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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STARS NOMINATED TO 2007 McDONALD'S ALL AMERICAN BASKETBALL TEAM

St. Louis, MO January 23, 2007- For the past 30 years, the McDonald's All American High School Basketball Games have set the precedent of successful athletes, while changing lives and promoting the importance of charity along the way. This year, the following twenty-six local high school basketball stars have been nominated to the 2007 team.

Male Nominee & School:

Mike Baker, Whitfield School
Alburey Doss, Vashon High School
Paul Eckerie, St. Francis Borgia School
Rodney Ford, Afton High School
Josh Harrellson, St. Charles High School
Eric Hobbie, Vandalia Community High School
Adam Kiel, St. Dominic High School
Kavon Lacey, Alton High School
Marvin McNutt, Hazelwood Central High School
Andrew Moore, Northwest High School
Lucas O'Rear, Nashville Comm High School
Ronald Patton, Kirkwood Senior High School
Zach Plackemeier, Duchesne High School
Leon Powell, Vashon High School
Richard Rose, Troy Buchanan High School
Chris Stokes, Miller Career Academy
Rolandis Woodland, Rockwood Summit
Senior High School

Female Nominee & School:

Shanika Butler, Gateway Institute of Technology
Calli Collier, Rolla Senior
Barissa Ford, Clayton High School
Shania Hurst, Kirkwood Senior High School
Shakara Jones, Francis Howell Central High School
LaChelle Livingston, Metro High School
Katie Maurer, Westminster Christian Academy
Michelle McQueen, Lutheran High School South
Sydney Winslow, Farmington High School

From the 2,500 boys and girls nominated, the 24 best players in the nation will be selected, in mid-to-late February, to play in each of the McDonald's All American Basketball Games. Both games will be played in Louisville, KY on **Wednesday, March 28, 2007** at Freedom Hall, and as always a portion of the proceeds from the 2007 Game will go directly to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

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