

MBCA NEWS

Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association Newsletter • FALL 2025

President's Message

I'm excited to step into the role of President of the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association. Having coached at Lexington High School since 2010, I understand and appreciate the dedication and commitment it takes to coach high school basketball successfully. This year, my focus is on growing our membership, providing stronger support for new coaches, and working closely with the MIAA to address the issues that matter most to us. By staying connected and supporting one another, we can ensure our coaching community—and the sport we love—thrives both on and off the court.

For more than 60 years, the MBCA has stood alongside the dedicated men and women who coach high school basketball across Massachusetts. As we look ahead to the upcoming season, we recognize the time and energy you're already investing—whether it's planning preseason workouts, building schedules, or mentoring athletes off the court. The MBCA remains focused on supporting your work, promoting your voice, and protecting the game we all care about.

I'm proud to introduce this year's Hall of Fame inductees: Dick Bliss of Hopkinton High School, Paul Connolly of Newton North High School, and Steve Harrington of Watertown High School. Each has devoted over 30 years to coaching high school basketball, making lasting impacts on their programs and communities. Alongside this distinguished class, we will also recognize more than 40 coaches with awards including "Coach of the Year," "Assistant Coach of the Year," and "Victory Club" milestones. These honorees and their families will be celebrated at our annual MBCA Hall of Fame Banquet on Sunday, November 23, at The College of the Holy Cross. Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations—this process relies on the participation of our members. You can find the full list of award recipients in this newsletter.

As the school year gets underway, I encourage you to join or renew your MBCA membership for the upcoming season. We're once again offering a school membership package that allows you and your entire coaching staff to join at a reduced rate. If your school is unable to participate in the group option, individual memberships are also available and provide full access to all member benefits. Beyond having a voice in shaping the future of basketball in Massachusetts, your membership ensures that both you and your players are eligible for MBCA's end-of-season awards—recognition that makes membership a valuable investment.

Finally, I invite you to get involved with the association. Our Executive Board is always looking for members to step up—whether as league representatives, district coordinators, or simply willing volunteers. If you have questions, ideas, or an interest in contributing to MBCA's efforts, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we will continue to build a strong and supportive community for Massachusetts basketball coaches.

Sincerely,

Reggie Hobbs, MBCA President

Lexington High School Boys Basketball Coach



2025 MBCA Annual Senior Awards Breakfast Sponsored by The Red Auerbach Foundation

The MBCA Annual Senior Awards Breakfast was held at the College of The Holy Cross on Sunday, May 18, 2025. With almost 300 people in attendance, this event gets bigger and better every year. Through the generous support of The Red Auerbach Foundation, each player received three tickets to the event for themselves, friends, or family. Additionally, the foundation was able to provide a ticket to each player's coach. The MBCA proudly recognized our student basketball players from across the state. Players were nominated by their coaches and selected by a committee to an All-Senior team and an All-Academic team for each of the 5 MIAA Divisions. Additionally, a "Divisional Player of the Year" was presented for each of the 5 Divisions and a statewide "Red Auerbach Player of the Year" was also presented.

Boys Divisional Players of the Year

- DI** Caden Sullivan - Franklin High School
- DII** Cole Craffey - Oliver Ames High School
- DIII** Ronan Coffey - Norwell High School
- DIV** Nate Reynolds - Bourne High School
- DV** Owen Boudria - Westport High School

Girls Divisional Players of the Year

- DI** Maddy Steel - Bishop Feehan High School
- DII** Ava Orlando - Notre Dame Academy (Hingham)
- DIII** Kailey Sullivan - Foxborough High School
- DIV** Paige Meda - Bourne High School
- DV** Ashlyn Lesure - Hoosac Valley Regional High



Red Auerbach Player of the Year

Male: **Caden Sullivan** • Female: **Maddy Steel**



Division 5 All-Senior Team

The 63rd Annual MBCA Coaches Clinic Franklin High School • Sunday, October 19, 2025

The clinic is free to all current members. Memberships are renewable each year. This year's membership began on July 1, 2025 and will run through June 30, 2026. If your school has not signed

you up with the school package for this upcoming year, the cost of the clinic is \$45 which will include your MBCA membership for the year. Registration will be available at the door on the day of the clinic.

MEET THE CLINICIANS



C White

Bentley University Women's Basketball Coach

C. White, a 2001 Bentley graduate and former standout point guard, has led the Falcons since 2020 after 18 years under Hall of Famer Barbara Stevens. She owns a 101–27 record with four NCAA East Regional appearances, four NE10 tournament titles, and a 2025 NCAA Elite Eight trip. The 2024–25 team went 33–2 with a 31–game win streak, earning White NE10 Coach of the Year and WBCA Coach of the Year finalist honors.



Scott Faucher

Assumption University Men's Basketball Coach

Scott Faucher has guided Assumption to new heights, highlighted by the 2024–25 NCAA East Regional title—its first in 50 years—and an Elite Eight berth. His team finished 22–10 and led the NE10 in scoring at 80.4 PPG. Since taking over in 2019, he's earned WACBA Coach of the Year honors and a spot on the 2019 Under Armour 30–Under–30 list. Prior to Assumption, Faucher served as head coach at Nichols College, where he posted a record-breaking 28–3 season and led the Bison to the NCAA Division III Elite Eight. His coaching experience also includes assistant roles at Bowdoin and Saint Michael's Colleges.



Bill Coen

Northeastern University Men's Basketball Coach

Bill Coen, Northeastern's and the CAA's all-time wins leader, has coached the Huskies since 2006 with four regular-season titles, two CAA tournament crowns, and two NCAA trips. A former BC and URI assistant, Coen has earned multiple Coach of the Year awards and developed 28 pro players. A Hamilton College graduate and former team captain, Coen earned his MBA from Rhode Island. His career honors include CAA Coach of the Year (2018), USBWA District I Coach of the Year (2010, 2013), and NABC District 10 Coach of the Year (2013, 2018).



Joe Jones

Boston University Men's Basketball Coach

Coach Jones is the head coach of Boston University's men's basketball team. He previously served as the head coach at Columbia University and has worked as an assistant coach at Hofstra University, Villanova University, and Boston College.

With over 20 years of coaching experience, Joe Jones enters the 2024–25 season at the helm with the Boston University men's basketball team seeking his sixth postseason berth in 12 years under his watchful eye. He's been recognized by HoopsHD.com as the Patriot League Coach of the Year in two of the last four seasons.

Jones' brother James is the head men's basketball coach at Yale University.

MBCA – 2025-2026 Membership and Clinic Registration Form

Annual Membership Fee: **\$45.00 / Individual Coaches**
\$100 per school if entire coaching staff registers together

[Includes Coaches Clinic]

NAME _____

POSITION _____ B G

SCHOOL _____

CITY / TOWN _____ ZIP CODE _____

CONTACT PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **MBCA**

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REGISTER ON LINE: **thembca.org**

PLEASE NOTE:

MBCA membership is renewable annually and runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

For example, if you registered in March of 2025, your membership ended on June 30, 2025.

To attend this year's clinic, you would have had to have joined after July 1 of 2025.



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New MBCA website:

thembca.org



Nominations for All Senior and All-Academic Team

- Nomination forms for the 2025 - 2026 season All-Academic and All-Senior Teams available on MBCA website and in spring newsletter.
- Nominations for the All Senior Team and All-Academic Teams can be submitted directly on the website.

**MBCA
Hall of Fame Induction
"Coach of the Year"
Banquet**



Sunday, November 23rd

**Hogan Center
The College of the Holy Cross**

Awards Presentation

**Division "Coach of the Year"
Victory Club Recipients
Assistant Coach of the Year
The President's Award**



Cocktail Hour 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Dinner

**Hall of Fame Induction
Awards Presentation**



Tickets: \$50 / person
(must be purchased in advance)

QUESTIONS:

Please contact Hall of Fame Chair:

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2025 Hall of Fame Inductees

Dick Bliss, Hopkinton High School

- Over 350 Wins (both Boys & Girls Teams)
- 8 Conference Championships
- 3 Sectional Championships
- 2 State Championships

Paul Connolly, Newton North High School

- Over 450 Wins
- 15 Conference Championships
- 5 Sectional Championships
- 2 State Championships

Steve Harrington, Watertown High School

- Over 450 Wins
- 28 Straight State Tourney Appearances
- 5 State Finals
- 3 State Championships



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MIAA State Tournament**

**2025-2026
MIAA Winter Season**

December 1 – March 14

MASSACHUSETTS BASKETBALL COACHES AWARDS 2024-2025

The coaches listed below will be honored on Sunday, November 14th at Holy Cross during the annual MBCA Hall of Fame banquet. At this banquet, we will induct four coaches into the Hall of Fame and present awards for Coaches of the Year and Victory Club milestones. Additionally, we will present two prestigious awards—the Leo Miller Award and the Presidential Service Award.

Hall of Fame Inductees

Dick Bliss - Hopkinton High School
Paul Connolly - Newton North High School
Steve Harrington - Watertown High School
Joseph Killilea - Newton South High School

Leo Miller Award Recipient

Brian Gearty - Blue Hills Regional Technical School

Presidential Service Award

Danny Ventura - Boston Herald HS Sports Writer

2025 Coaches of the Year

DIVISION I: BOYS

Paul Connolly *Newton North High School*
Mark Dunham *Central Catholic High School*
Mark Houle *Attleboro High School*

DIVISION I: GIRLS

Oryx Cohen *Natick High School*
Russell Coward *Westford Academy*
Jim Oxford *Wachusett Regional High School*

DIVISION II: BOYS

Kevin Barrett *North Quincy High School*
Steve Boudreau *Tewksbury Memorial High School*
Eric MacKinnon *Oliver Ames High School*

DIVISION II: GIRLS

Katherine Clifford *Westwood High School*
Liana Cunningham *North Quincy High School*
Ryan Minns *Minnechoag Regional High School*

DIVISION III: BOYS

Tom Doyle *Salem High School*
Anthony Faradie *Wilmington High School*
John Wilis *Norwell High School*

DIVISION III: GIRLS

Lisa Downs *Foxborough High School*
Clare Murphy *Fontbonne Academy*
Rick Regan *Old Rochester Regional High School*

DIVISION IV: BOYS

Rick Kilpatrick *Ayer-Shirley Regional High School*
Steve Manguso *Clinton High School*
Bo Ruggiero *Cohasset High School*

DIVISION IV: GIRLS

Nicole Flynn *Blue Hills Regional Technical School*
John Gniadek *Uxbridge High School*
Steve Reno *Millbury High School*

DIVISION V: BOYS

Scott Boudria *Westport High School*
Tony Cordani *Hopedale High School*

DIVISION V: GIRLS

Jon Frederick *Hoosac Valley Regional High School*
Kristyn Howes *Maynard High School*
Ralph Quinn *Douglas High School*

2025 Assistant Coaches of the Year

Roland Arcand *Hopedale High School*
Kailynne Frederick *Hoosac Valley Regional High School*
Katherine McDonald *Wachusett High School*

2025 Victory Club Recipients

400 WINS Paul Howes *Maynard High School*
400 WINS Michael Vaughn *Mansfield High School*
300 WINS Kevin Brogioli *Wareham High School*
300 WINS John Leighton *Franklin High School*
200 WINS Kevin Barrett *North Quincy High School*

200 WINS Russell Coward *Westford Academy*
200 WINS Rick Grady *Dover Sherborn High School*
200 WINS Joe Iannone *Medway High School*
200 WINS Jay Keane *Malden Catholic High School*
200 WINS CJ Neely *Franklin High School*
200 WINS Andrew Niedzwiecki *Sutton High School*

2024-2025 MCBA Executive Board

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CENTRAL - GIRLS

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NORTH - BOYS

Vacant

NORTH - GIRLS

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WEST - GIRLS

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The MBCA

What It Does for its Members and High School Basketball

- Presents Annual Coaches Clinic
- Publishes Bi-Annual Newsletter
- Presents Annual Senior Awards Breakfast:
 - Division All Senior Teams (*Boys and Girls*)
 - Division All Senior Academic Team (*Boys and Girls*)
 - Division Player of the Year (*Boys and Girls*)
 - State Player of the Year (*Boys and Girls*)



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- Presents Annual Hall Of Fame Induction Banquet
- Recognizes and Honors Annually:
 - Division Coach of the Year
 - Victory Club Achievement
 - Assistant Coach of the Year
 - Presidential Award
 - Special Awards for Contribution to Massachusetts High School Basketball
- Represents High School Basketball at MIAA meetings
- Provides The MBCA website



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