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## Men's Basketball All-Conference

### Bluffton's Anthony Headlines HCAC All-Conference Basketball Selections

GREENWOOD, IN – Bluffton University's Mike Anthony (Ohio City, OH/Delphos St. John's) has been named the 2006-2007 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player and headlines the 12-member all-HCAC team. The senior guard helped lead the Beavers to a second-place finish in the regular season standings and an 18-8 record overall. Anthony ranked second in the conference in scoring (17.6 ppg), first in free throw percentage (89.5%), and first in three-point field goal percentage (52.9%). Overall for the season, Anthony led the Beavers in scoring (16.7 ppg) and rebounding (4.8 rpg). Bluffton compiled a 10-6 conference mark and 18-8 record overall.

Mt. St. Joseph's Michael Romes (Villa Hills, KY/Beechwood) has also received special recognition by the conference. The freshman guard has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year. Romes was fourth in the league in scoring, averaging 16.1 points per game in conference play and ranked first in the league and nation in field-goal percentage (68.4%). He also contributed 4.9 rebounds and 1.9 assists per game. Overall for the season, Romes averaged 16.1 points and 5.2 rebounds per game.

Bluffton University head coach Guy Neal has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for the second time. Neal, in his 18th year at Bluffton, led the Beavers to a second place finish in the HCAC. Bluffton compiled an 18-8 overall record this season and fell in the semi-finals of the HCAC tournament to eventual champion Transylvania. Neal has compiled a 204-260 record while at Bluffton.

Anthony and Romes are two of 12 players named to the all-HCAC team. There are six seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman on the team this season. The 21-member honorable mention all-HCAC team has also been named. A complete list of the recipients of conference awards follow:

#### HCAC Awards:

**Player of the Year:** Mike Anthony, Bluffton, Sr., G/F

**Freshman of the Year:** Michael Romes, Mt. St. Joseph, G

**Coach of the Year:** Guy Neal, Bluffton

#### All-HCAC:

Mike Anthony, Bluffton, Sr., G/F

Anthony Pettaway, Defiance, So., C

Marty Young, Franklin, Jr., F

Jace Redman, Franklin, So., G

Robby Brown, Hanover, Jr., C

Jamaal Wade, Manchester, Jr., G

Wes Gardner, Manchester, Sr., F

Tony Blomer, Mt. St. Joseph, Sr., F

Michael Romes, Mt. St. Joseph, Fr., G

Brian Bibb, Rose-Hulman, Sr., F

Nick Feagan, Transylvania, Sr., F

Joey Searle, Transylvania, Sr., F

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**Honorable Mention All-HCAC:**

Ryan Fultz, Anderson, Fr., F  
Brandon Coffey, Anderson, So., G  
Keith Dabney, Anderson, Jr., F  
Colt Cunningham, Bluffton, So., G  
Eric Schwieterman, Bluffton, Sr., G  
Nate Overmyer, Bluffton, Jr., G  
C.J. Johnson, Defiance, Jr., G  
Nick Sales, Defiance, Fr., F  
Mike Floyd, Defiance, Fr., G  
Luke Tudor, Franklin, Sr., G  
Dustin Marshall, Franklin, So., G  
Marc O'Leary, Hanover, Jr., F  
Clint Parker, Hanover, Jr., G  
Jake Inman, Hanover, Fr., G  
Jeff Grabowski, Manchester, So., C  
Jeff Perry, Mt. St. Joseph, Sr., G  
Michael Eirons, Mt. St. Joseph, Jr., F  
Jason Bednarko, Rose-Hulman, Sr., G  
Ron George, Rose-Hulman, Sr., G  
Joey Verax, Transylvania, So., F  
Aaron Cash, Transylvania, So., G

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