## Dendy named a Lou Henson Mid-Major Player of the Year nominee

## Senior forward among 25 candidates for the prestigious honor

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BOSTON - Middle
Tennessee's LaRon Dendy
has been nominated for the
Lou Henson Mid-Major Player
of the Year Award, as
announced on Friday by
POINT 3 and
CollegeInsider.com. Dendy is

among 25 candidates for the honor, which will be announced on March 30 in New Orleans, La. Fans can join in the voting this season online via

VoteLouHenson.com. The fan vote will count for one-third of the final decision. A CollegeInsider.com Selection Committee will account for the remaining two-thirds. Dendy has been a force for the Blue Raiders this season, posting five double-doubles and 20 double-figure scoring performances, including eight games of 20-or-more points. He ranks second in the Sun Belt in scoring with 14.7 points per game and third in rebounding at 7.0 boards per game. The 6-9 forward is third among Lou Henson candidates with 45 blocks and



10th among the nominees in rebounding. A native of Greenville, S.C., Dendy has earned Sun Belt Player of the Week honors twice this season and has scored double-figures in his last six games. He has started every game and ranks third on the team with 53 assists. The Lou Henson Award is presented annually to the top Mid-Major player in Division I basketball. The award is named in honor of Lou Henson who retired after a spectacular coaching career that lasted 41 years. When he left the

game in 2005 he was sixth all-time in career Division I wins with 779. He is the winningest coach at both Illinois and New Mexico State. He is one of only 12 coaches in the history of the game to take two schools to the Final Four. Butler's Matt Howard won the award in 2011. **2012 Lou Henson** 

## **Award Nominees**

Julian Boyd, Long Island Isaiah Canaan, Murray State Torrey Craig, USC Upstate

Matthew Dellavedova, St. Mary's

LaRon Dendy, Middle Tennessee

Shane Gibson, Sacred Heart

Michael Glover, Iona

Reggie Hamilton, Oakland

Orlando Johnson, UC Santa Barbara

Jarrod Jones, Ball State

Damian Lillard, Weber State

Scott Machado, Iona

C.J. McCollum, Lehigh

Doug McDermott, Creighton

Tony Mitchell, North Texas

Dominique Morrison, Oral Roberts

Kevin Murphy, Tennessee Tech

Mike Muscala, Bucknell

Kyle O'Quinn, Norfolk State

Lamarcus Reed, UT-Arlington

Zack Rosen, Penn

Gerardo Suero, Albany

Casper Ware, Long Beach State

Kyle Weems, Missouri State

Nate Wolters, South Dakota St

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