

"Guardians of the Game" Pillars

Guardians of the Game is a national awareness and education program led by the NABC. The goal of the program is to focus attention on the positive aspects of basketball and the role coaches play in the lives of student-athletes, in addition to the contributions coaches make to their communities.

The Guardians of the Game program emphasizes four core values:

Advocacy- NABC coaches are advocates for the game of basketball, student-athletes, and coaches, providing leadership and guidance on issues affecting the basketball community.

The Advocacy award winner should exemplify the NABC's commitment to taking a stand on issues critical to the integrity of the game. In addition, the winner should actively provide support and counsel for the best interests of the game, the individual, and society.

Leadership- NABC coaches provide moral and ethical leadership on issues affecting the game of basketball and society.

Leadership on the court is an integral part of coaching. But leadership outside of the game, particularly guidance in the ethical arena, is even more critical for the advancement of basketball. This award winner should courageously guide others to maximize their potential.

Service- NABC coaches serve as community leaders who help enhance their communities through civic involvement.

Most coaches are active in their community. But this award winner selflessly gives to those in need and gives the extra effort to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors through volunteerism and giving.

Education- NABC coaches are committed to continuing education and the development of their profession in order to be better mentors, teachers, and leaders.

The Education award will go to a coach dedicated to their own professional development, as well as that of their colleagues. Whether it is through continuing education programs and seminars, or teaching at various NABC events, the Education statuette will reward the coach that best mentors, teaches, and perpetuates the doctrine of the game.

As coaches, are "Guardians of the Game." We have a responsibility to protect the integrity of student-athletes, coaches and the game of basketball. A top priority of the NABC is to educate the public on the role coaches play in the lives of student-athletes both on and off the court. In addition, coaches make an invaluable contribution through their community involvement.

The *Guardians Awards* recognize NABC coaches who exemplify one of the four Guardians of the Game core values: Advocacy, Leadership, Service and Education.

Each year outstanding NABC coaches from all levels will be nominated by their peers for outstanding achievements and contributions to the game, student-athletes and society. The *Guardian Awards* will be presented at the Guardians of the Game Awards Show in Houston in April, 2011.



2011 Guardian Awards Nomination Form



Presented Annually at the NABC Convention
Guardians of the Game Awards Show

NOMINATION PROCESS

Official 2011 NABC GUARDIAN AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominations should be mailed, emailed or faxed ASAP on a confidential basis to Rick Leddy,
 Guardian Awards, NABC, 1111 Main St., Suite 1000, Kansas City, MO 64105-2136;
 or by fax: (816) 878-6223; or by email to Ricknabc@gmail.com. Deadline is December 1, 2010.



Nomination Process

Nominations will be reviewed and judged on the basis of each candidate's overall qualifications. **Active NABC members at every level are eligible. Nominations must be made by active NABC member coaches.**

To nominate a coach, simply send the attached form in confidence to the Guardians of the Game Awards address, providing your name, academic institution, and office location. Please describe, in 200 words or fewer, why your nominee deserves the award for Advocacy, Leadership, Service, or Education.

The selection committee will review each nominee based on professionalism, leadership, initiative, achievements, community involvement, and dedication to the game of basketball and the coaching profession.

One coach will be selected from high school, junior college, NAIA, NCAA Division I, II, and III as a finalist for each category. From those finalists, one national *Guardian Award* winner will be selected for Advocacy, Leadership, Service, and Education.

Honorees for each award will be notified by mid-January to ensure their attendance at the NABC Guardians of the Game Awards Show during the annual NABC Convention during the NCAA Final Four.



Name of Nominee: _____

Academic Institution: _____

Title: _____ Retired: Yes _____ No _____

Please indicate category of nomination (circle):

“Advocacy”
“Leadership”
“Service”
“Education”

Briefly summarize, in 200 words or less, why you feel this nominee deserves to win a Guardian Award:
 (Use additional sheet if necessary)

Submitted by (please print): _____

Academic Institution,: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date Submitted: _____