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**GVSU and Findlay Men's Basketball Teams Tabbed
 by Media to Win 2007-08 GLIAC Divisional Titles,
 Coaches Name GVSU's Eziukwu GLIAC Preseason Player of The Year**

BAY CITY, Mich. -- The head men's basketball coaches of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) chose Grand Valley State University senior center Callistus Eziukwu as the league's preseason "Player of the Year."

For the first time in league history, selected members of the media and the GLIAC's Sports Information Directors were asked to choose the Conference's Basketball Preseason Polls. The 30-member group tabbed Grand Valley State University and the University of Findlay to win the league's North and South Division titles, respectively.

Grand Valley State, which received 29 of the 30 possible first-place votes, returns four starters to the mix for the 2007-08 season. GVSU finished the 2006-07 campaign with a 29-5 record and a berth in the NCAA DII Elite Eight for the first time in school history. GVSU led the nation in field goal percentage defense (.370) and scoring defense (57.5) en route to an NCAA Division II quarterfinal appearance. The Grand Valley State senior class enters the 2007-08 campaign with a 74-19 record. The Lakers are ranked third in the *Division II Bulletin* Men's Basketball Preseason Poll.

Findlay was a unanimous first-place selection after an outstanding 2006-07 campaign, finishing the year ranked third in the nation with a 29-2 record. The Oilers' .935 winning percentage was the best in school history and their 28-game winning streak during the season also established a new school record. The Oilers also claimed their sixth straight GLIAC South Division title and their third GLIAC Tournament championship in the past four years. Findlay's remarkable season earned them the right to host the 2007 NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional, but Northern Kentucky ended the Oilers season and a 59 game home winning streak with a 60-56 decision over Findlay in the second round of the

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**2007-08 GLIAC Preseason
 Men's Basketball Media Poll**

<i>North Division</i>		
<i>Rank</i>	<i>School (first-place votes)</i>	<i>Points</i>
1.	Grand Valley State (29)	209
2.	Michigan Tech	156
3.	Northern Michigan (1)	130
4.	Ferris State	114
5.	Saginaw Valley State	107
6.	Lake Superior State	61
7.	Northwood	53
<i>South Division</i>		
1.	Findlay (30)	180
2.	Wayne State	115
3.	Ashland	108
4.	Mercyhurst	100
5.	Hillsdale	73
6.	Gannon	53

**2007-08 Men's Basketball
 Preseason All-GLIAC Team**

<i>Player of the Year</i>			
Callistus Eziukwu	GVSU	Sr.	C
<i>North Division</i>			
<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Pos.</i>
Callistus Eziukwu	GVSU	Sr.	C
Ryan Kuhl	LSSU	Jr.	C
Jason Jamerson	GVSU	Sr.	G
Lawrence Ross	SVSU	Jr.	G/F
Tim Strom	MTU	Sr.	F
<i>South Division</i>			
<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Pos.</i>
Brett Bartlett	AU	Sr.	G
Josh Bostic	UF	Jr.	F
Tim Homan	HC	Sr.	F
Marcus Parker	UF	So.	G
Terry Smith	MC	Sr.	G

tournament. The Oilers, who are ranked seventh in the *Division II Bulletin* Preseason Poll, return two starters from last year's squad.

Joining Eziukwu on the preseason All-GLIAC North Division Team are: junior center **Ryan Kuhl** of Lake Superior State University; senior guard **Jason Jamerson** of Grand Valley State; junior guard/forward **Lawrence Ross** of Saginaw Valley State University; and senior forward **Tim Strom** of Michigan Technological University.

The 2007-08 preseason All-GLIAC South Division Team includes: senior guard **Brett Bartlett** of Ashland University; junior forward **Josh Bostic** and sophomore guard **Marcus Parker** of Findlay; senior forward **Tim Homan** of Hillsdale College; and senior guard **Terry Smith** of Mercyhurst College.

Callistus Eziukwu (Muskegon, Mich.) enters his senior year with 1,044 points, 570 rebounds and 240 blocked shots. Eziukwu averaged 12.9 points and 7.2 rebounds per game as a junior, while his 240 blocked shots is the school record and the 19th best total in NCAA DII men's basketball history.

Eziukwu is a three-time honoree to the GLIAC North Division First-Team and the GLIAC North Division All-Defensive team. Callistus has scored in double figures in 63 of 83 career games played and has 18 double-doubles in his career. Grand Valley State is 74-19 during Eziukwu's career with two GLIAC North Division titles, a GLIAC Tournament Championship and one appearance in the NCAA DII Elite Eight.

Ryan Kuhl (Rochester, Mich./Adams) earned All-GLIAC First Team honors in 2006-07 after averaging 16.0 points and 6.1 rebounds per game to lead the Lakers in both categories. He was ranked sixth in the GLIAC in scoring, 12th in rebounding and fourth in field-goal percentage. Kuhl's field-goal percentage of .589 also ranks eighth on LSSU's single-season list. He scored 20 or more points in nine games and recorded two double doubles as a sophomore, and he averaged 19.5 points in his last six games of the season. Kuhl scored a career-high 27 points in a 77-75 win at Northern Michigan on Jan. 4, 2007, and a 90-78 loss to Saginaw Valley State Feb. 14, 2007. Through two seasons, he has a career scoring average of 14.4 PPG and a career field-goal percentage of .545.

Jason Jamerson (Muncie, Ind./Muncie Burriss) enters his senior year with 1,134 points and the GVSU career-record for made three-

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2006-07 GLIAC Men's Basketball Final Standings

<i>North Division</i>	
<i>School</i>	<i>Record (GLIAC)</i>
Grand Valley State	29-5 (15-3)
Northern Michigan	18-11 (11-7)
Michigan Tech	13-15 (8-10)
Ferris State	10-18 (8-10)
Saginaw Valley State	11-14 (8-10)
Lake Superior State	9-18 (6-12)
Northwood	9-18 (4-14)
<i>South Division</i>	
Findlay	29-2 (17-0)
Mercyhurst	18-11 (9-8)
Wayne State	13-13 (9-8)
Ashland	16-12 (8-9)
Hillsdale	15-11 (7-10)
Gannon	9-17 (4-13)

2007 GLIAC Men's Basketball Postseason Tournament Results

GLIAC Tournament Championship Game

(hosted by the University of Findlay)
 (1) Findlay 71, (2) Grand Valley State 61

GLIAC Tournament Semifinals

(hosted by the University of Findlay)
 Semifinal #1
 at (1) Findlay 77, (4) Mercyhurst 40
 Semifinal #2
 (2) Grand Valley 88, (3) Northern Mich. 87 (ot)

GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals

(Campus Sites)
 at (2S) Mercyhurst 59, (3S) Wayne State 54
 at (2N) Northern Mich. 77, (3N) Michigan Tech 54
 at (1S) Findlay 70, (4S) Ashland 54
 at (1N) Grand Valley State 72, (4N) Ferris State 59

GLIAC All-Tournament Team

Tournament "M.V.P." Frank Phillips - Findlay
 Marcus Parker - Findlay
 Josh Bostic - Findlay
 Dorian Bass - Findlay
 Mike Hall - Grand Valley State
 Callistus Eziukwu - Grand Valley State

pointers with 203. Jamerson averaged a team-high 13.4 points and 5.0 rebounds per game as a junior. A two-time All-GLIAC honoree, Jason has scored in double figures in 61-of-93 games played in his career. In addition, Jamerson has hit a three-pointer in 80-of-93 games played. Grand Valley State is 74-19 during Jamerson's career with two GLIAC North Division titles, a GLIAC Tournament Championship and one appearance in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight.

Lawrence Ross (Battle Creek, Mich./Central) has played extremely well last season after transferring to SVSU from Miami University (Ohio). He led the Cardinals in both scoring and rebounding through the entire season. His 16.7 points per game average in conference play ranked fifth in the GLIAC last season. He also ranked in the top 15 in rebounding as his 6.4 boards per contest placed him 12th.

Tim Strom (Marquette, Mich.) earned All-GLIAC North Division Second Team honors and was the team's most valuable player a year ago. The 6-7 junior forward led the team in rebounding (5.5 per game) and assists (59) and finishing second in scoring (13.5 ppg). He scored in double figures 19 times during the season including three 20-point games.

Brett Bartlett (LaGrange, Ohio/Kent State) averaged 15.5 ppg., a year ago, second on the team. The 6-0 senior was second in the GLIAC in three-point field goals per game (3.25), sixth in free throw percentage (.833), eighth in scoring and three-point field goal percentage (.435) and 10th in assists (3.29 apg.). Bartlett established an AU single-season record for three-point field goals (91). He scored 20 or more points six times, including a career-high 30 points at Wayne State. Bartlett scored 28 points at Gannon when he hit eight three-pointers, one shy of the school record.

Josh Bostic (Columbus, Ohio/Westland), who helped lead the Oilers to a record of 29-2 last year, is coming off of his sophomore season in which he averaged 11.4 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. He was named second team all-

GLIAC, voted as a member of the GLIAC all-defensive team and also earned a spot on the GLIAC all-tournament team after helping the Oilers capture the tournament title for the third time in the last four years.

Tim Homan (Celina, Ohio) returns for his fourth year starting for the Chargers under first-year head coach John Tharp. Homan is poised to become the 29th member of Hillsdale's 1,000-point club this season, as he comes into the 2007-08 campaign with 920 career points. He has led the team in scoring in two of his three seasons with the team.

Marcus Parker (Canton, Ohio/McKinley), who helped lead the Oilers to a 29-2 record last year, is coming off of his freshman season in which he averaged 9.0 points, 3.3 assists and 2.0 steals per game. He was named the GLIAC Freshman of the Year and was also selected as a Freshman All-American by the NCAA Division II Bulletin.

Terry Smith (Syracuse, N.Y./Bishop Ludden), a former All-GLIAC South Division Second Team pick, enters his senior season needing just 97 points to crack the 1,000 career point milestone. He was slowed by injury in 2006-07, but still managed to averaged 8.7 points per game and hit over 40 percent of his 3-point attempts in just 22 games. In his first two season's Smith averaged 12.9 points per game and is a career .364 percent shooter from 3-point range.

The 2008 GLIAC Men's Basketball Championship quarterfinals will be held on Saturday Mar. 1 on campus sites with the semifinals and final being held on Friday, Mar. 7 and Saturday, Mar. 8 at the site of the highest remaining seed.

