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Awards Show, All-America and Hall of Fame Announcements Headline NABC Convention April 3-April 7 in San Antonio

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (March 24, 2008) – The presentation of major college basketball awards, and the announcements of the 2008 State Farm Division I All-America team and the 2008 class for induction into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame headline the lineup for the annual National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) convention April 3 through April 7 in San Antonio.

Close to 3,500 member coaches and guests will be in attendance for the convention, which is held each year in conjunction with the NCAA Final Four. The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention center will be home to many of the major events for the NABC, including the NABC Expo.

"This is the most exciting time of year for us with the climax of another outstanding college basketball season and our upcoming convention," said Jim Haney, NABC executive director. "We have several new initiatives, including announcing the State Farm Division I All-America team for the first time and playing our DiGiorno College All-Star game on the Final Four floor at the Alamodome."

The crown jewel of the NABC Convention is the annual AT&T Guardians of the Game Awards Show, which is set for Sunday, April 6, at 6 p.m. in the Lila Cockrell Theatre at the Gonzalez Convention center. College basketball's top coach and player awards in all divisions will be presented along with the Naismith Trophy for the most outstanding men's collegiate player. Among other awards are four Guardians of the Game Pillar awards, one each for education, leadership, advocacy and service; the Pete Newell/YRC Worldwide Big Man of the Year; the defensive player of the year; and the Hillyard Golden Anniversary award, for more than 50 years of service to college basketball.

The NABC Expo tips off the convention on Thursday, April 3, with more than 90 exhibitors covering over 84,000 square feet of space. A major attraction at the convention for more than 30 years, the Expo is a one-stop shop for the latest in basketball services, products and equipment. It is also the site of the NABC Professional Development Series, which is intended to enhance coaches' knowledge of the game, their professionalism, and to foster ethical decision-making as they carry out their duties.

The annual NABC state of the game press conference will also be held on Thursday, April 3, at 3 pm. at the Alamodome. Haney, NABC President Jim Boeheim of Syracuse, Tubby Smith of Minnesota, Willis Wilson, Dale Clayton of Carson Newman and Michigan State's Tom Izzo will discuss key issues facing college basketball as well as other new initiatives.

On Friday, April 4, the Hillyard Champions luncheon will be held at 12 noon at the Hyatt Regency, the NABC headquarters hotel. The annual event honors coaches in all divisions of college basketball whose

teams won their regular season conference championships. Also on Friday, the DiGiorno College All-Star game, featuring two teams of outstanding senior collegiate players from around the country, will tip off at 5 p.m. at the Alamodome as part of the NCAA's Final Four Friday. This game marks the first time in the long history of the all-star game that it will be played on the Final Four floor. Admission to the game is free.

The NABC will announce its 2008 State Farm Division I All-America team at a luncheon for media on Saturday at the Hyatt Regency. The class to be inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame for 2008 will be announced at a press conference on Sunday, April 5, at 11:30 a.m. at the Alamodome. This year's class will be the third class of inductees for the hall of fame, which is located in the College Basketball Experience at the new Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo. The induction ceremonies will be held in November.

The National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame is an integral part of the **College Basketball Experience** (CBE), which opened in October of 2007 along with Kansas City's new Sprint Center, a downtown arena with seating capacity for more than 18,000 fans. The CBE shares a lobby with the Sprint Center and covers over 41,000 square feet on two floors, offering a fun, memorable and highly interactive experience for fans. Visitors have the unique opportunity to learn about various aspects of college basketball at every level, surrounded by the sights and sounds which make the game so exciting.

On Tuesday, April 8, at 9 a.m., at the Alamodome, Haney will present the 2008 National Championship trophy to the winner of Monday night's NCAA championship game.

NABC CONVENTION (April 3 – April 7) – San Antonio, Texas **KEY NABC EVENTS**

| Date(s) | Event | Site |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Thurs.-Sat., April 3-5 | NABC Expo# | HBGCC |
| Thurs., April 3 | NABC Press Conference – 3 p.m.## (Jim Haney, Jim Boeheim, Tubby Smith, Willis Wilson, Dale Clayton and Tom Izzo) | Alamodome |
| Thurs., April 3 | NABC Welcome Reception – 7:00 p.m.# | Institute of Texas Cultures |
| Friday, April 4 | Hillyard Champions Luncheon – 12 noon (honoring all regular season champion coaches) | Hyatt Regency |
| Friday, April 4 | DiGiorno College All-Star Game – 5 p.m. | Alamodome |
| Saturday, April 5 | Media Luncheon to Announce 2008 State Farm Division I All-America teams## | Hyatt Regency |
| Sunday, April 6 | National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame Press Conference## Announcement of 2008 Inductees - 11:30 a.m. | Alamodome |
| Sunday, April 6 | AT&T Guardians of the Game Awards Show Presentation of Naismith Trophy – 6 P.M. | Lila Cockrell Theatre HBGCC |
| Tuesday, April 8 | Presentation of NABC Coaches Poll National Championship Trophy to the final #1 team in the ESPN/USA Today NABC Coaches Poll.– 9 a.m.## | Grand Hyatt |

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-- admission with NABC Convention badge

-- admission with NCAA media credential