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McDONALD'S UNVEILS FINAL ROSTERS AND COACHES FOR 2019 ALL AMERICAN GAMES Forty-eight high school seniors will take to the court as All Americans on March 27 in Atlanta

Chicago, III. (Jan. 24, 2019) – Today, McDonald's announced the final team <u>rosters</u> for the 42nd annual <u>McDonald's All American Games</u>, continuing to impact hoops culture through its investment in the next generation of basketball stars. Forty-eight high school seniors – comprising the top 24 boys and 24 girls in the country – were democratically selected from over 800 nominated players by a committee of basketball experts and will join a prestigious and historic legacy on Wednesday, March 27, at State Farm Arena in Atlanta. Tickets are on sale now at <u>Ticketmaster</u> or the State Farm Arena box office.

Final Roster Details

The 2019 McDonald's All American Boys <u>teams</u> feature the country's top talent hailing from 17 different states. The Boys West Team includes Memphis-bound **James Wiseman** (East High School—TN) and a pair of players heading to Villanova, **Bryan Antoine** (Ranney School—NJ) and **Jeremiah Robinson-Earl** (IMG Academy—KS).

The Boys East Team will be led by **Vernon Carey**, **Jr.** (NSU University School—FL), who will attend Duke in the fall. He will be joined by highly ranked Washington commit, **Isaiah Stewart** (La Lumiere School—NY) and **Trayce Jackson-Davis** (Center Grove High School—IN) who plans to suit up for Indiana next season.

While five players are currently undecided about where they will take their talent next year, the college with the most committed All Americans representing this year's Games is **Duke** with three followed by **Florida, Villanova, Arizona** and **Kentucky** with two each.

The 2019 Girls <u>teams</u> include four players from Ohio, the most represented state. The Girls West Team includes Ohio native and Ohio State-bound **Kierstan Bell** (McKinley High School—OH), highly ranked **Haley Jones** (Archbishop Mitty High School—CA), who has committed to Stanford and **Jordyn Oliver** (Prosper High School—TX), who will play at Baylor next season.

The Girls East Team will be led by top-ranked Tennessee recruit **Jordan Horston** (Columbus Africentric High School—OH). She will be joined by South Carolina-bound **Aliyah Boston** (Worcester Academy—MA) and **Diamond Miller** (Franklin High School—NJ), who has committed to play at Maryland.

All players on both the East and West Teams have committed to college in the fall, but the schools with the most 2019 All Americans from the Girls Teams are **South Carolina** and **Stanford** with three girls each.

"The McDonald's All American Games has a rich history of showcasing the nation's top talent and paving the way for basketball greatness," said Morgan Wootten, McDonald's All American Games Selection Committee Co-Chairman. "We're very eager to return to Atlanta for the second consecutive year, giving fans the opportunity to once again see future basketball legends step on the court."

"We're proud to celebrate this huge accomplishment for every player and are excited to watch how they continue to grow throughout their basketball career," said Joe Wootten, McDonald's All American Games Selection Committee Co-Chairman.

Since 1978, over 1,400 players have competed in the McDonald's All American Games. They form an elite group of some of the top names in basketball history, including Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Candace Parker, Maya Moore, Elena Delle Donne and Breanna Stewart. Alumni include current college standouts Zion Williamson and RJ Barrett of Duke and Katie Lou Samuelson of UConn.

Coaches

Four high school coaches from different regions of the country will lead the Boys and Girls teams during this year's Games:

- Girls East Team Coach, Sue Phillips of Archbishop Mitty High School (San Jose, CA).
- Girls West Coach, Lee Rogers of Arundel Senior High School (Gambrills, MD)
- Boys East Team Coach, Ed Fritz of Blue Valley Northwest High School (Overland Park, KS)
- Boys West Team Coach, Kurt Keener of Gilbert Christian High School (Gilbert, AZ)

Ticket Sales and Viewing Options

Tickets for the 2019 McDonald's All American Games are available via <u>Ticketmaster</u> or the State Farm Arena box office.

ESPN2 will broadcast both All American Games live on Wednesday, March 27. The 18th annual Girls Game will air at 5 p.m. ET and the 42nd annual Boys Game immediately follows at 7 p.m. ET. The Boys Game will also feature a special halftime performance, not aired on ESPN2.

Games Week kicks off on Sunday, March 24, with Fan Fest, a free community event from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. ET in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park. Local fans can join in for family-fun McDonald's All American activities, delicious McDonald's food and dynamic musical performances.

On Monday, March 25, fans can tune into EPSN2 at 7:30 p.m. ET to witness All Americans showcase their skills during the annual POWERADE Jam Fest. From the 3-point contest to the dunk competition, POWERADE Jam Fest is a renowned test of skill for the best high school basketball players across the country. Fans can check out the event at Wheeler High School by ordering tickets <u>here</u>.

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The McDonald's All American Games will also continue to benefit <u>Ronald McDonald House</u> <u>Charities®</u> (RMHC[®]) through its network of local Chapters. At RMHC, programs like the Ronald McDonald House®, Ronald McDonald Family Room® and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® provide comfort and compassion to families with sick children so they are fully supported® and able to be a part of their children's care.

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