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Ashley Jones Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Miss Basketball

GAINESVILLE (April 2) --- Lake Howell High School's Ashley Jones has been named the 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Miss Basketball and will be honored Thursday morning during a ceremony at her high school in Winter Park.

Jones, a senior guard, averaged 21 points, 3.7 assists, 3.8 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game and shot 58 percent from the floor and 77 percent from the free throw line while leading her team to a 25-2 record and the Class 5A state title. She's her school's all-time leading scorer with more than 1,800 points. Jones has signed a letter of intent to attend Mississippi State University. Lake Howell is the only school in Dairy Farmers Sports Awards history to have a Mr. and Miss Basketball from the same school (Nick Calathes, 2006-07 and Jones, 2009).

The winner of the 17th annual Miss Basketball Award, sponsored by Florida Dairy Farmers, Inc. and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association, was determined in voting by a statewide panel of high school basketball coaches and prep media representatives.

"Florida's dairy farmers congratulate Ashley for a job well done and we salute her with a milk toast," said Matt Lussier, a Gainesville area dairy farmer. "We take a lot of pride in watching a winner such as Ashley represent our industry and this award in such a positive manner and we wish her continued success."

Jones, who was earlier chosen as the Class 5A Player-of-the-Year, finished ahead of Class 3A Player-of-the-Year Erica Wheeler of Miramar Parkway, as well as winners in the four other state classifications. Jones received six first-place votes and totaled 128 points to Wheeler's 117 points in the voting.

Kaneisha Saunders of Delray Beach Atlantic, the Class 6A Player-of-the-Year, finished third with 106 points followed by Aerial Wilson of Rockledge (Class 4A) with 93 points, Michelle Woods of Naples Community School (Class 2A) with 70 points and Danielle McCray of Lake Worth Trinity Christian (Class 1A) with 34 points.

The Florida Dairy Farmers Sports Awards program exemplifies Dairy Farmers Inc.'s commitment to the state's youth. While honoring the state's top athletes and coaches in all 24 FHSAA-sanctioned sports, the program also emphasizes to young people the importance of keeping dairy products a primary part of their diet in their overall nutrition plan.

Miss Basketball Voting Breakdown

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Jones	6	6	1	7	0	0	128
Wheeler	7	1	3	7	2	0	117
Saunders	4	3	4	7	2	0	106
Wilson	2	4	3	8	3	0	93
Woods	1	1	4	7	5	2	70
McCray	0	0	0	6	2	12	34

Totals based on a 10-7-5-3-2-1 point system

All-time Miss Basketball Winners

- 1993 Sabrina Crump, Clearwater Countryside
- 1994 Tracy Reid, Miami Central
- 1995 LaTonya Washington, Paxton
- 1996 LaTonya Washington, Paxton
- 1997 Latoya Jordan, Pompano Beach Ely
- 1998 Michelle Snow, Pensacola
- 1999 Shinikki Whiting, Clearwater
- 2000 Binky Martello, Jay
- 2001 Natasha Morehead, Panama City Bay
- 2002 Dorian Williams, Jacksonville Ribault
- 2003 Erlana Larkins, The Benjamin School
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- 2005 LaQwesha Gamble, Winter Haven
- 2006 Steffi Sorensen, Jacksonville Bartram Trail
- 2007 Krystal Thomas, Orlando First Academy
- 2008 Tiffany Hayes, Winter Haven
- 2009 Ashley Jones, Winter Park Lake Howell



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Carla Harris-Curry Named 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Coach-of-the-Year

GAINESVILLE (April 2) --- Miami Norland basketball coach Carla Harris-Curry has been named the 2009 Florida Dairy Farmers Girls' Basketball Coach-of-the-Year.

Curry is the 17th winner of the annual award, sponsored by Florida Dairy Farmers, Inc. and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association. A statewide panel of high school coaches and prep media representatives voted on the award honoring the top high school coach for the 2008-09 season.

In her fifth year as head coach at Norland, Curry finished the season undefeated with a 34-0 record and the Class 6A state championship. Coach Curry's teams have won nine district titles, made three Final Four appearances, had two state runner-up finishes and won a state title (2009). She has a career record of 260-63.

"Florida's dairy farmers congratulate coach Curry for a job well done and we salute her with a milk toast," said Matt Lussier, a Gainesville area dairy farmer. "We take a lot of pride in watching a winner such as coach Curry represent our industry and this award in such a positive manner and we wish her continued success."

Curry, who was earlier chosen as the Class 6A Coach-of-the-Year, finished ahead of Class 5A Coach-of-the-Year Andy Sarasty of Winter Park Lake Howell as well as winners from the four other state classifications. Curry received seven first-place votes and totaled 128 points to Sarasty's 99 points in the voting.

Greg Hostetler of Titusville Astronaut, the Class 4A Coach-of-the-Year, finished third with 98 points followed by Adam Hopkins of Miramar Parkway (Class 3A) with 77 points, Mitch Woods of Naples Community School (Class 2A) with 66 points and Carlos Palacio of Boynton Beach Lake Worth Christian (Class 1A) with 49 points.

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Coach-of-the-Year Voting Breakdown

		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Curry	7	5	1	6	0	0	128	
Sarasty		3	4	5	4	1	2	99
Hostetler		3	2	6	8	0	0	98
Hopkins		2	2	1	11	2	1	77
Woods		2	1	1	6	7	2	66
Palacio		2	0	0	4	4	9	49

Totals based on a 10-7-5-3-2-1 point system

1993 Ronnie Bond, Pensacola Washington
1994 Al Austin, Jacksonville Ribault
1995 Reginald Davis, Tallahassee Godby
1996 Harry Elifson, St. Petersburg Boca Ciega
1997 Al Austin, Jacksonville Ribault
1998 Dave Horner, Ocala Forest
1999 Al Austin, Jacksonville Ribault
2000 Ronnie Bond, Pensacola Washington
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2002 Al Austin, Jacksonville Ribault
2003 Abby Ward, South Broward
2004 Ronnalee Terry, The Benjamin School
2005 Carl Brown, Lake Mary
2006 Greg Hostetler, Titusville Astronaut
2007 LeDawn Gibson, Winter Haven
2008 Mike Hamburger, Naples Barron Collier
2009 Carla Harris-Curry, Miami Norland