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2024 JIM PHELAN NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Presented annually to the top head coach in division I college basketball.

BOSTON, MA -- The 20 finalists for the 2023-24 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year award have been announced. The award is presented annually to the top head coach in division I college basketball.

The Jim Phelan Award is named in honor of a legendary bow-tied coach who spent his entire head coaching career at Mount Saint Mary's University.

Phelan graduated from La Salle University in 1951 and played one season in the NBA with the Philadelphia Warriors. After a brief professional career, Phelan went to Mount St. Mary's as an assistant in 1953. One year later he began his historical career as a head coach.

He led the Mountaineers to 16 Division II NCAA tournaments. Five times they advanced to the Final Four and he led them to the DII National Championship in 1962.

When he retired in 2003, after coaching for 49 years, he had amassed 830 wins (overall record of 830-524) in all divisions. In those 49 years, 19 of his teams amassed 20 or more wins in a season.

In 2008 he was inducted into National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

Phelan passed away on June 15, 2021 at the age of 92 at his home in Emmitsburg, MD.

The recipient of the annual award is determined by a 10-member voting committee, which

consists of current and former head coaches, as well as two senior staff members of collegeinsider.com.

The 2024 award will be announced in Phoenix, AZ, site of the men's Division I Basketball Championship.

2024 JIM PHELAN AWARD FINALISTS

Amir Abdur-Rahim	South Florida
Rick Barnes	Tennessee
Randy Bennett	Saint Mary's
Mark Byington	James Madison
Chris Collins	Northwestern
Hubert Davis	North Carolina
Bryce Drew	Grand Canyon
Fred Hoiberg	Nebraska
Dan Hurley	Connecticut
Dustin Kerns	Appalachian State
Chris Mooney	Richmond
T.J. Otzelberger	Iowa State
Matt Painter	Purdue
Lamont Paris	South Carolina
Bruce Pearl	Auburn
Kelvin Sampson	Houston
Josh Schertz	Indiana State
Kyle Smith	Washington State
Danny Sprinkle	Utah State
Will Wade	McNeese

