

McCollum Captures 2017 SNA Sports/DIIB Coach of the Year Award



Northwest Missouri State University head coach Ben McCollum has been named the 2017 SNA Sports/*Division II Bulletin* Coach of the Year.

McCollum guided his Bearcats to a 35-1 record en route to the 2017 NCAA Division II national championship.

Division II Bulletin has named a Coach of the Year every season since 1991-92. McCollum is the third coach from the state of Missouri to win the honor and fourth from current MIAA member schools.

"All college basketball coaches are to be commended for their tireless devotion and sacrifices this season. Winning the national championship takes an outstanding effort from the first day of practice to the final buzzer," said Jim Peterson, president of SNA Sports, a leading basketball goal and equipment manufacturer. "SNA Sports is proud to partner with *Division II Bulletin* to recognize Ben McCollum and all of the Division II college basketball coaches."



2017 Coach of the Year
Ben McCollum

DIIB Coaches of the Year

1992-Jim Thorson, South Dakota St.
1993-Pat Douglass, Cal St. Bakersfield
1994-Stan Spirou, N.H. College
1995-Ken Shields, Northern Kentucky
1996-Gary Garner, Fort Hays St.
1997-Jeff Price, Lynn
1998-Bob Williams, UC Davis
1999-Ray Harper, Kentucky Wesleyan
2000-Robert Corn, Missouri Southern
2001-Ray Harper, Kentucky Wesleyan
2002-Mike Dunlap, Metropolitan State
2003-Larry Gipson, Northeastern State
2004-Tony Ingle, Kennesaw State
2005-Jay Lawson, Bentley
2006-Mike Leaf, Winona State
2007-Ron Lievense, Barton
2008-Mike Leaf, Winona State
2009-Ron Niekamp, Findlay
2010-Greg Kamansky, Cal Poly Pomona
2011-Scott Davenport, Bellarmine
2012-Brad Jackson, W. Washington
2013-Derrick Clark, Metro State
2014-Kim Anderson, C. Missouri
2015-Linc Darner, Florida Southern
2016-Tom Billeter, Augustana

Conference Coaches of the Year

California Collegiate

Eric Olen, UC San Diego

Carolinas

Jeremy Currier, Pfeiffer

Central Atlantic

Dan Burke, Wilmington

CIAA

Jay Butler, Virginia Union

East Coast

Charles Marquardt, Molloy

Great American

Kyle Tolin, Arkansas-Monticello

Great Lakes Intercollegiate

Andy Bronkema, Ferris State

Great Lakes Valley

Scott Davenport, Bellarmine

Great Midwest

Greg Zimmerman, Alderson Broaddus

Great Northwest

Tony Dominguez, Western Washington

Gulf South

Mike Helfer, Valdosta State

Heartland

Blake Flickner, Dallas Baptist

Lone Star

Andy Newman, UT Permian Basin

MIAA

Ben McCollum, Northwest Missouri

Mountain East

Jerrold Calhoun, Fairmont State

Northeast-10

Patrick Beilein, Le Moyne

Northern Sun

Brad Bigler, Southwest Minnesota State

Pacific West

Darren Vorderbruegge, Hawai'i Pacific

Peach Belt

Chris Faulkner, N. Ga; Mark Vanderslice, USC Aiken

Pennsylvania

E - Chris Fite, Shippensburg
W - Joe Lombardi, Indiana (Pa.)

Rocky Mountain

Pryor Orser, Colorado School of Mines

South Atlantic

Josh Shertz, Lincoln Memorial

SIAC

Ricky Jackson, Claflin

Sunshine State

Butch Estes, Barry