

# **BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2011 BOB COUSY AWARD CANDIDATES**

## ***66 IN CONTENTION FOR NATION'S TOP POINT GUARD***

**DECEMBER 20, 2010** – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts announced today the candidates for the **2011 Bob Cousy Award**. The annual award, named for Hall of Famer and former Boston Celtic Bob Cousy, recognizes college basketball's top point guard. Total of 66 players have been nominated for the 2011 award. Nominations were solicited from all schools across the country.

“The Hall of Fame is proud to once again work with Mr. Cousy and to present one of college basketball's most coveted awards,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “This list represents a wide range of college basketball's top players and we look forward to honoring the legacy of Mr. Cousy with this year's award winner.”

“Bob is one of the great players in the history of basketball and his point guard ability was well ahead of his time,” said Ken Kaufman, Chair of the Bob Cousy Award. “This award recognizes his incredible talents from the past while also honoring the best in today's game. We look forward to honoring this year's award winner come April.”

This original list of candidates will be narrowed down to a final 20 by January 3<sup>rd</sup>, final 10 by February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and final five by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. A Hall of Fame appointed screening committee will be narrowing down the candidates from 20 to 10 to 5 prior to a Blue Ribbon Selection Committee evaluating the final five candidates and ultimately choosing the winner. Both of the Hall of Fame committee's are made up of top college basketball personnel including media members, head coaches, Sports Information Directors and Hall of Famers. The winner of the **2011 Bob Cousy Award** will be presented at the Hall of Fame's Class Announcement on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> in Houston as part of NCAA Final Four weekend.

Previous winners of the Bob Cousy Award have included: Jameer Nelson (St. Joseph's), Raymond Felton (North Carolina), Dee Brown (Illinois), Acie Law (Texas A & M), DJ Augustin (Texas), Ty Lawson (North Carolina) and Greivis Vasquez (Maryland). For more information on the **2011 Bob Cousy Award**, log onto [www.cousyaward.com](http://www.cousyaward.com).

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Aaron Johnson	UAB
AJ Rompza	UCF
AJ Walton	Baylor University
Alec Burks	University of Colorado
Alex Tucker	Florida Atlantic University
Brandon Knight	University of Kentucky
Brendan McKillop	Davidson College
Brock Young	East Carolina University
Bruce Ellington	South Carolina
Bryan Dougher	Stony Brook University
Cameron Wells	The Citadel
Casper Ware	Long Beach State
Chaisson Allen	Northeastern University
Chris Warren	Ole Miss
Chris Wroblewski	Cornell University
Corey Fisher	Villanova University
DeAndre Brown	Louisiana Tech
Demetri McCamey	University of Illinois
Demontez Stitt	Clemson University
Derek Needham	Fairfield University
Derwin Kitchen	Florida State University
Devin Gibson	UTSA
Devon Moore	James Madison University
Diante Garrett	Iowa State University
DJ Cooper	Ohio University
DJ Gay	San Diego State University
Hank Thorns	TCU
Isaiah Thomas	University of Washington
Jacob Pullen	Kansas State University
Jay Threatt	Delaware State
Jimmer Fredette	BYU
Joe Jakubowski	Bowling Green State
Joey Rodriguez	VCU
John Ashworth	IUPUI
Jordan Callahan	Tulane University
Jordan Taylor	University of Wisconsin
Juan Fernandez	Temple University

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Julyan Stone	UTEP
Junard Hartley	Campbell University
Juwan Staten	University of Dayton
Kalin Lucas	Michigan State University
Keegan Bell	Chattanooga
Keiton Page	Oklahoma State University
Kemba Walker	University of Connecticut
Kevin Anderson	Richmond
Kevin White	Maryland Eastern Shore
Kwadzo Ahelegbe	Northern Iowa
Kyrie Irving	Duke University
Lewis Jackson	Purdue University
Malcolm Delaney	Virginia Tech
Marquis Jones	University of Rhode Island
Michael Dixon Jr.	University of Missouri
Mickey McConnell	Saint Mary's College
Mike Williams	Western Carolina
Nolan Smith	Duke University
Norris Cole	Cleveland State University
O.J. Avworo	Navy
Phil Pressey	University of Missouri
Randy Davis	Ball State University
Reggie Moore	Washington State
Scott Machado	Iona College
Talor Battle	Penn State
Tu Holloway	Xavier University
Tyshawn Taylor	University of Kansas
Zac Swansey	Tennessee Tech University
Zack Rosen	University of Pennsylvania

### **About the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame:**

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