

ERACISM

2023 - 24
HBCU
LEGENDS
AWARDS



April 9, 2024

PHOENIX, AZ — The awards are named after legendary HBCU players and will highlight the top players in all levels of college basketball. The objective is to recognize the top student athletes in college basketball, while bringing long overdue attention to some of the best players to ever play the game. These players are the top statistical leaders for all levels of college basketball.



**KAITE
HUKI**

GRINNELL

27.8
POINTS PER
GAME 2023-24



**TRAVIS GRANT
AWARD**
2024

Grinnell College's **Kai Te Huki** is the recipient of the 2024 Travis Grant award, presented annually to the player with the highest point per-game average in all divisions of college basketball.

The 6-foot-6 New Zealand native burst onto the scene in his first season. He scored in double figures in every game, including four games with 40 or more and a 51-point effort on Jan. 12, which included 15 made threes. He averaged 27.8 points per game for the season.



EDWARD NGENE

BLOOMFIELD

120
TOTAL BLOCKS
2023-24



Bloomfield College's **Edward Ngene** is the recipient of the 2024 Zelmo Beaty award, presented annually to the player with the most total blocked shots in all divisions of college basketball.

The 6-foot-8 junior racked up 120 blocked shots on the season. The New Jersey native more than doubled his shot block total from the previous season, which included a career-high 8 rejections on Feb. 16.



DJ TALTON JR.

OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN

123
TOTAL STEALS
2023-24



Oklahoma Wesleyan's **DJ Talton Jr.** is the recipient of the 2024 Marques Haynes award, presented annually to the player with the most total steals in all divisions of college basketball.

The 5-foot-10 junior created havoc for opposing teams, including a season-high 7 steals on Jan. 24 against McPherson. The NAIA 2nd Team All-America selection totaled 123 steals on the season.

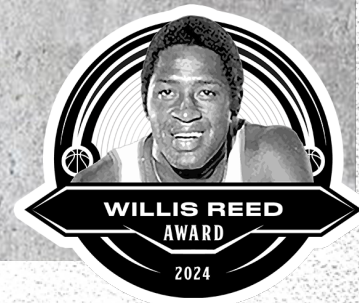
VINCENT MISZKIEWICZ

KEISER



15.9

REBOUNDS PER
GAME 2023-24



Maine Maritime's **Curt Heinz** is the recipient of the 2023 Willis Reed award, presented annually to the player with the highest rebound per-game average in all divisions of college basketball.

The 6-foot-8 sophomore averaged 15.4 rebounds per game this season. The native of Stuttgart, Germany had a career-high 23 rebounds earlier this season and pulled down 20+ boards on four different occasions.

TYLER KOLEK

MARQUETTE



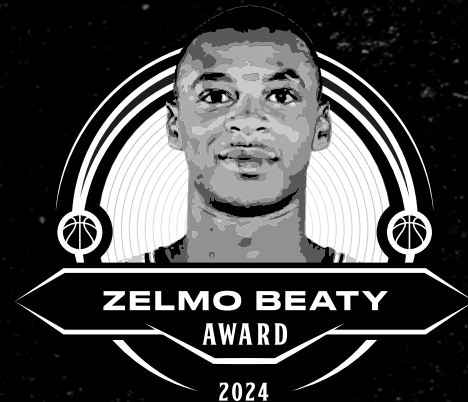
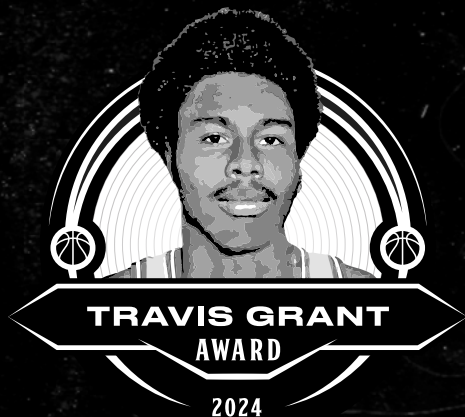
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ASSISTS PER
GAME 2023-24

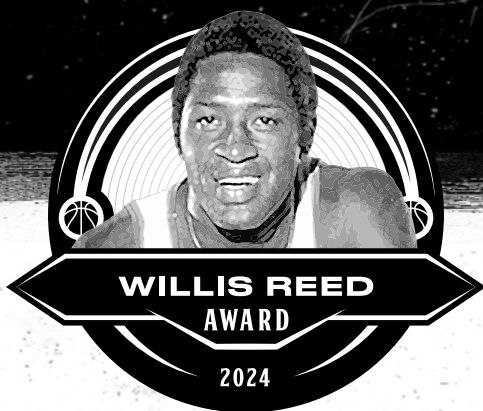


Marquette's **Tyler Kolek** is the recipient of the 2024 Cleo Hill award, presented annually to the player with the highest assist per-game average in all divisions of college basketball.

The 6-foot-3 senior set a school record with 18 assists on Feb. 21 against DePaul. He had ten games in which dished out 10 or more assists and averaged 7.7 per contest for the season.



THE HBCU LEGENDS



One of the primary goals of *ERACISM* is to educate today's fans on the stars of the past and the HBCU Legends Awards, established in 2021-22, will shine a light on players like Kentucky State's Travis Grant who is College Basketball's all-time leading scorer. Thus, the **Travis Grant Award** will annually honor the top scorer in all levels of college basketball. The **Zelmo Beaty Award** will highlight the nation's top shot blocker, the **Marques Haynes Award** will recognize the leader in steals, the **Cleo Hill Award** will highlight college basketball's leader in assists, and the **Willis Reed Award** will be presented annually to the top rebounder in college basketball.

The top 5 for each award will be updated throughout the season and posted weekly so fans can follow along with the statistical leaders for all five awards.

The awards will include eligible players from Division I, Division II, Division III and NAIA collegiate basketball who play in at least 60% of their team's games. Scoring, rebounds, and assists will be per game averages, while blocks and steals will be cumulative totals.

The awards will be presented at the conclusion of the college basketball season.

ZELMO BEATY AWARD — Nicknamed “Big Z” Zelmo Beaty was a force at both ends of the floor during his career at Prairie View A&M University (1958–1962), averaging 25 points and 20 rebounds per game in four seasons. He was a two-time first team NAIA All-American and led the Panthers to an NAIA National Championship in 1962. The Zelmo Beaty Award will be presented annually to the player with the most blocked shots in college basketball.

TRAVIS GRANT AWARD — Known as the “Machine Gun” Travis Grant was part of three consecutive NAIA National Championships in four seasons at Kentucky State University (1968-72). As a sophomore he set a school single-game record with 75 points and averaged 35.4 per game while shooting a ridiculous 70% from the field. He never shot less than 60 percent in any of his four seasons. As a senior he averaged 39.5 points per game and became the first small college player to win the Lapchick Trophy for College Basketball Player of the Year award. He graduated as the all-time and all-division scoring leader in college basketball history with 4,045 points. The Travis Grant Award will be presented annually to the player with the highest per-game scoring average.

MARQUES HAYNES AWARD — A wizard with the basketball, Marques Haynes had a stellar career at Langston University (1942–1946). During his four seasons, the Lions recorded an incredible 112-3 record, which included a 59-game winning streak. He led Langston in scoring all four years and was a four-time All-Conference selection. In 1946 Haynes and Langston upset the Harlem Globetrotters in an exhibition game. One year later Haynes was part of the famed Globetrotters. The Marques Haynes Award will be presented annually to the player with the most total steals in college basketball.

CLEO HILL AWARD — In four seasons at Winston-Salem Teachers College (1957–1961), which is now known as Winston-Salem State, Cleo Hill averaged an impressive 25.4 per game making him the second-highest scorer in program history. Playing for the legendary Clarence “Big House” Gaines, Hill helped the Rams to consecutive Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles in his final two seasons. He was a two-time All-CIAA selection and named first-team NAIA All-American as a senior in 1961. The Cleo Hill Award will be presented annually to the player with the highest per-game assist average.

WILLIS REED AWARD — During his four seasons at Grambling State University (1960–1964), Willis Reed helped the Tigers to three Southwestern Athletic Conference championships and an NAIA National Championship in 1961. Known for his inside presence, the two-time All-American also had a lethal jump shot. In his senior season he averaged 26.6 points and 21.3 rebounds per game. The Willis Reed Award will be presented annually to the player with the highest per-game rebounding average.

THE 2023-24 HBCU LEGEND AWARD WINNERS

TRAVIS GRANT AWARD

Kai Te Huki, Grinnell

ZELMO BEATY AWARD

Edward Ngene, Bloomfield

MARQUES HAYNES AWARD

DJ Talton Jr., Oklahoma Wesleyan

WILLIS REED AWARD

Vincent Miskiewicz, Keiser

CLEO HILL AWARD

Tyler Kolek, Marquette



Saint Louis' Yuri Collins led the nation in assists in 2022-23 with 10.1 per game.

THE 2021-22 HBCU LEGEND AWARD WINNERS



TRAVIS GRANT AWARD

Ryan Turell, Yeshiva

ZELMO BEATY AWARD

Walker Kessler, Auburn

MARQUES HAYNES AWARD

Myles Burns, Loyola New Orleans

WILLIS REED AWARD

Oscar Tshiebwe, Kentucky

CLEO HILL AWARD

Mikey Buscetto, Mitchell

Kentucky's Oscar Tshiebwe led the nation in rebounding in 2021-22 with 15.1 per game.

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