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NORFOLK STATE'S BRIAN MOORE RECIPIENT OF 2025 LOU HENSON AWARD

The top player in mid-major college basketball

SAN ANTONIO, TX -- Norfolk State's Brian Moore, Jr. is the recipient of the 2025 Lou Henson award, which is presented annually to the top player in mid-major in college basketball.

Moore took the MEAC by storm in his lone season with the Spartans after transferring from Murray State. The Harlem, N.Y. product finished the regular averaging 18.4 points, 3.8 rebounds, and 3.1 assists per game while shooting 54.6 percent from the floor and 40.0 percent from behind the arc.

"Brian Moore Jr. embodies everything the Lou Henson Award represents -- skill, toughness, and the heart of a true leader," said James Wilhelmi, Senior Analyst of CollegeInsider.com. "From Harlem to Norfolk State, he's proven that elite talent thrives at every level. His impact on both ends of the floor speaks for itself, and this honor is well deserved."

Moore, who had the highest field goal percentage for all players under 6-foot-3, is the only guard in the nation to average at least 18.0 points per game while shooting 54.5 percent from the field or better (min. 20 games played).

Receiving MEAC Player of the Week accolades five times this season, Moore has recorded three 30-point games including a 33-point performance at High Point. Leading the Spartans to their fourth-ever MEAC Tournament title, Moore took home the MEAC Tournament Most

Outstanding Player Award.

The Lou Henson award honors the former Illinois and New Mexico State head coach who won 775 games in 41 seasons.

Coach 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.

Coach Henson passed away on July 25, 2020.

LOU HENSON AWARD FINALISTS

Daniel Batcho	6-11	Sr.	Louisiana Tech
Ante Brzovic	6-10	Sr.	Charleston
Adam "Budd" Clark	5-10	So.	Merrimack
Zach Cleveland	6-7	Jr.	Liberty
Oscar Cluff	6-11	Sr.	South Dakota State
Tayton Conerway	6-3	Sr.	Troy
Mark Freeman	5-11	Sr.	James Madison
Javohn Garcia	6-3	Sr.	McNeese
Kimani Hamilton	6-8	Jr.	High Point
Barrington Hargress	6-0	So.	UC Riverside
Jalen Jackson	6-2	Jr.	Purdue Fort Wayne
Nate Johnson	6-3	Jr.	Akron
Jordan Jones	6-0	Sr.	Central Connecticut State
Jacari Lane	6-0	Jr.	North Alabama
Bent Leuchten	7-1	Sr.	UC Irvine
Augustas Marciulionis	6-4	Sr.	Saint Mary's
Jordan Marsh	5-10	So.	UNC Asheville
Bez Mbeng	6-4	Sr.	Yale
BRIAN MOORE, JR.	6-2	Sr.	NORFOLK STATE
Paulius Murauskas	6-8	So.	Saint Mary's
Dominick Nelson	6-5	Jr.	Utah Valley
Jacob Ognacevic	6-8	Sr.	Lipscomb
Quimari Peterson	6-1	Sr.	ETSU
Jaron Pierre Jr.	6-6	Sr.	Jacksonville State

John Poulakidas	6-6	Sr.	Yale
Matt Rogers	6-9	Sr.	American
PJay Smith Jr.	6-0	Sr.	Furman
Bennett Stirtz	6-4	Jr.	Drake
Marquel Sutton	6-9	Sr.	Omaha
Aniwaniwa Tait-Jones	6-6	Sr.	UC San Diego
Ray'Sean Taylor	6-1	Sr.	SIU Edwardsville
Tyler Tejada	6-9	So.	Towson
Malik Thomas	6-5	Sr.	San Francisco
Earl Timberlake	6-6	Sr.	Bryant
Nick Townsend	6-7	Jr.	Yale

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

Trey Townsend, Oakland (2024); Jordan Brown (2023); Malachi Smith, Chattanooga (2022); Max Abmas, Oral Roberts (2021); Nathan Knight, William & Mary (2020); Fletcher Magee, Wofford (2019); Clayton Custer, Loyola Chicago (2018); Justin Robinson, Monmouth (2017); Thomas Walkup, Stephen F. Austin (2016); Ty Greene, USC Upstate (2015); Langston Hall, Mercer (2014); Matthew Dellavedova, Saint Mary's (2013); Kyle O'Quinn, Norfolk State (2012); Matt Howard, Butler (2011), Keith Benson, Oakland (2010).

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