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MCTC Coach Jay Pivec named NJCAA Division III Coach of the Year

Minneapolis, April 16, 2009 –MCTC Mavericks head coach Jay Pivec is this year's NJCAA Division III Coach of the Year after leading his men's basketball team to a 33-2 overall record and runner-up finish at the NJCAA DIII Tournament. His club held the No. 1 ranking in the NJCAA DIII Men's Basketball Poll for seven straight weeks during the 2008-09 season.

Pivec's team lost just once during the regular season, falling 74-71 to eventual Region 13 Division I champion North Dakota State College of Science in their third contest of the season. After that loss, the Mavericks won 31 consecutive contests -- winning the program's 11th division title in 19 seasons and clinching a post-season berth for the 19th consecutive year.

The Mavericks clinched the Region 13 Championship with a 80-64 win over Madison Area Tech, Wisc. Minneapolis then traveled to the NJCAA DIII Tournament in Delhi, N.Y., where they advanced to the title game and fell 58-57 to Richland College, Texas, in the final seconds.

Since taking over the program in 1990 after the school posted a 0-21 record, Pivec has led the program to 15 seasons with 20 or more victories, including a school record of 33 wins in 2009. He was inducted into the Minnesota College Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2002 and has been named MCAC Coach of the Year eight times (93, 95, 01, 03, 05, 06, 07, and 09).

Pivec has coached seven NJCAA First-Team All-Americans at Minneapolis, the most of any Division III program.

About MCTC:

MCTC is the most ethnically diverse college in Minnesota. A member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, MCTC offers 39 liberal arts disciplines and 45 career and technical programs designed to prepare people for good jobs in high demand professions. Located in downtown Minneapolis, MCTC enrolls more than 12,000 students annually and is an active partner in initiatives to strengthen the social, economic and cultural vitality of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. MCTC is equal opportunity educator and employer.