

# SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

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## **South Suburban College Men's Basketball Head Coach John Pigatti Recognized by Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame**

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—The Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Hall of Fame honored John Pigatti, Head Coach of the South Suburban College (SSC) Bulldogs Basketball Team, as a recipient of the IBCA Men's College Coach of the Year Award for the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II (NJCAA DII). Pigatti was presented with this recognition on Saturday, November 19, 2022, during his fourth home game of the 2022-23 season. The Bulldogs pulled away with an 86-37 victory over the College of Lake County in the Physical Fitness & Athletic Center at the conclusion of the game. The SSC Men's Basketball Team, under the direction of Pigatti, are currently on a 7-0 winning streak this season.

“It is quite the honor to be recognized by the IBCA. They are an extremely prestigious organization and to be honored by them is a very humbling,” Pigatti remarked. “I give all the credit to our special players that made a historic run last year. What we did was very special, and to do it by beating every junior college team by double digits except one was even more satisfying. Our team is very proud of what we accomplished last season.”

The 2021-22 SSC Men's Basketball Team trailblazed their way into history. Not only did they earn the college's first-ever NJCAA DII National Championship on March 19, 2022, they also achieved the distinction as the first team in NJCAA DII history to go undefeated with a record of 33-0. Shortly thereafter, various accolades poured in as many student-athletes received post-season recognition. This was capped by Pigatti being named NJCAA DII Coach of the Year, followed by a number one ranking in the NJCAA DII pre-season poll to begin the 2022-23 season.

The SSC Men's Basketball Program has won 40 straight games, which is the longest winning streak in all of college basketball, regardless of division. The Bulldogs have also won the most consecutive games in NJCAA DII history. The next game for the SSC Men's Basketball Team is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 7 p.m. The Bulldogs will tip-off against the Pioneers of Prairie State College in the SSC Physical Fitness & Athletic Center, located on the southwest end of the Main Campus at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois. Support the Bulldogs and the man who recently led this team to the NJCAA DII National Championship. Questions about the SSC Men's Basketball Team can be directed to Head Coach John Pigatti at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2524.

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