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2026 IBCA Clinic set for April 23-24 at Mt. Vernon (Fortville)

Powell, Cullop, Wardle and three other college coaches featured in Thursday-Friday format

Roger Powell Jr. of Valparaiso University, Tricia Cullop of the University of Miami, Brian Wardle of Bradley University and three other top-flight coaches highlight the agenda for the 2026 Indiana Basketball Coaches Association annual clinic.

Brandon Schneider of the University of Kansas, George Suggs of McKendree University and Carter Collins of Anderson University are other coaches who are part of the two-day program. In addition, Missy Traversi of Point Guard College, a former women's head coach at Army, and Shawn Jones of Ballogy will make presentations.

Doors open for the 2026 IBCA Clinic at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, and sessions run through 8:45 p.m. at Mt. Vernon High School in Fortville, the fourth consecutive year as the site for the gathering. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Friday, April 24, and sessions conclude about 2:45 p.m.

Cost to attend the clinic is \$50 for current-year IBCA members and \$100 for non-members.

In addition to the featured speakers, video sessions from the six IBCA district coaches of the year will be made available after the clinic in an online format. Boys' coaches scheduled to offer online videos are Scott Radeker of Northridge, Andy Weaver of Plainfield and Heath Howington of Barr-Reeve. Girls' coaches set to offer online videos are Andy Heim of Bellmont, Keith Hollins of Pike and Kevin Stuckmeyer of Center Grove.

This year's clinic again is in a Thursday evening-Friday format to avoid Saturday conflicts. The lineup again offers solid coaches across the agenda, and the second day of the clinic concludes at a convenient time.

To register, go to the IBCA website at in.nhsbca.org and click on "Clinic Registration."

Featured Speakers (in order of appearance)



Shawn Jones, Ballogy

Shawn Jones, the Ballogy director of athletics, has 30 years of basketball coaching experience with 514 career victories and a Texas state championship in 2001. He has coached in Colorado and Texas, and he has guided teams to four state final fours – 1996 and 1998 in Colorado as well as 2001 and 2024 in Texas.

He has seen numerous players of his continue on to compete at the college and professional level of the sport. He is also proud to have seen many of his athletes become high school and collegiate coaches themselves.

Jones began his head coaching career at Del Norte High School in Colorado, directing the boys' program from 1994-98. He moved to Marine Military Academy in Texas from 1999-2002, a tenure that included winning the Texas TAPPS 5A state championship in 2001.

He coached the Los Fresnos (Texas) boys from 2002-13, then moved to Huntington (Texas) from 2013-24. At Huntington, he was the school's athletic director as well as the boys' coach from 2014-21 and the girls' coach from 2022-24. He completed his coaching career in 2023-24 with a 36-7 record and a Texas state runner-up finish in an overtime setback.

As director of athletics, Jones is a key member of the Ballogy team, driving the company's athletic strategy, partnerships, coach engagement and product vision. He has a passion for player development and the desire to assist coaches with effective, time-saving tools for administering and assessing skill development drills.

Jones and his wife, Heather, have three children – Nathan, 26, Aaron, 24, and Jenna, 20.



Brian Wardle, Bradley University

Brian Wardle recently completed his 11th season as Bradley University men's basketball coach, his Braves posting a 21-13 overall record, a 13-7 finish in the Missouri Valley Conference, a top-four placement in the MVC Tournament and a spot in the NIT.

He has a career mark of 302-225 in 16 seasons as a college head coach. That includes a 207-160 ledger during his tenure at Bradley and a 95-65 slate in five seasons at Wisconsin-Green Bay.

At Bradley, Wardle has built the Braves into a perennial MVC contender, capped by winning back-to-back MVC Tournament championships in 2019 and 2020. In 2022-23, Wardle guided the Braves to their first MVC regular-season title since 1996 and was named the 2023 MVC Coach of the Year. Under Wardle, Bradley also has recorded 59 all-MVC selections (first team, second team, third team, defensive team, freshman team, etc.).

Named the school's 14th head coach in March 2015, Wardle was first tasked with turning around a Bradley program that had not posted a winning conference record in the previous six seasons and the Braves finishing last in the Valley the year before his arrival. After a 5-27 finish in 2015-16, his squad improved to 13-20 in 2016-17 and leapt forward to 20-13 in 2017-18 – the school's first 20-win campaign in nine years.

After three seasons reconstructing the Bradley roster, it all paid off in Wardle's fourth and fifth seasons – 2018-19 ended at 20-15, the program's first MVC Tournament title in 31 years and an NCAA Tournament berth, while 2019-20 resulted in a 23-11 effort, a second consecutive MVC Tournament title what would have been another NCAA Tournament appearance if not for COVID-19.

Bradley has continued to thrive under Wardle's leadership since the championship runs. After a sub-par 12-16 finish in 2020-21, the Braves followed with a 17-14 mark in 2021-22, a 25-10 ledger and MVC regular-season crown in 2022-23, a 23-12 record in 2023-24 and a 28-9 finish in 2024-25.

Prior to taking over the Braves' program in 2015, Wardle compiled a 95-65 record at Green Bay, a five-year run that culminated with consecutive 24-win seasons and three straight postseason appearances. The 2014 Horizon League Coach of the Year, Wardle led the Phoenix to a 24-7 mark in 2013-14, including a 14-2 league record to claim the regular-season conference title and an automatic bid to the NIT. His team went 24-9 and earned another NIT bid in 2014-15.

The youngest head coach in Division I when he took over the Phoenix, Wardle's Green Bay teams averaged 19 wins per season while facing stiff competition. While with Green Bay, his teams produced a two-time Horizon League Player of the Year (Keifer Sykes), an HL Defensive Player of the Year (Alec Brown), an NBA Draft choice (Brown) and another NBA player (Sykes). Following the 2013-14 season,

Wardle was named Skip Prosser Man of the Year, an award that recognizes a coach for success on the court and for displaying moral integrity off the court.

A native of Willowbrook, Ill., Wardle was a two-time all-state selection at Hinsdale Central High School, where he ranks as the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. He went on to play collegiately at Marquette, helping the Golden Eagles to NIT appearances in 1998 and 2000. As a senior in 2001, Wardle served as team captain and finished as the second-leading scorer in Conference USA at 18.8 points per game.

After graduating from Marquette in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in communication studies, Wardle played professionally for two seasons in the NBA Development League and Continental Basketball Association. Wardle began his coaching career as director of operations at Marquette from 2003-05, then served as a Green Bay assistant coach from 2005-10 before being named Phoenix head coach on April 15, 2010.

Wardle and his wife, Lecia, have three children – daughters Mya and Emery, and son, Davin.



Tricia Cullop, University of Miami

Tricia Cullop recently completed her second season as women's basketball coach at the University of Miami, guiding the Hurricanes to an 18-15 finish and a second-round appearance in the postseason Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament. In

two seasons at “the U,” Cullop has compiled a 32-30 mark while competing in the rugged Atlantic Coast Conference.

Cullop moved to Miami after 16 seasons of outstanding success at the University of Toledo, where she posted a 353-169 ledger that included five Mid-American Conference regular-season championships, two MAC Tournament banners, two NCAA Tournament appearances, the 2011 Women’s NIT championship and eight other postseason berths.

She was voted MAC Coach of the Year six times – in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2022, 2023 and 2024 – and was 2013 WBCA Region 4 Coach of the Year. She is one of just two coaches to be honored as MAC Coach of the Year six times, joining former Bowling Green coach Curt Miller, also a six-time honoree.

In 26 seasons as a college head coach, Cullop’s teams are 508-309 – a .622 winning percentage. That includes a 123-110 mark in eight seasons at the University of Evansville, a tenure highlighted by a 2008 Missouri Valley Conference regular-season title and Women’s NIT appearance, before she transitioned to Toledo.

A native of Bicknell, Ind., Cullop is a 1989 graduate of North Knox High School and played basketball for coach Rick Marshall. She scored 1,461 career points in high school and was chosen to the 1989 Indiana All-Stars.

Cullop went on to play for coach Lin Dunn at Purdue University from 1989-93. In West Lafayette, she appeared in 104 career games, was a captain as a senior, helped the Boilermakers to the program’s first Big Ten title in 1991 and played in NCAA Tournaments in 1990, 1991 and 1992 – twice making the NCAA Sweet 16. She also was a three-time Academic all-Big Ten honoree, the Mortar Board Student-Athlete of the Year and the recipient of Red Mackey Award.

Cullop joined the coaching ranks after graduation. She was as an assistant for two years at Radford University, one year at Long Beach State and four years at Xavier University. She helped those programs qualify for three NCAA Tournament appearances (Radford in 1994 and 1995; Xavier in 2000).

She served as head coach at Evansville from 2000-08, guiding the Aces through a building phase that was capped by an MVC regular-season title, WNIT berth and

MVC Coach of the Year accolades in 2008. She went on to remarkable success at Toledo from 2008-24 before moving to Miami in time for the 2024-25 season.

Cullop is highly respected by her peers, indicated by her election to a two-year term as Women's Basketball Coaches Association president from 2019 to 2021. In 2022, Cullop was presented the WBCA Carol Eckman Integrity in Coaching Award. The award is given to a coach who exemplifies Eckman's spirit, integrity and character through sportsmanship, commitment to the student-athlete, honesty, ethical behavior, courage and dedication to purpose.

Cullop was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2018 after being recognized as a member of the women's Silver Anniversary Team in 2014.



Roger Powell Jr., Valparaiso University

Roger Powell Jr. has guided Valparaiso University to a 40-59 record in three seasons, including a 20-40 mark in Missouri Valley Conference games.

Taking over a rebuilding program, his teams have shown progress each season, going 7-25 in 2023-24, 15-19 in 2024-25 and 18-15 in the recently completed season. Similarly, the Beacons' conference record has improved each season, from 3-17 in Year 1, 6-14 in Year 2 and 11-9 this past season, the program's first winning MVC ledger since joining the league in 2017-18.

Powell placed third in voting for 2026 MVC Coach of the Year. He also is a finalist for the 2026 Ben Jobe National Coach of the Year, an award presented annually to the top minority head coach in Division I men's basketball.

During Powell's tenure, his VU teams have produced one MVC second-team selection (Cooper Schwieger in 2024-25), two MVC third-team picks (Owen Dease and J.T. Pettigrew in 2025-26), one MVC all-tournament selection (All Wright in 2024-25), three MVC all-freshman team honorees (Schwieger in 2023-24, Wright in 2024-25 and Pettigrew in 2025-26) and two MVC Freshman of the Year selections (Schwieger in 2023-24 and Wright in 2024-25).

A product of Joliet West High School in Illinois, Powell was a three-year starter for the University of Illinois, earning Big Ten honorable mention recognition in each of his final two seasons after being named to the Big Ten all-tournament team as a sophomore. He helped the Fighting Illini to three Big Ten regular-season titles, two Big Ten Tournament crowns and three NCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen berths. During his senior year in 2004-05, Powell was part of a team that went 37-2 and reached the national title game.

He totaled 1,178 points and 531 rebounds during his career at Illinois, finishing among the top 30 scorers in program history. Following his collegiate tenure, Powell began a professional career that included a stint in the NBA with the Utah Jazz during the 2006-2007 season. He also played for the CBA Rockford Lightning (2005-06), the D-League Arkansas Rimrockers (2006-07) and in Europe for Siviglia Wear Teramo (Italy, 2007-08), Murcia (Spain, 2009-10), JDA Dijon (France, 2010) and Skyliners Frankfurt (Germany, 2010-11).

Powell began his coaching career at Valparaiso as an assistant coach for Bryce Drew from 2011-16, helping VU to a 124-49 record that included four Horizon League regular-season titles, two Horizon League Tournament crowns, two NCAA Tournament appearances and one NIT runner-up finish. He followed by serving as associate head coach to Drew at Vanderbilt from 2016-19 with one NCAA Tournament berth. He then was an assistant coach to Mark Few at Gonzaga from 2019-23, helping guide the Bulldogs to a 121-13 slate with three NCAA Tournament berths that included a national runner-up finish in 2021.

Powell is a 2005 graduate of Illinois, where he earned a bachelor's degree in speech communications. He later received a master's degree in sports administration from Valparaiso in 2016.

He and his wife, Tara, have four children – Bria, Liam, Gabriel and Faith.



Brandon Schneider, University of Kansas

Brandon Schneider recently completed his 11th season as women's basketball coach at the University of Kansas, where his Jayhawks went 22-14 and reached the semifinals of the 2026 Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament.

Schneider has compiled a 165-177 record at Kansas, including a 59-139 mark in Big 12 Conference games. His Jayhawks played in the 2022 and 2024 NCAA tournaments, won the 2023 Women's NIT and earned a spot in a 2026 WBIT semifinal.

In 28 seasons as a women's college head coach, Schneider's teams are 567-315. That includes a 306-72 ledger in 12 seasons at Emporia State and 96-66 in five seasons at Stephen F. Austin University.

During his time at Emporia State, from 1998-2010, his Lady Hornets won seven Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association regular-season titles, four MIAA Tournaments, four NCAA Division II regionals and the 2010 D-II national championship. He was a four-time D-II South Central Region Coach of the Year, a

three-time MIAA Coach of the Year and the 2010 D-II Bulletin national Coach of the Year.

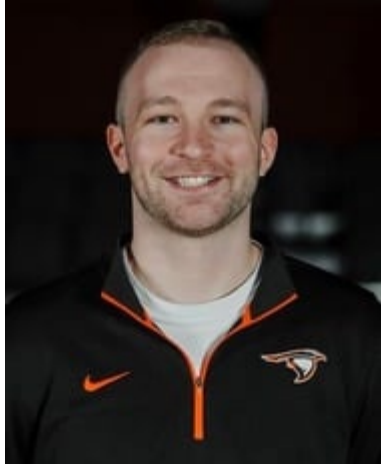
At Stephen F. Austin, from 2010-15, Schneider's Ladyjacks captured two Southland Conference regular-season titles, made three postseason tournament appearances and he was named 2015 conference Coach of the Year.

At Kansas, his teams have produced 17 all-Big 12 players, four Big 12 all-freshman team players and had a two-time WBCA honorable mention All-American in Tai'Yanna Jackson, a 2019 graduate of East Chicago Central High School. Schneider, the 2022 Big 12 Coach of the Year, also has two Indiana recruits – Mollie Ernestes of Jennings County and Brooklynn Renn of Silver Creek – in his incoming freshman class.

A 1990 graduate of Canyon High School in Texas, Schneider averaged 19.2 points as a senior and was a two-time all-district and all-region player. He attended West Texas State in 1990-91, then transferred to Wayland Baptist University. He played four seasons at Wayland Baptist, was a three time NAIA Academic All-American and was honored with the WBU Harley Redin Coach's Award in 2019.

After graduating Wayland Baptist in 1995, Schneider was a women's basketball assistant coach at Emporia State for three seasons before being promoted to the Lady Hornets' head coaching position in 1998.

Schneider and his wife, Ali, are parents to sons Cash and Cole.



Carter Collins, Anderson University

Carter Collins recently completed his fourth season as men's basketball coach at Anderson University, where his Ravens went 18-10 with a share Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular-season title at 14-4 and finished as runner-up in the HCAC Tournament.

In four seasons, Collins' teams are 81-31 overall and 59-13 in league contests. They have won or shared four HCAC regular-season titles, captured two HCAC Tournament championships and played in two NCAA Division III national tournaments.

His 2025-26 squad produced four HCAC all-conference honorees – Kenney Troutman on the first team, Elijah Mattingly and Bryce Williams on the second team, and Nolan Swan as an honorable mention selection. Previous squads featured multiple players with all-conference accolades. Most notable among them were Tate Ivanyo, a 2025 NABC first-team All-American, a two-time HCAC Player of the Year and the 2025 Academic All-American Player of the Year.

A 2013 graduate of Fowlerville High School in Michigan, Collins was an all-conference and all-county player and a two-time team captain. He matriculated to Hope College, where he played JV basketball for one season and was a student assistant coach for the next three. While at Hope, the Dutchmen won three conference championships and participated in three NCAA Division III Tournaments, including a run to the final 16 in 2017.

Collins served as an Anderson University assistant coach to Owen Handy from 2017-22, helping guide the Ravens to a 64-56 record and five HCAC Tournament appearances during that span. Collins also was the AU men's golf coach in 2021-22.

Collins earned bachelor's degrees in psychology and communications from Hope College in 2017. He earned a master's degree in business administration from Anderson University in 2019.



Missy Traversi, Point Guard College

Missy Traversi, a former women's basketball head coach at Army and two other colleges, is a coach mentor for Point Guard College, where she mentors and trains other coaches while leading PGC track calls and master classes. She has an overall record of 178-114 in 11 seasons as a college head coach.

Traversi last coached at Army from 2021-25, compiling a 66-55 ledger in four seasons with the West Point women, including a 25-8 mark in the 2024-25 season. Her Cadets went 16-13, 13-17 and 12-17 in her first three seasons, and her teams posted a four-year mark of 43-29 in the Patriot League.

Previously, Traversi coached at Wheelock College in Massachusetts for two seasons and Adelphi University in New York for five seasons. Her teams at Wheelock, an NCAA Division III school in Boston, went 29-22 from 2014-16, including a program-best 18-7 finish in 2015-16. She then moved to Adelphi, an NCAA Division II program in Garden City, N.Y. Her teams at Adelphi posted an 83-37 slate with two

Northeast 10 Conference division titles, one NE10 Tournament trophy and two NCAA Tournament berths from 2016-20 before the 2020-21 season was cancelled because of COVID-19. She was named 2020 All-Met Division II Coach of the Year after a 27-3 campaign in her final on-court season.

At Adelphi, Traversi guided two WBCA All-America selections in Sierra Clark (2017) and Leonie Edringer (2020). At Army, Traversi mentored multiple all-Patriot League honorees, including Sabria Hunter (2023) and Trinity Hardy (2025) to the first team and Reese Ericson as 2023 Rookie of the Year.

A graduate of Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, Mass., Traversi was a standout player at the University of Maine where the 5-foot-7 guard played for former Purdue coach, former Purdue star and 1984 Indiana Miss Basketball Sharon Versyp. Traversi totaled 1,131 points, 279 rebounds and 294 assists in 121 career games over four seasons for Black Bears' teams that went 86-35, won three America East Conference regular-season titles, one AEC Tournament crown and played in the 2004 NCAA Tournament. She was named first-team all-America East in 2005 and went on to play professionally in Sweden in 2005-06 and in the 2006 training camp with the WNBA Chicago Sky.

Traversi started in coaching at Brookline (Mass.) High School in 2006-07 and was an assistant coach for a Swedish professional team in 2007-08. She then was head coach at Dover-Sherborn (Mass.) High School from 2008-10, a women's college assistant coach at Harvard University in 2010-11 and a high school head coach again at Attleboro (Mass.) from 2011-14 before her first college head coaching job. She was the Tri-Valley League Coach of the Year in 2008-09 at Dover-Sherborn and a two-time Sun Chronicle Coach of the Year at Attleboro.

She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Maine in 2005 and a master's degree in athletic administration from Ohio University in 2013.



George Suggs, McKendree University

George Suggs recently completed his fifth season as men's basketball coach at McKendree University, an NCAA Division II school located in Lebanon, Ill.

His Bearcats went 22-8 overall and 14-6 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in 2025-26, giving him an overall record of 85-60 and a 54-46 ledger in conference games. A highlight came in 2022-23 when he guided his squad to a 20-13 mark that included the GLVC Tournament championship and a run to the NCAA Division II final 16.

Suggs was named the McKendree coach on March 23, 2021. Since taking the helm, Suggs has elevated the Bearcats' program to new heights. The team went 14-12 in his debut campaign and has followed with 20-13, 15-13, 14-14 and 22-8 finishes in the ensuing four seasons.

Under his leadership, former players such as Milos Vicentic became the program's first NCAA Division II All-American in 2024, while Vicentic (2024), Bryson Bultman (2022, 2023), Rini Harris (2026) and Cha'Vez Woods (2026) each earned first-team all-GLVC accolades. In addition, Caleb Zurliene was selected 2024 GLVC Defensive Player of the Year and Andrew Moore was voted 2026 GLVC Freshman of the Year.

Suggs began his coaching journey at McKendree in 2018, serving as a graduate assistant coach for two seasons and a full-time assistant coach for one season before being named the program's head coach.

Prior to coaching, Suggs was a standout 6-foot-10 forward at Bellarmine University, where he totaled 1,059 points, 421 rebounds, 188 assists and 187 blocked shots in 127 career games. He was a 2016 first-team all-GLVC selection and the 2016 GLVC Defensive Player of the Year. Suggs helped lead the Knights to four NCAA Division II national tournament appearances, including final 16 and final four runs. Known for his shooting ability, he finished his collegiate career by shooting .499 from the field, .430 from 3-point range and .774 on free throws.

A native of St. Louis and a 2012 graduate of Vianney High School, Suggs earned his bachelor's degree in communications from Bellarmine University in 2016 and a master's degree from McKendree University in 2020. He was also a Dean's List honoree during his academic career.

2026 IBCA Clinic itinerary (as of 04/08/26)

Mt. Vernon High School (8112 N. 200 W., Fortville, IN 46040)

Thursday, April 23, 2026

4:30 p.m. Registration Opens

5:30 p.m. **Shawn Jones**, Ballogy

5:50 p.m. IBCA president **Michael Adams**, Evansville Reitz High School

6:00-6:50 p.m. **Brian Wardle**, Bradley University

6:55-7:45 p.m. **Tricia Cullop**, University of Miami (Fla.)

7:50-8:40 p.m. **Roger Powell Jr.**, Valparaiso University

9:00-11:30 p.m. IBCA Social (at Twin Peaks, Castleton), presented by D-One Camps

Friday, April 24, 2026

9:00 a.m. Registration opens

9:00 a.m. Aspiring Coaches Meeting

9:40 a.m. **Awards Program #1**

>> **Outgoing district reps:** Jordan Heckard, LaPorte; Kelly Kratz, Valparaiso; Rich Schelsky, Parke Heritage; Andy Weaver, Plainfield; Lisa Finn, Cathedral; Todd Woelfle, Terre Haute North; Kyle Brasher, Gibson Southern

>> **Virgil Sweet Awards:** Greg Humnicky, South Bend; Rocky Kenworthy, Clayton; Joe Ammerman, North Vernon

>> **Roy Gardner Award:** Ron McGriff, Whiteland

>> **Mildred Ball Award:** David Pillar, Danville

10:00-10:50 a.m. **Brandon Schneider**, University of Kansas

10:55-11:45 a.m. **Carter Collins**, Anderson University

11:50 a.m.-12:45 p.m. **Missy Traversi**, Point Guard College

12:45-12:50 p.m. **John Spezia**, Spezia Shooting Camp

12:55-1:25 p.m. **Awards Program #2**

>> **Administrator of the Year Award:** Chad Gilbert, Charlestown; note: Brian Strong, Logansport, and Jim Brown, Fishers, previously received their awards

>> **Wooden Legacy Awards:** Steve Witty, Ben Davis; Cheri Gilbert, Heritage

>> **State Champion and State Runner-up Coaches**

* **Donna Sullivan Awards, girls runners-up:** Shae Thomas, Fremont; Kerri Barcomb, Oak Hill; Jason Sims, Roncalli; Eric Thornton, Norwell

* **Renee Turpa Awards, girls champions:** Matt Vick, Borden; Taylor Drury, Eastern (Pekin); Andy Heim, Bellmont; Kevin Stuckmeyer, Center Grove

* **Steve Witty Awards, boys runners-up:** Jason Groves, Triton; Chandler Prible, Westview; Brandon Appleton, New Haven; Clint Swan, Crown Point

* **George Griffith Awards, boys champions:** Heath Howington, Barr-Reeve; Rich Schelsky, Parke Heritage; Jason Delaney, Cathedral; Joe Bradburn, Mt. Vernon (Fortville)

>> **Bob King District Coach of the Year Awards**

* Boys – Scott Radeker, Northridge; Andy Weaver, Plainfield; Heath Howington, Barr-Reeve

* Girls – Andy Heim, Bellmont; Keith Hollins, Pike; Kevin Stuckmeyer, Center Grove

>> **PGC Transformational Coach Awards:** Tommy Strine, Tri-West; Gretchen Miles, Washington

>> **IBCA Assistant Coaches of the Year:** Rob York, Greencastle boys; Ron Kahle, Gibson Southern girls; Bill Thomas, Fishers girls

>> **Century Award winners:** 51 coaches are to be recognized

1:35-2:25 p.m. **George Suggs**, McKendree University

2:25-2:35 p.m. Comments from corporate partner representative: **Snap! Mobile**

2:35-2:45 p.m. Door Prize drawings; clinic concludes

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