



## National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings October 26, 2021 (Pre-Season Poll)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State	28-2	397	4
2. Flagler (Fla.)	18-3	349	8
3. West Texas A&M	19-3	317	5
4. Colorado Mesa	21-2	299	1
5. Colorado School of Mines	18-3	281	6
6. Truman State (Mo.)	20-3	258	7
7. Hillsdale (Mich.)	21-3	214	9
8. St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.)	14-2	212	11
9. Lubbock Christian (Texas)	18-3	203	10
10. Valdosta State (Ga.)	17-5	199	14
11. Washburn (Kan.)	20-7	191	17
12. Mercyhurst (Pa.)	12-1	177	3
13. Nova Southeastern (Fla.)	23-6*	168	NR
14. West Liberty (W.Va.)	18-5	165	18
15. Northern State (S.D.)	19-2	148	2
16. Queens (N.C.)	16-6	157	22
17. Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.)	19-4	149	13
18. Indiana (Pa.)	28-2**	123	NR
19. DBU (Texas)	17-5	120	16
20. Alabama Huntsville	15-4	98	12
21. Seattle Pacific (Wash.)	10-3	86	NR
22. Fairmont State (W.Va.)	15-5	78	20
23. Florida Southern	7-5	74	NR
24. Point Loma (Calif.)	8-3	68	24
25. Charleston (W.Va.)	14-4	62	15

Records from 2020-21 season, unless noted.

Last ranking is from poll of March 9, 2021.

\*Did not play in 2020-21; record from 2019-20 season.

\*Went 2-1 in 2020-21 season; listed record from 2019-20.

**First place votes** – Northwest Missouri State (15), Colorado Mesa (1).

**Others receiving votes:** MSU Moorhead (Minn.) 47, Southern Indiana 46, Oklahoma Baptist 45, Saint Anselm (N.H.) 43, Findlay (Ohio) 40, Lee (Tenn.) 35, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 35, Belmont Abbey (N.C.) 28, Fayetteville State (N.C.) 26, Chico State (Calif.) 24, Cal Poly Pomona 21, Daemen (N.Y.) 19, Emmanuel (Ga.) 19, Saint Leo (Fla.) 17, Augusta (Ga.) 15, Jefferson (Pa.) 13, Angelo State (Texas) 12, Southern Arkansas 12, Stonehill (Mass.) 12, Morehouse (Ga.) 10, Hawai'i Hilo 9, Wayne State (Neb.) 9, Missouri-St. Louis 8, St. Edward's (Texas) 8, Ashland (Ohio) 7, Grand Valley State (Mich.) 7, Georgia Southwestern 6, Missouri Western 6, Adelphi (N.Y.) 5, Arkansas Monticello 5, Augustana (S.D.) 5, Texas A&M-Kingsville 5, Cal State San Bernardino 4, West Georgia 4, Barry (Fla.) 1, Miles (Ala.) 1.

### Weekly Poll Notes:

Northwest Missouri State, winner of three of the last four NCAA Division II championships, was a clear-cut selection as the top-ranked team in the nation to begin the 2021-22 season in the NABC/Division II pre-season poll. The Bearcats, who survived an overtime thriller with Northern State to win the Central Regional, rolled through their three opponents at the Elite Eight to win the title and returns their dynamic guard combination of Diego Bernard and 2020-21 national player of the year Trevor Hudgins.

Two of the teams Northwest beat at the Elite Eight last year are right behind the Bearcats in the pre-season poll, with Flagler at No. 2 and West Texas A&M at No. 3. Flagler brings back Jaizec Lottie, who was the seventh-leading scorer in the nation last season at 24.4 points per game, while West Texas A&M – who battled No. 9 Lubbock Christian all of last season for supremacy in the Lone Star Conference – brings back seven lettermen from a team that played in the national championship game.

West Texas A&M will host the first event of the 2021-22 season this weekend, heading a field that will include No. 4 Colorado Mesa – the top-ranked team in the final poll of a season ago – Daemen, who played in the Elite Eight and MSU Moorhead. Daemen and MSU Moorhead both received votes in the pre-season poll in which 61 teams received mention.

In the first weekend of November, the Small College Basketball National Hall of Fame Classic will take place in St. Joseph, Mo., where Northwest Missouri State will open its season along with seven other teams. Four other ranked teams – No. 8 St. Thomas Aquinas, No. 15 Northern State, No. 20 Alabama Huntsville and No. 21 Seattle Pacific – are in that field and three of the eight contests feature head-to-head matchups of ranked teams.

Among the top 25 teams in the pre-season poll, three are out of the Lone Star Conference (No. 19 DBU plus the two aforementioned teams) and three more are from the Mountain East Conference (No. 14 West Liberty, No. 22 Fairmont State and No. 25 Charleston). All 23 conferences in NCAA Division II had at least one team that received votes; the LSC led the group of 61 schools with six.