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## ***2024 Men's Basketball All-OAC and Special Awards*** *(as voted by the league coaches)*

### ***Coach-of-the-Year: Pete Moran, John Carroll***

John Carroll 7<sup>th</sup> year Head Coach Pete Moran has been selected as the OAC Men's Basketball Coach-of-the-Year, by his peers. This season the Blue Streaks posted a 17-1 conference record to clinch the OAC Regular-Season title and entered the OAC Tournament as the No. 1 seed.

### ***Dick Reynolds Player-of-the-Year: Luke Chicone, John Carroll***

John Carroll junior point guard **Luke Chicone (Mentor, Ohio / Mentor)** has been voted the Dick Reynolds Player-of-the-Year. Chicone finished the regular-season averaging 17.2 points, 4.1 rebounds, 5.5 assists and 1.8 steals-per-game against OAC opponents.

The Player-of-the-Year was established in 2012 in honor of Dick Reynolds for his 40 years of service and dedication as the Otterbein University Men's Basketball Coach.

### ***Jim Burson Defensive Player-of-the-Year: Eric Panning, Heidelberg***

Heidelberg senior forward **Eric Panning (Columbus, Ohio /Westland)** has been voted the Jim Burson Defensive Player-of-the-Year. Panning finished the regular-season averaging 13.9 points, 11.2 rebounds, and 1.5 blocks-per-game against conference opponents.

The Defensive Player-of-the-Year was established in 2020 in honor of Muskingum's Jim Burson for his 38 years of service to the Men's Basketball program. Burson ended his tenure at Muskingum as the program's all-time winningest basketball coach with 542 career wins and went on to become the president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

## *Freshman-of-the Year: Baden Forup, Capital*

Capital freshman post **Baden Forup (Mansfield, Ohio / Lexington)** has been voted the OAC Freshman-of-the-Year. Forup finished the regular-season averaging 13.7 points and 6.8 rebounds per-game against conference opponents.



### 2024 Men's Basketball All-OAC Teams



<b>First Team</b>			
Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown, High School
Luke Chicone, John Carroll !	Jr.	G	Mentor, Ohio / Mentor
Christian Parker, Mount Union *!	Sr.	F	Canton, Ohio / GlenOak
Luke Frazier, John Carroll !	Jr.	G	Mentor, Ohio / Lake Catholic
Jack Clement, Otterbein	Sr.	G	Bellefontaine, Ohio / Bellefontaine
Sahmi Willoughby, Marietta	Sr.	P	Groveport, Ohio / Reynoldsburg
Eric Panning, Heidelberg	Sr.	F	Columbus, Ohio / Westland

<b>Second Team</b>			
Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown, High School
Isaiah Young, Heidelberg \$	Jr.	G	Akron, Ohio / Hoban
Cam Evans, Otterbein =!	Sr.	G	Chillicothe, Ohio / Zane Trace
Chase Toppin, John Carroll \$	Jr.	G	Cleveland Heights, Ohio / St. Ignatius
Baden Forup, Capital	Fr.	P	Mansfield, Ohio / Lexington
Ray Ellington, Baldwin Wallace	So.	G	Westlake, Ohio / Westlake
Darrell Newsom, Mount Union #	Sr.	F	Twinsburg, Ohio / Twinsburg

<b>Honorable Mention</b>			
Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown, High School
Collen Gurley, Mount Union !	Sr.	G	Akron, Ohio / Hoban
Carter Reese, Ohio Northern	Fr.	G	Westerville, Ohio / North
Jac Alexander, Marietta	Sr.	G	Oak Harbor, Ohio / Oak Harbor
Duane Davis, Muskingum	So.	G	Groveport, Ohio / Groveport Madison
Carter Combs, Capital #	Jr.	G	Cincinnati, Ohio / Lakota West
David Sanford, Marietta =\$	Sr.	G	Springfield, Ohio / Springfield
Domenic Farley, Wilmington	Jr.	G	Columbus, Ohio / Briggs
Julian Heckman, Otterbein #	So.	G	Reynoldsburg, Ohio / Reynoldsburg
Corey Hudson, Mount Union	So.	G	Columbus, Ohio / Pickerington

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2013 First Team ! ... 2013 Second Team \$ ... 2013 Honorable Mention #  
 2022 First Team \* ... 2022 Second Team + ... 2022 Honorable Mention =  
 2021 First Team ^ ... 2021 Second Team > ... 2021 Honorable Mention <  
 2020 First Team @ ... 2020 Second Team ~ ... 2020 Honorable Mention ?