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FINALISTS FOR 2024-25 KYLE MACY AWARD

The top freshmen in division I college basketball

BOSTON, MA -- CollegeInsider.com has announced the finalists for the 2024-25 Kyle Macy award. The award is presented annually to the top freshman in division I college basketball.

The award is named for a guard who starred as a freshman for Purdue. The 1975 *Indiana Mr. Basketball*, Kyle Macy played his freshman season at Purdue University, averaging 13.8 points per game while leading the Boilermakers in free throws (85.9 percent for the season). He started in 25 of 27 games, helping them to a 16-11 season record.

After one season in West Lafayette, Indiana, Macy transferred to the University of Kentucky in 1976. He started every game for the Wildcats in 1977. A three-time All-America and three-time All-SEC player, Macy was a member of Kentucky's 1978 National Championship team. In his senior year of 1979-80, he became the first Kentucky player ever to be named consensus Southeastern Conference Player of the Year.

The recipient of the annual award is determined by a 10-member voting committee, which consists of current and former head coaches, as well as two senior staff members of collegeinsider.com.

The 2025 award will be announced in San Antonio, TX, site of the men's Division I Basketball Championship.

KYLE MACY AWARD FINALISTS

Ace Bailey	6-10	Rutgers
V.J. Edgecombe	6-5	Baylor
Jeremiah Fears	6-4	Oklahoma
Cooper Flagg	6-9	Duke
Boogie Fland	6-2	Arkansas
Magoon Gwath	7-0	San Diego State
Blake Harper	6-8	Howard
Dylan Harper	6-7	Rutgers
Ian Jackson	6-4	North Carolina
Kasparas Jakucionis	6-6	Illinois
Tre Johnson	6-6	Texas
Kon Knueppel	7-0	Duke
Liam McNeeley	6-8	Connecticut
Asa Newell	6-9	Georgia
Tahaad Pettiford	6-1	Auburn
Labaron Philon	6-4	Alabama
Jayden Quaintance	6-9	Arizona State
Derik Queen	6-10	Maryland
Jase Richardson	6-3	Michigan State
Will Riley	6-9	Illinois
Thomas Sorber	6-10	Georgetown
Moustapha Thiam	7-2	UCF
Jeremiah Wilkinson	6-1	California
Adrian Wooley	6-5	Kennesaw State
Robert Wright	6-1	Baylor

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

PJ Haggerty, Tulsa (2024); Kyle Filipowski, Duke (2023); Malaki Branham, Ohio State (2022); Cade Cunningham, Oklahoma State (2021); Anthony Edwards, Georgia (2020); Zion Williamson, Duke (2019); Marvin Bagley III, Duke (2018); Justin Patton, Creighton (2017); Brandon Ingram, Duke (2016); D'Angelo Russell, Ohio State (2015); Jabari Parker, Duke (2014); Anthony Bennett, UNLV (2013); Anthony Davis, Kentucky (2012).

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