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THE BEN JOBE AWARD

April 4, 2016

2016 BEN JOBE AWARD

HOUSTON, TX -- Tennessee State's Dana Ford is the recipient of the 2016 Ben Jobe award.

Ford led the Tigers to one of the biggest turnarounds in NCAA history, going from 5-26 in 2014-15 to 20-11 in 2015-16. It was just the third 20-win season at the Division I level. The Tigers also made their first postseason appearance since 2012.

The Ben Jobe Award is presented annually to the top minority coach in division I men's basketball. An icon in the history of basketball at Historically

Maryland Eastern Shore's Bobby Collins accepts the 2015 Ben Jobe award at the CollegeInsider.com Awards Banquet on April 3 in Indianapolis.

Black Colleges and Universities, Jobe is best known as the head coach of the Southern University, a position he held for 12 seasons.

His record at Southern was 209-141 and included four NCAA Tournament appearances. He also coached the Jaguars to one NIT appearance, five SIAC championships, 11 SWAC titles and two NAIA Tournament Championships. Perhaps his most memorable moment as a coach was Southern's 93-78 win over Georgia Tech in the first round of the 1993 NCAA Tournament. It stands as one of the great upsets in the history of the event.

2016 BEN JOBE AWARD FINALISTS

- Roman Banks, Southern
- Rod Barnes, CSU Bakersfield
- Wayne Brent, Jackson State
- Ed Cooley, Providence
- Mike Davis, Texas Southern

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Dana Ford, Tennessee State
 Murray Garvin, South Carolina State
 Avery Johnson, Alabama
 James Jones, Yale
 Robert Jones, Norfolk State
 Edward Joyner, Jr. Hampton
 Kevin Keatts, UNCW
 Bashir Mason, Wagner
 Mark Montgomery, Northern Illinois
 King Rice, Monmouth
 Montez Robinson, Alcorn State
 Kelvin Sampson, Houston
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