



Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association Newsletter • SPRING 2026

President's Message

In our 64th year of representing Massachusetts High School Basketball Coaches, the MBCA executive board would like to thank you for all of your hard work throughout the season. Under the hard work of MBCA Past President and current MBCA board member Jim Quatromoni (*Hingham High School*), working his fifth year as MIAA Statewide Basketball Tournament Director, Massachusetts crowned 10 State Champions, after navigating some intense winter weather in the first week of the tournament. Eight of the ten state champion teams were coached by our member coaches. Congratulations to MBCA members: Dean O'Connor and the Bishop Feehan HS Boys, Coach Josh Kielty and the Saint Mary's HS Boys, Coach Tom Doyle and the Salem HS Boys, Coach Stephen Faniel and the Wareham HS Boys, Coach Matt Larabee and the Hoosac Valley Boys, Coach Jim Oxford and the Wachusett Regional Girls, Coach Mark Nickerson and the Medfield HS Girls, and Coach Jason Rojee and the Hopedale HS Girls for winning state championships!

On May 3rd we recognized our outstanding senior student athletes and their families at our annual MBCA breakfast. With help from our newly revamped website thembca.org, this year, we received a record number of nominations for our senior awards. You can find the names of the athletes that we are awarding on our all-academic and all-senior team within this newsletter.

With over 450 members, the MBCA is in a good place, but we will continue to push ourselves to improve the experience for High School Coaches in Massachusetts. Our board is filled with devoted coaches. I would like to especially thank our board members who oversaw our traditional MBCA programs. Rick Grady (*Dover Sherborn High School*) did a great job of running our annual Coaches Clinic at Franklin HS, Mike Vaughn (*Mansfield High School*), organized another fantastic Hall of Fame Banquet at the College of the Holy Cross. John Leighton (*Franklin High School*) has taken over our senior breakfast and keeps working to make it better and better. Alex Salachi (*Xaverian Brothers High School*) who works throughout the year as our membership coordinator and Treasurer.

If you were a member this past year, I urge you to continue your membership for next season. Our school membership package enables the entire coaching staff to join our association at a very reasonable cost. If you were not a member, please consider the benefits that our membership provides you and your players. In addition to collaboratively working to improve basketball in our state, your membership makes you, and more importantly, your players eligible for our end of season awards. If nothing else, being able to promote the accomplishments of your players is well worth joining the MBCA.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or ideas to bring to our board. Also, we are always looking for more people to step into leadership roles.

Sincerely,
Reggie Hobbs - *Lexington High School Boys Basketball*
MBCA President

MBCA - Hall of Fame Awards Banquet

The 62nd annual MBCA Hall of Fame banquet was held at the College of the Holy Cross on November 23rd, 2025. Hall of Fame Chairperson, Mike Vaughn did a tremendous job of organizing a special evening to recognize our Coach of the Year, Victory Club, and Hall of Fame coaches.

The MBCA proudly recognized three Hall of Fame recipients: Dick Bliss (*Hopkinton High School*)

Paul Connolly (*Newton North High School*), and Steve Harrington (*Watertown High School*). The MBCA Presidential Award was given to Danny Ventura for his dedication as a sportswriter for High School sports in Massachusetts. Additionally, 15 boys coaches and 15 girls coaches were recognized as Sectional Coaches of the Year along with three Assistant Coaches of the Year.



Dick Bliss



Paul Connolly



Steve Harrington



Past President Award:
Steve Reno



Lina Cunningham



MBCA Hall of Fame Class 2026



2026 MBCA Coaches' Clinic

The 61st annual coaches clinic was held on October 19th at Franklin High School. Members were afforded the opportunity to hear from an outstanding list of clinicians: Scott Faucher (*Men's Coach, Assumption University*), Joe Jones (*Men's Coach, Boston University*) Bill Cohen (*Men's Coach, Northeast-*

ern University) and C White (*Women's Coach, Bentley University*). Spalding provided everybody with a tee-shirt and many basketballs as door prizes. Congratulations to Rick Grady, *Dover Sherborn High School*, for overseeing this year's clinic which was an excellent learning opportunity for our members.



Scott Faucher



Joe Jones



Bill Cohen



C White

MBCA Coaching Mentor Program

This fall, the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association launched a new Coaching Mentorship Program designed to connect experienced coaches with those newer to the profession or stepping into new roles. The program is intended to strengthen our coaching community by creating opportunities for support, collaboration,

and the sharing of ideas around program development, season planning, and the many responsibilities that come with leading a team. If you are interested in participating as a mentor or mentee, please reach out to president@thembca.org.

2025 MBCA Senior Award Winners

Red Auerbach State Player of the Year Girls: **Jaelyn Scott**, *Wachusett Regional High School*
Red Auerbach State Player of the Year Boys: **Brody Bumila**, *Bishop Feehan High School*

2025-2026 MBCA All Senior Team

DIVISION 1: BOYS		DIVISION 1: GIRLS	
Brody Bumila	<i>Bishop Feehan High School</i>	Sophie Gibbons	<i>Wachusett Regional High School</i>
Connor Houle	<i>Attleboro High School</i>	Kiera Lenihan	<i>Andover High School</i>
Javi Lopez	<i>Central Catholic High School</i>	Mollie Mullen	<i>Bishop Feehan High School</i>
Ben Marino	<i>Needham High School</i>	Jaelyn Scott	<i>Wachusett Regional High School</i>
Dan Padden	<i>Marshfield High School</i>	Camden Strandberg	<i>Bridgewater-Raynham Regional</i>
DIVISION 2: BOYS		DIVISION 2: GIRLS	
Cal Atherton	<i>Newburyport High School</i>	Bella Bingham	<i>Walpole High School</i>
Rolky Brea-Arias	<i>St. Mary’s High School</i>	Ashley Cohen	<i>Bedford High School</i>
Jimmy Farrell	<i>Masconomet Regional High School</i>	Avery Gamble	<i>Oliver Ames High School</i>
Justin Grimaldi	<i>Oliver Ames High School</i>	Ella Orlando	<i>Notre Dame Academy- Hingham</i>
Matty Gray	<i>Burlington High School</i>	Adrianna Porazzo	<i>Foxboro High School</i>
DIVISION3: BOYS		DIVISION3: GIRLS	
Thomas Behrmann	<i>Medfield High School</i>	Amelia Crowe	<i>Pentucket Regional High School</i>
Kingston Maxwell	<i>Abington High School</i>	Anna Freeman	<i>Medway High School</i>
Ryan Mutschler	<i>Hanover High School</i>	Sophie Gallivan	<i>North Reading High School</i>
Johnny Sullivan	<i>Tewksbury Memorial High School</i>	Sophia Pichay	<i>Ursuline Academy</i>
DIVISION 4: BOYS		DIVISION 4: GIRLS	
Tyler Anderson	<i>Blue Hills Regional Technical School</i>	Rayna Horton	<i>Millbury High School</i>
Cooper Calvert	<i>Wahconah Regional High School</i>	Madison McCarthy	<i>Wahconah Regional High School</i>
Aaron Cote	<i>Wareham High School</i>	Emma Plante	<i>Joseph Case High School</i>
Jag Garces	<i>West Bridgewater High School</i>	Samone Young	<i>Easthampton High School</i>
Maxim Kauffman	<i>Narragansett Regional High School</i>		
DIVISION 5: BOYS		DIVISION 5: GIRLS	
Kenny Arpin	<i>Bartlett High School</i>	Phoebe Carroll	<i>Hopedale High School</i>
Quanel Bradley	<i>Hoosac Valley Regional High School</i>	Hayden Comeau	<i>Mahar Regional High School</i>
Allen Brown Jr.	<i>Holbrook Middle High School</i>	Anna Fafard	<i>Hopedale High School</i>
Keigan Murphy	<i>Hopedale High School</i>		
Adan Wicks	<i>Hoosac Valley Regional High School</i>		

2025 MBCA Senior Award Winners

2025- 2026 MBCA Senior All Academic Team

BOYS		GIRLS	
William Carpine	<i>Rockland High School</i>	Bella Abrams	<i>East Bridgewater High School</i>
Logan Crasnick	<i>Easthampton High School</i>	Victoria Adams	<i>Walpole High School</i>
Dawson English	<i>Winchester High School</i>	Sofia Bellacqua	<i>Pentucket Regional High School</i>
Jacob Flynn	<i>Saint John’s High School</i>	Brielle Brothers	<i>Millbury High School</i>
Cayden Gaffny	<i>Hudson High School</i>	Whitney Campbell	<i>Frontier Regional High School</i>
Jiai Gonzalez	<i>Blue Hills Regional</i>	Moira Cosgrove	<i>Bishop Feehan High School</i>
Owen Granger	<i>David Prouty High School</i>	Kelly Cronin	<i>Minnechaug Regional High School</i>
Henry Griffin	<i>Foxboro High School</i>	Kaelyn Deneen	<i>Marlborough High School</i>
Tommy Griffin	<i>Somerville High School</i>	Liz Dumais	<i>Franklin High School</i>
Blake Krikorian	<i>Westford Academy</i>	Emma Jolley	<i>Fontbonne Academy</i>
Joaquim Lombos	<i>Boston Latin Academy</i>	Sophia Laprise	<i>Agawam High School</i>
Ethan Love	<i>Ludlow High School</i>	Amelia Leighton	<i>North Attleboro High School</i>
Sam McLaughlin	<i>Wahconah Regional High School</i>	Liliana Martinez	<i>Malden Catholic High School</i>
Max Millette	<i>Frontier Regional High School</i>	Katie McMahon	<i>Natick High School</i>
Dylan Pompilus	<i>Oliver Ames High School</i>	Emma Plante	<i>Joseph Case High School</i>
William Rhee	<i>Milton High School</i>	Skylar Rezendes	<i>Westport High School</i>
Tyler Staiti	<i>Abington High School</i>	Olivia Strom	<i>Oliver Ames</i>
		Katelyn Troilo	<i>Mansfield High School</i>



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Official website of the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association

- Register on line to become a member of the MBCA and the Annual Coaches Clinic
- District Coordinators and League Representatives Contact Information
- Read Current and Previous MBCA Newsletters
- View Up Coming MBCA Events and Programs
- Nominate players and coaches for awards.



Spalding TF-1000: The official ball of the MBCA and the MIAA Tournament

2025 - 2026 MBCA Executive Board

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MBCA Senior Awards Breakfast

The MBCA's annual Senior Breakfast was held at the College of the Holy Cross on Sunday, May 3, 2026. We would like to thank the Red Auerbach Foundation, under the direction of Stewart Grossman, for their generosity in sponsoring the event. Our relationship with the Red Auerbach Foundation has allowed our board to expand and improve what has always been an important event in recognizing our student-athletes. At the breakfast, we recognized the members of the All-Senior Team and All-Academic Team. In addition, we announced the MBCA Red Auerbach Players of the Year.

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MBCA Membership Registration for MBCA Membership - On Line at mbcaorg.com

PLEASE NOTE: Membership Year – July 1 – June 30

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POSITION _____	
SCHOOL _____	
CITY / TOWN _____	ZIP CODE _____
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MBCA Annual Dues: \$40
School Discount Package Available
Check with your Athletic Director

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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 Hall Of Fame Induction Banquet**
- **Presents Annual Senior Awards Breakfast:**
 - Division All Senior Teams [*B and G*]
 - Division All Senior Academic Team [*B and G*]
 - Division Player of the Year [*B and G*]
 - State Player of the Year [*B and G*]
- **Recognizes and Honors Annually:**
 - Divisional Coaches of the Year
 - Victory Club Achievement
 - Assistant Coaches 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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