



# McDonalds All-American Game

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## TEAM ROSTERS REVEALED FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY McDONALD'S® ALL AMERICAN BASKETBALL GAMES

*Country's Top-Rated High School Players Compete in Louisville to Raise Money for Ronald McDonald House Charities*

**OAK BROOK, Ill. (Feb. 24, 2007)** – McDonald's and its panel of basketball experts unveiled today the 24 members of the 30th annual Boys Game and 24 members of the sixth annual Girls Game to be played March 28, 2007 at Freedom Hall in Louisville, Ky. A portion of the proceeds from the 2007 McDonald's All American Games will go to Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC®) of Kentuckiana and its Ronald McDonald House® program. More than \$5 million has been raised since the first Game was played in 1978.



**FREEDOM HALL  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 2007**

"Being selected for the McDonald's All American Games is one of the greatest accomplishments in a basketball player's career," said legendary coach John Wooden, chairman of the Games and 10-time NCAA

Champion at UCLA (1948-1975). "Not only will these youth contribute to the list of the best basketball players of all-time, but they will aid in raising money for this very important cause."

The 2007 McDonald's All American Boys Team features a widespread talent pool featuring: O.J. Mayo

(Huntington High School – Huntington, W.Va.) and his teammate Patrick Patterson, Eric Gordon (North Central High School – Indianapolis, Ind.), Kevin Love (Lake Oswego High School – Lake Oswego, Ore.), Derrick Rose (Simeon Career Academy High School – Chicago, Ill.), Kyle Singler (South Medford High School – Medford, Ore.), Michael Beasley (Notre Dame Preparatory School – Fitchburg, Md.),



Corey Stokes (St. Benedict's Prep – Newark, N.J.) and Nolan Smith (Oak Hill Academy High School – Mouth of Wilson, W.Va.).

The Boys Game will tip-off at 8:00 p.m. (EST) March 28, and will broadcast live on ESPN.

The 2007 McDonald's All American Girls Team also boasts a talent-rich roster including Maya Moore (Collins High School – Suwannee, Ga.) who was selected as the only high school junior to the USA Today All-USA first team in 2006. Also suiting up for the girls will be Angie Bjorkland (University High School – Spokane Valley, Wash.),

Jantel Lavendar (Cleveland Central Catholic High School – Cleveland, Ohio),

Kayla Pederson (Red Mountain High School – Mesa, Ariz.),

Krystal Thomas (The First Academy – Orlando, Fla.)

Lenita Sanford (Lynwood High School – Inglewood, Ca.)

Andrea Mingo (Marist High School – Atlanta, Ga.)

The Girls Game begins at 5:30 p.m. (EST) March 28, and will broadcast on live on ESPNU.

Every athlete who participates in the McDonald's All American Games will visit the host city's local RMHC Chapter, as well as the Muhammad Ali Center to pay tribute to a local Kentucky landmark. For a complete list of players and

more information on the McDonald's All American Game® and RMHC, please visit: [www.mcdonaldsallamerican.com](http://www.mcdonaldsallamerican.com) or [www.mcdepk.com/2007allamericangame/](http://www.mcdepk.com/2007allamericangame/).

This year, 48 players were selected from 2,500 nominees by a committee of basketball experts. They were chosen not only for their on-court skills, but for their performances off the court as well. Coach Morgan Wootten, who had more than 1,200 wins as head basketball coach at DeMatha High, is chairman of the selection committee. Legendary UCLA coach John Wooden, who has been involved in the McDonald's All American Games since its inception, serves as chairman of the Games and as an advisor to the selection committee.

Since 1977, more than 800 players have competed in the McDonald's All American Games, forming an elite list that reads like a "Who's Who" in basketball history. McDonald's All American® athletes include NBA greats Michael Jordan (retired), Magic Johnson (retired), Kevin Garnett (Minnesota Timberwolves), LeBron James (Cleveland Cavaliers) and Carmelo Anthony (Denver Nuggets), as well as WNBA star Shanna Zolman (San Antonio Silver Stars) and Women's NCAA stars Ann Strother (UConn), Candace Parker (Tennessee) and Seimone Augustus (LSU).

Tickets to the Games and POWERade® Jam Fest are available through Ticketmaster and by phone, (866) 909-GAME. POWERade Jam Fest will be held at Knight's Hall at Belarmine University March 26, 2007 beginning at 7:00 p.m. EST.



## 2007 McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

### WEST TEAM

#### No. Name Pos. Hgt. Wgt. High School, State (Original Hometown) College

22 Victoria Baugh F 6-4 190 Sacramento Charter High School, CA (Sacramento, CA) Tennessee  
 12 Angie Bjorklund G 6-0 165 University High School, WA (Spokane Valley, WA) Tennessee  
 20 Stefanie Gilbreath G 6-0 150 Cinco Ranch High School, TX (Katy, TX) USC  
 11 Alison Jackson F 5-11 140 Fenwick High School, IL (Chicago, IL) Ohio State  
 42 Amy Jaeschke C 6-5 210 New Trier Township High School, IL (Wilmette, IL) Northwestern  
 50 Italee Lucas G 5-8 150 Centennial High School, NV (North Las Vegas, NV) North Carolina  
 14 Kayla Pedersen F 6-4 195 Red Mountain High School, AZ (Fountain Hills, AZ) Stanford  
 15 Devereaux Peters F 6-2 165 Fenwick High School, IL (Chicago, IL) Notre Dame  
 53 Ta'Shia Phillips C 6-6 220 Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, IN (Indianapolis, IN) Undecided  
 32 Jeanette Pohlen G 6-0 165 Brea-Olinda High School, CA (Brea, CA) Stanford  
 51 Lenita Sanford F 6-3 170 Lynwood High School, CA (Inglewood, CA) California  
 21 Tyra White F 6-0 155 Hickman Mills High School, MO (Kansas City, MO) LSU

**Head Coach Donna Moir, Sacred Heart Academy** (Louisville, KY)

**Assistant Coach Betsy Cowan, Sacred Heart Academy** (Louisville, KY)

**Assistant Coach Bob Tonini, Sacred Heart Academy** (Louisville, KY)



### EAST TEAM

#### No. Name Pos. Hgt. Wgt. High School, State (Original Hometown) College

52 Kelley Cain C 6-6 220 St. Pius X Catholic High School, GA (Atlanta, GA) Tennessee  
 24 Ashley Cimino F 6-3 175 Catherine McAuley High School, ME (Yarmouth, ME) Stanford  
 23 Cetera DeGraffenreid G 5-5 135 Smoky Mountain High School,  
 NC (Cullowhee, NC) North Carolina  
 3 Lorin Dixon G 5-4 125 Christ the King School, NY(Springfield  
 Gardens, NY) Connecticut  
 42 Jantel Lavender C 6-4 215 Cleveland Central Catholic High School, OH (Euclid,  
 OH) Ohio State  
 33 Drey Mingo F 6-2 187 Marist School, GA (Atlanta, GA) Maryland  
 32 Maya Moore F 6-0 165 Collins Hill High School, GA (Lawrenceville, GA)  
 Connecticut  
 21 Erica Morrow G 5-9 147 Murry Bergtraum High School, NY (Brooklyn, NY)  
 Syracuse  
 5 Khadijah Rushdan G 5-9 165 St. Elizabeth High School, DE (New Castle, DE)  
 Rutgers  
 20 Marah Strickland G 5-11 161 Towson Catholic High School, MD (Mt. Airy, MD) Maryland  
 15 Jasmine Thomas G 5-9 140 Oakton High School, VA (Fairfax, VA) Duke  
 34 Krystal Thomas F 6-5 187 The First Academy, FL (Windermere, FL) Duke

**Head Coach Chad Gilbert, Jeffersonville High School** (Jeffersonville, IN)

**Assistant Coach Greg Wright, Jeffersonville High School** (Jeffersonville, IN)

**Assistant Coach Steve Wright, Jeffersonville High School** (Jeffersonville, IN)



**About RMHC**

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