

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES WINNER OF 2010 BOB COUSY AWARD

Greivis Vasquez wins annual award to nation's top point guard

APRIL 1 – SPRINGFIELD, MA – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today that **Greivis Vasquez** from the **University of Maryland** is the winner of the 2010 Bob Cousy Award presented by *The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.* This annual award is given to college basketball's top point guard and is named after Hall of Famer and former Boston Celtics guard Bob Cousy. An original list of 73 candidates made up of players from Division I, II and III schools was trimmed by a Hall of Fame appointed, nationally based committee to 20, down to 11, and a final six before voting on the winner of one of college basketball's most prestigious awards.

"The Hall of Fame is proud to present one of college basketball's premier awards to Greivis Vasquez," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. "Greivis represents the best in the game at his position and truly represents Bob Cousy's vision for this award."

"We are proud to congratulate this year's Bob Cousy Award winner, Greivis Vasquez for demonstrating the values of leadership, vision, teamwork and integrity," said Mike Concannon, executive vice president of sales and distribution at The Hartford. "These values are shared by The Hartford and reflect the high standards set by Mr. Cousy to inspire people on and off the court to achieve what is ahead of them."

Vasquez, a senior from Caracas, Venezuela, averaged 19.6 points per game for Maryland this season while recording 6.3 assists and 4.6 rebounds per game. He led Maryland to a 24-9 record, a share of the ACC regular-season title and an NCAA tournament berth. Vasquez is a Wooden Award Finalist, was named as the ACC's Player of the Year, and was named to The Sporting News First-Team All-America.

Vasquez ranks second on Maryland's all-time lists in career points (2,171) and career assists (772). He is the only player in ACC history to record at least 2,000 points, 700 assists and 600 rebounds in his career. He ranked throughout the season among the top 10 nationally in assists per game in NCAA Division I.

Each of the final six candidates was reviewed by the Hall of Fame's Blue Ribbon Selection Committee, chaired by former NABC President and Hall of Fame Trustee Ken Kaufman. The Blue Ribbon Selection Committee is made up of top college basketball personnel including media members, head coaches, Sports Information Directors and Hall of Famers. The 2010 Bob Cousy Award presentation will be on Monday April 5 as part of the Bob Cousy Award Breakfast and Basketball Hall of Fame Class Announcement in Indianapolis at the Final Four.

Previous Winners of the Bob Cousy Award

2004	Jameer Nelson	St. Joseph's
2005	Raymond Felton	North Carolina
2006	Dee Brown	Illinois
2007	Acie Law	Texas A&M
2008	D.J. Augustin	Texas
2009	Ty Lawson	North Carolina

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