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The purpose of this award is to enhance the Christian purpose of athletic excellence in Christian athletic competition, and to perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in evangelical Christian institutions across our nation.

Coach Freese currently serves as Associate Professor of Exercise and Sport Science at Cedarville University. She has been at Cedarville since 1991. Kathy has taught at the collegiate and secondary public school levels for 34 years. She served as head women's basketball coach (1991-2001), head women's volleyball coach (1 yr), and head women's softball coach (4 yrs) in her 15 years at CU. She also coached for 20 years at the junior high and high school level in a variety of sports, in particular, basketball and volleyball.

In 2002, the NCCAA honored Kathy by naming the Division I women's basketball player of the year award after her: The Kathy Freese National Player of the Year. In 1997, Ms. Freese was inducted as a charter member into the Perrysburg High School Coaches Hall of Fame. Kathy has served as past national chairperson of the NCCAA Women's Basketball Coaches. She has taken four teams to Portugal and one team to Hungary to set up basketball camps through the CU Missions Involvement Service. She is actively involved with the Miami Valley Women's Center in Xenia, Ohio.

The recipient shall embody the standards that Coach Freese demonstrates with character, integrity, and Christian service as well as being the outstanding Christian women's basketball player in the nation.

This year's recipient has:

- Averaged 16.8 points per game with a single game high of 27 points twice this season.
- Averaged 6.4 rebounds per game with a single game high of 13 rebounds.
- Named 2009-10 American Midwest Conference 'Player of the Year'.
- Named NCCAA first team All-American.
- Led her team to the 2009-10 American Midwest Conference Championship.
- Currently Cedarville continues to compete in the NAIA National Basketball Tournament.

The recipient is majoring in Exercise Science with a GPA of 3.75.

Coach Kirk Martin states,

"Alison emulates a strong Godly character. She is unfeigned in her faith and has participated in many ministry activities with the basketball team this year. She has a quiet and gentle spirit, but does not hesitate to share her faith with those she comes in contact with. She takes the soft answer and the listen before she speaks approach to personal communication. She has a servant's heart and loves to minister to others."

This years Kathy Freese Player of the Year goes to Alison Lemon of Cedarville University!