

NBA Legend David Thompson Wins Prestigious John Wooden *Keys to Life Award*

Final Four Weekend: Thompson Will Receive Award at the Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast

"I am thankful that I can use my life as an example to help others, as I was able through the grace of God to overcome adversity in my life." - David Thompson, Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee

DETROIT, March 24, 2009 - Words like moral character, integrity and faith haven't always described NBA legend David Thompson. In fact, his professional career was cut short as a result of alcohol and cocaine problems. But today, **Thompson's life is dedicated to helping others make good choices through teamwork, commitment, faith and the pursuit to be your personal best.**

Saturday, April 4, Thompson will be presented the 2009 John Wooden *Keys to Life Award*. Established by Athletes in Action and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in 1998, the *Keys to Life Award* honors athletes who model the characteristics of UCLA legend John Wooden, including his high level of moral character, integrity and faith, on and off the court. Wooden's legacy reflects the life-long pursuit of a creed his father gave him at age 12, entitled "Keys to Life."

The award will be presented during the [Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast](#) on April 4 at 8:30 a.m. ET at Detroit's COBO Convention Center. Established to honor basketball role models who exemplify outstanding leadership, character and integrity, the Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast has become one of the premier events of the NCAA Final Four weekend.

Hosted by [Athletes in Action](#) and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the 2009 Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast program in Detroit will feature sports celebrities, including former NBA Guard **Dell Curry**, CBS College Basketball Analyst **Clark Kellogg**, Phoenix Suns CEO and USA Basketball Chairman of the Board **Jerry Colangelo**, and Inside the NBA Host **Ernie Johnson** (emcee).

For registration information about the 2009 Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast call (800) 416-9473 or visit www.LegendsBreakfast.net.

MEDIA NOTE: The Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast is open to the media. Credentials may be obtained in advance by calling (770) 813-0000. On-site media contact: Katie Campbell, (937) 708-6294 cell.



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John Wooden's Keys to Life:

- Make each day your masterpiece
 - Help others
 - Be true to yourself
 - Drink deeply from good books, especially the Bible
 - Make friendship a fine art
 - Build shelter against a rainy day
 - Pray for guidance and give thanks for your blessings every day
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