State history with 289 victories, is one of only 11 coaches to take two different schools to the NCAA Final Four. His teams have made 19 NCAA appearances and four NIT appearances.

Players on teams from the following conferences are eligible for the award: America East, Atlantic Sun, Big Sky, Big South, Big West, Colonial, Horizon, Ivy, Metro Atlantic, Mid-American, Mid-Eastern, Missouri Valley, Northeast, Ohio Valley, Patriot, Southern, Southland, Southwestern, Summit, Sun Belt, West Coast.

#### **2020-21 LOU HENSON ALL-AMERICA TEAM**

<b>MAX ABMAS</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>SO.</b>	<b>ORAL ROBERTS</b>
Fardaws Aimaq	6-11	So.	Utah Valley
Ledarius Brewer	6-5	Jr.	ETSU
Johni Broome	6-10	Fr.	Morehead State
Loren Cristian Jackson	5-8	Sr.	Akron
Antoine Davis	6-1	Jr.	Detroit Mercy
Michael Flowers	6-1	Sr.	South Alabama
Tanner Groves	6-9	Jr.	Eastern Washington
Marreon Jackson	6-1	Sr.	Toledo
DeVante Jones	6-1	Jr.	Coastal Carolina
Cameron Krutwig	6-9	Sr.	Loyola Chicago
Matt Lewis	6-5	Sr.	James Madison
Loudon Love	6-8	Sr.	Wright State
Darius McGhee	5-9	Jr.	Liberty
Jaquori McLaughlin	6-4	Sr.	UCSB
Isaiah Miller	6-1	Sr.	UNCG
Isiaih Mosley	6-5	So.	Missouri State
Grayson Murphy	6-2	Jr.	Belmont
Nick Muszynski	6-11	Jr.	Belmont
Zach Nutall	6-3	Jr.	Sam Houston
Kevin Obamor	6-8	Jr.	Oral Roberts
Roman Penn	6-0	Jr.	Drake

Jason Preston	6-4	Jr.	Ohio
Isaiah Ross	6-3	Sr.	Iona
Cedric Russell	6-2	Sr.	Louisiana
Anthony Tarke	6-6	Sr.	Coppin State
Terry Taylor	6-5	Sr.	Austin Peay
Chandler Vaudrin	6-7	Sr.	Winthrop
Tyson Walker	6-0	So.	Northeastern
Camren Wynter	6-2	Jr.	Drexel

