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McDONALD'S ANNOUNCES 700+ NOMINEES AS ALL AMERICAN GAMES GOES VIRTUAL IN 2021

True to Tradition, McDonald's Will Name 48 Players to the Final Team Later This Month, Joining Exclusive Group of Historic Basketball Stars

Chicago, Ill. (Feb. 18, 2021) – Today is a celebration of basketball – the game, its players and their journey to greatness – as McDonald's announces that more than 700 girls and boys high school basketball players across the country are nominated for the 44th annual [McDonald's All American Games teams](#). This year's nominees are being recognized for the consistent hustle, grind and passion each have brought to the game of basketball over the course of their high school careers.

In keeping with the storied tradition, the final team roster of 48 players will be named later this month. But, much like the senior year seasons of these athletes, commemorating these players will look different this year due to COVID-19. McDonald's made the difficult decision to forego in-person Games after consulting with health and safety experts and will honor the 2021 class through a virtual celebration. This decision was made in the interest of protecting the health and safety of student athletes, their families and event staff. However, being named a McDonald's All American is about so much more than the game; it is a once in a lifetime achievement for high school seniors.

McDonald's is committed to giving the incredible student-athletes who are named to the final team the recognition they deserve for their accomplishments and dedication to the game of basketball. Despite the state of the 2021 Games, they are legends and will be All Americans for life. Details of the virtual celebration will be shared soon.

"Even during an unprecedented year, we were so impressed seeing high school athletes continuing to celebrate the game we all love, while making an impact both on and off the court," said Joe Wootten, McDonald's All American Games Selection Committee Chairman. "Recognizing that many of these student-



athletes had their senior seasons altered or shortened, we wanted to honor them for their skill and dedication to the game of basketball. While we're disappointed, we can't hold an in-person Games this year, that does not take away from the accomplishments of this class and they will forever be a part of the legendary group of past and present McDonald's All Americans."

This year's talent is spread coast-to-coast, with nominees representing 44 states and the District of Columbia. High school players from Texas received the most nominations (87), followed by Florida (58) and California (57). Alumni of the nation's premier high school basketball showcase include Michael Jordan, LeBron James, Zion Williamson, Maya Moore, Candace Parker, A'ja Wilson and many more.

A complete list of 2021 McDonald's All American Games Nominees is available at [mcdonalds.com](https://mcdonalds.com/all-american-games).

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