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**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STARS NOMINATED  
TO 2005 McDONALD'S ALL AMERICAN BASKETBALL TEAMS**

**St. Louis, MO January 20, 2005** –Seventeen local basketball standouts have been nominated by the McDonald's All American Basketball Team Selection Committee to be considered for a position on the final 2005 McDonald's All American High School Boys & Girls Basketball Teams.

The following is a list of local nominees:

**High School Boys Nominees**

Matt Akins, Jennings High School  
Nick Arth, Edwardsville High School  
Alexander Barnett, Cardinal Ritter  
Justin Fuehrmeyer, Francis Howell Central  
High School  
Matt Lawrence, Lafayette High School  
Kevin Lisch, Belleville Althoff Catholic  
Jeremy Moss, Centralia High School  
Nathan Whittaker, Sullivan High School  
Richard Williams, Lindbergh High School  
Landon Shipley, Lafayette High School

**High School Girls Nominees**

Maria Bratcher, Jennings High School  
Deidra Dace, Metro High School  
Sonya Daugherty, Hancock High School  
Rachel Pierson, Incarnate Word H.S.  
Jordan Plummer, Cardinal Ritter  
Jessi Rosehill, Cor Jesu High School  
Erica Smith, Hazelwood West H.S.

The final selection for both teams will be announced mid-February. This year's McDonald's All American Boys & Girls games will be played Wednesday, March 30 at Notre Dame's Joyce Center in South Bend, Indiana.

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