

2009 BCAM College Coaches of the Year

SUZY MERCHANT * WOMEN'S COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Suzy Merchant knows how to make magic happen on and off the court. Not only did she lead her team to their sixth straight 20 win season, but she also had five players who were named Academic All- Big Ten. This year's team also made their eighth consecutive postseason appearance. **Merchants'** team led the Big Ten in overall scoring defense, field goal percentage defense, 3-point field goal percentage defense, rebounds, rebound margin, blocked shots and offensive rebounds. The Spartans ended their season by advancing to the Sweet 16; becoming only the third No. 9 seed to get to the sweet 16.

GREG KAMPE * MEN'S COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Greg Kampe has now led his team to seven 20-win seasons. This year his team finished undefeated at home, the first time in Oakland's history that this has happened. His players have broken many records, from most blocks to number of 3-pointers made. **Kampe** also had three players in top five national rankings. This season Oakland advanced to their second postseason tournament in Division I.

KAREN LAFATA * WOMEN'S JR COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Karen Lafata led her team to an amazing record of 32-3 this season. Her team was named the MCAA Eastern Conference Champions and was the MCCA State Champion for the second year in a row. **Lafata** also has an impressive career record of 265-71 and her teams have accumulated seven MCCA Eastern Conference Titles, four MCCA State Titles, three NJCAA XII District H Titles and three NJCAA National Tournament Appearances.

ABE MASHHOUR * MEN'S JR COLLEGE COACH of the YEAR HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Abe Mashhour has been the head coach of Henry Ford Community College for 10 years now. In his most recent season, his team had an overall record of 23-9, with a conference record of 13-5. HFCC won the 2009 MCCA State Championship and Region 12 Championship. They were one of 12 teams nationally to contend for the NJCAA National Championship. **Mashhour** was also honored by being named the MCCA Coach of the Year and the Region 12 Coach of the Year.