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[Award to be presented April 1 in Houston](#)



TEXAS' BARNES TO RECEIVE USBWA'S GOOD GUY AWARD

ST. LOUIS (USBWA) – Texas Coach **Rick Barnes** has been selected to receive the **U.S. Basketball Writers Association's Good Guy Award** for coaching excellence and for cooperation with the media, it was announced today by USBWA President Bryan Burwell of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Barnes will be presented with the Good Guy Award on Friday, April 1, at the USBWA's annual college basketball awards breakfast, held in conjunction with this year's NCAA Final Four in Houston. The breakfast will also honor the Oscar Robertson Trophy and Henry Iba Award winners as well as Rice's **Arsalan Kazemi**, the USBWA's Most Courageous Award winner, and will pay tribute to the University of Houston's legendary "Phi Slama Jama" teams.

Known for spending plenty of time in person or on the phone with members of the media, Barnes joins retired coaches Tom Brennan of Vermont and Gene Keady of Purdue and current coaches Tom Izzo of Michigan State and Ron Hunter of IUPUI as past winners of the Good Guy Award given to media-friendly coaches.



Barnes

Since arriving on the Longhorn campus 13 years ago, Barnes has moved the Texas program into one of the nation's elite. He is the winningest coach in Texas history with a 322-123 record and has guided Texas to a school-record 13 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, including one trip to the Final Four in 2003 and five "Sweet 16" appearances. Earlier this season, Texas rose to a No. 3 national ranking for three weeks in The Associated Press poll.

In 2009, Barnes received the John Wooden "Legends of Coaching" Award given to coaches who exemplify Wooden's high standards of coaching success and philosophy, personal achievement, character and graduation rate of student-athletes.

Tickets for the USBWA Awards Breakfast in Houston are \$75 each and can be purchased online at usbwa.com. The breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. and will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in the George Bush Ballroom.

The **U.S. Basketball Writers Association** was formed in 1956 at the urging of then-NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers. Today, it is one of the most influential organizations in college basketball. For more information on the USBWA and its award programs, contact executive director Joe Mitch at 314-444-4325.