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THE HBCU LEGENDS AWARDS

The five new 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.

One of the primary goals of *ERACISM* is to educate today's fans on the stars of the past and the HBCU Legends Awards 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.

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