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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STARS NOMINATED TO 2009 McDONALD'S® ALL AMERICAN® BASKETBALL TEAMS

St. Louis, MO February 2, 2009 - For the past 32 years, the McDonald's All American High School Basketball Games have set the precedent of successful athletes, while changing lives and promoting the importance of charity along the way. This year, the following 27 local high school basketball stars have been nominated to the 2009 teams.

<u>Male Nominee & School:</u>	<u>Female Nominee & School:</u>
Brandon Lockhart, Chaminade College Preparatory	Kayla Person, Incarnate Word Academy
Jerome Jones, Clyde C. Miller Career Academy High School	Lesha McDaniel, Maplewood Richmond Heights High School
Gavin Wiss, Fort Zumwalt West High School	Tarah Adams, McCluer North High School
Cody Sorenson, Francis Howell High School	Tarika Adams, McCluer North High School
Britton Schlotz, Kirkwood High School	Jasmine Cooper, Metro High School
Tyler Griffey, Lafayette High School	Arriana Walker, Parkway South High School
Will Kirsey, Lafayette High School	Ebony Davis, Parkway South High School
Bryant Allen, Maplewood Richmond Heights High School	Shelah Fields, Riverview Gardens High School
Lonnie Boga, McCluer High School	Hailee Parks, Sullivan High School
Bobby Peebles, McCluer North High School	Destini Wilson, Whitfield School
Doug Wallace, McCluer South-Berkely High School	
Keith Pickens, Oakville High School	
Ben Hoener, Parkway South High School	
Willie Clark, Rockwood Summit High School	
Alex Bazzell, St. Charles West High School	
Sean Duff, St. Francis Borgia High School	
Vinnie Raimondo, Webster Groves High School	

From the 2,500 boys and girls nominated, the 48 best players (24 boys and 24 girls) in the nation will be selected, in mid-to-late February, to play in each of the McDonald's All American Basketball Games. Both games will be played in Miami, FL on **Wednesday, April 1, 2009** at the BankUnited Center on the University of Miami Campus, and as always a portion of the proceeds from the 2009 Game will go directly to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

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