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## **Emmanuel's KJ Jones II Tabbed NCAA D2 Conference Commissioner's Association Ron Lenz National Player of the Year, Headlines All-American Teams**

**WEST HAVEN, Conn.** – The NCAA Division II scoring leader and Conference Carolinas Player of the Year KJ Jones II, senior guard from Emmanuel College, was named the 2023-24 NCAA Division II Conference Commissioner's Association (D2CCA) Ron Lenz National Player of the Year and highlights 21 players who receive All-America Distinction as announced by the organization.

Four of the eight teams who will compete in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight which begins on Tuesday at the Ford Center in Evansville, Ind. are among the 21 teams represented on the All-America teams. Highlighting that group is Minnesota – Mankato's Malik Williams, one of five members of the first team, while reigning national champion Nova Southeastern is represented by Shane Hunter, one of three players on the third team. In addition to Williams and Hunter, Gannon's Josh Omojafo and West Texas A&M's Larry Wise will also compete for a national title in Evansville.

Jones, the Player of the Year from the Southeast Region, represents one of seven region players of the year to earn a spot on the All-America teams, including the remaining four members of the first team; Upper Iowa's Jake Hilmer, California (Pa.)'s KJ McClurg, West Georgia's Zawdie Jackson and Minnesota - Mankato's Willingham. In addition to leading the nation in scoring, for the second-straight year, Jones averaged 4.9 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game while adding 54 steals.

Jones wasn't the only player to lead the nation statistically as Lincoln Memorial's Martez Brown, a third team honoree, led the nation in three different categories - rebounds per game (13.8), field goal percentage (71.9) and double doubles (21).

### **2023-24 Division II Conference Commissioner's Association NCAA Division II Men's Basketball All-American Teams**

**\*Ron Lenz National Player of the Year:** KJ Jones II, Emmanuel

#### **First Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>GP/GS</b>	<b>Min/G</b>	<b>FG%</b>	<b>3PT%</b>	<b>FT%</b>	<b>Reb/G</b>	<b>Ast/G</b>	<b>BLK</b>	<b>STL</b>	<b>PTS/G</b>
*KJ Jones II	G	Sr.	Emmanuel	33/33	38.0	46.9	36.6	87.7	4.9	4.0	9	54	26.2
Jake Hilmer	G	Gr.	Upper Iowa	32/32	34.1	45.2	31.0	90.6	2.4	4.3	0	53	24.3
KJ McClurg	G	So.	California (Pa.)	33/33	37.1	53.4	42.1	83.1	5.4	2.1	3	35	22.6
Zawdie Jackson	G	Jr.	West Georgia	33/33	35.6	50.9	45.0	84.9	3.0	5.5	0	48	22.0
Malik Willingham	G	Sr.	Minnesota St – Mankato	34/34	31.9	43.0	35.0	84.8	3.5	4.2	14	53	18.9

#### **Second Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>GP/GS</b>	<b>Min/G</b>	<b>FG%</b>	<b>3PT%</b>	<b>FT%</b>	<b>Reb/G</b>	<b>Ast/G</b>	<b>BLK</b>	<b>STL</b>	<b>PTS/G</b>
Larry Wise	G	Sr.	West Texas A&M	32/32	32.5	44.5	37.3	87.7	5.5	3.3	12	23	20.0
Drew Blair	G	5th	Minnesota – Duluth	33/33	34.7	48.6	37.7	79.3	5.1	2.2	8	42	22.8
Josh Omojafo	G	So.	Gannon	34/34	25.1	48.8	32.2	82.2	2.8	1.4	5	52	20.0
Wes Dreamer	F	Sr.	NW Missouri State	31/31	34.7	49.9	39.4	78.0	6.4	1.0	14	35	17.8
James Patterson	G/F	So.	St. Thomas Aquinas	31/29	28.0	44.0	35.9	79.1	8.5	1.5	8	57	23.9

#### **Third Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>GP/GS</b>	<b>Min/G</b>	<b>FG%</b>	<b>3PT%</b>	<b>FT%</b>	<b>Reb/G</b>	<b>Ast/G</b>	<b>BLK</b>	<b>STL</b>	<b>PTS/G</b>
Shane Hunter	F	Sr.	Nova Southeastern	32/32	23.7	56.9	14.3	74.6	6.6	1.4	64	38	15.8
Trevor Baskin	F	R-Jr.	Colorado Mesa	34/34	29.2	57.4	36.5	67.2	8.3	3.8	46	38	18.2
Martez Brown	F	Sr.	Lincoln Memorial	33/33	24.7	71.9	50.0	57.1	13.8	1.9	36	53	13.0
Zach Laput	G	Sr.	Bentley	30/30	37.4	45.4	39.9	88.3	7.1	4.3	1.6	2.7	20.0
Luke Anderson	F	R-Jr.	Florida Southern	33/33	36.0	45.6	40.1	83.3	8.0	1.3	28	32	19.8

#### **Honorable Mention**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>GP/GS</b>	<b>Min/G</b>	<b>FG%</b>	<b>3PT%</b>	<b>FT%</b>	<b>Reb/G</b>	<b>Ast/G</b>	<b>BLK</b>	<b>STL</b>	<b>PTS/G</b>
Erik Timko	G	Jr.	Thomas Jefferson	32/31	36.1	54.0	43.7	88.0	4.2	3.0	8	45	19.6
Matthew Ragsdale	G	Gr.	Black Hills	30/30	36.1	48.3	36.6	83.7	3.3	1.7	5	14	22.5
Milos Vicentic	F	Jr.	McKendree	28/28	33.6	53.3	41.2	79.4	5.0	0.9	14	15	21.5
Jaden Wells	G	Jr.	Central Oklahoma	31/31	32.9	41.2	34.6	0.4	4.2	1.7	1	64	21.5
Shaw Anderson	F	Sr.	Seattle Pacific	32/32	36.8	50.3	37.7	89.9	4.8	2.4	16	15	21.3
Cameron Kahn	G	Sr.	Dallas Baptist	31/31	23.6	58.6	33.3	73.0	6.3	1.7	4	46	19.5

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