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PRESS RELEASE

Lake-Sumter Community College's Mike Matulia Earns Athletic Director of the Year Award



LSCC Athletic Director
Mike Matulia

LEESBURG (June 17, 2009) - The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) announced the 29 winners of the "Under Armour AD (Athletic Director) of the Year Award" this week. Lake-Sumter Community College's Mike Matulia, was chosen as the southeast U.S. region's recipient, one of only four junior college/community college athletic directors in the nation to earn the award.

The "Under Armour AD of the Year Award" program was created to honor intercollegiate directors of athletics for their commitment and administrative excellence within a campus and/or college community environment. NACDA Executive Director Mike Cleary explains, "The ADOY Award is essential because it highlights the efforts of athletics directors at all levels for their commitment and positive contributions to campuses and their surrounding communities."

All NACDA-member directors of athletics in the U.S., Canada and Mexico who met the criteria were eligible for the award. Among the criteria were service as an athletic director for a minimum of five academic years; demonstration of commitment to higher education and student-athletes; continuous teamwork, loyalty and excellence; and the ability to inspire individuals or groups to high levels of accomplishments. Additionally, each AD's institution must have passed a compliance check through its appropriate governing body.

There are four geographic regions - southeast, northeast, central and west. Membership is separated into seven categories - Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A); Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA); Division I (formerly Division I-AAA); Division II; Division III; and NAIA Junior/Community Colleges, along with one international winner. A winner was selected in each of the seven categories. Nominators were NACDA-member directors of athletics, institutional presidents and conference commissioners. Special selection committees composed of current and former directors of athletics, present and past NCAA and NAIA presidents, current and former commissioners and other key athletics administrators voted on the nominees. Winners will receive their awards during the James J. Corbett Awards Luncheon at NACDA's 44th Annual Convention in Orlando on June 20.

2008-09 Junior College/Community College "Under Armour AD of the Year Award" winners are Michael Matulia, Lake-Sumter Community College, Southeast Region; Ron Case, Gloucester County College, Northeast Region; Brenda Hampton, Iowa Western Community College, Central Region; and Art Becker, Scottsdale Community College, West Region. To see the winners from four-year colleges and universities visit www.nacda.com.

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics is the professional and educational association for more than 6,500 college athletics administrators at more than 1,600 institutions throughout North America. The award sponsor Under Armour is a leading developer, marketer and distributor of branded performance apparel, footwear and accessories.

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