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Green Bay, Emporia State, Emerson, Purdue Northwest, Des Moines sit atop 2016-17 WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Rolls

ATLANTA (July 19, 2017) — University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Emporia State University, Emerson College, Purdue University Northwest and Des Moines Area Community College sit atop their respective divisions in the 2016-17 WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Rolls announced today by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Green Bay, coached by Kevin Borseth, finished first among NCAA Division I members with a 3.819 cumulative team grade-point average. Emporia State, coached by Jory Collins, led NCAA Division II members with a 3.744 GPA. Emerson, coached by Mark Noll, took top honors in NCAA Division III with a 3.673 GPA. Purdue Northwest, coached by Thomas Megyesi, was No. 1 in the NAIA division with a 3.746 GPA. And Des Moines, coached by Steve Krafcisin, led all junior/community college members with a 3.539 GPA.

The WBCA Academic Top 25 recognizes NCAA Division I, II and III; NAIA and junior/community college women's basketball teams across the nation that carry the highest combined GPAs inclusive of all student-athletes on their rosters for the entire season. The 2016-17 season is the 22nd in which the WBCA has compiled the honor rolls.

"The WBCA family is committed to the student-athlete experience and celebrates these teams that have demonstrated excellence in the classroom," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "This year's WBCA Academic Top 25 is a powerful list of teams and their head coaches who have winning cultures that prepare their student-athletes for success in life."

Here are the 2016-17 WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Rolls by division. The head coach listed for each institution was its head coach during the 2016-17 season.

NCAA Division I

Rank	Institution	Head Coach	GPA
1	University of Wisconsin-Green Bay	Kevin Borseth	3.819
2	Robert Morris University	Charlie Buscaglia	3.726
3	University of South Dakota	Dawn Plitzuweit	3.704
4	St. Francis College Brooklyn	John Thurston	3.689
5	Arizona State University	Charli Turner Thorne	3.672
6	Miami University (Ohio)	Megan Duffy	3.662
7	Bowling Green State University	Jennifer Roos	3.625
8	University of Northern Iowa	Tanya Warren	3.609
9	Drake University	Jennie Baranczyk	3.600
10	University of North Carolina-Asheville	Brenda Kirkpatrick	3.597
11	Belmont University	Cameron Newbauer	3.575
T12	Eastern Washington University	Wendy Schuller	3.562

T12	Loyola University Maryland	Joe Logan	3.562
14	DePaul University	Doug Bruno	3.561
T15	High Point University	DeUnna Hendrix	3.560
T15	Gardner-Webb University	Rick Reeves	3.560
17	Presbyterian College	Todd Steelman	3.530
18	St. Bonaventure University	Jesse Fleming	3.527
19	University of Missouri-Kansas City	Marsha Frese	3.523
20	University of Wyoming	Joe Legerski	3.521
21	Eastern Illinois University	Debbie Black	3.512
T22	Fairfield University	Joe Frager	3.510
T22	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	Cindy Stein	3.510
T24	University of Kentucky	Matthew Mitchell	3.492
T24	Youngstown State University	John Barnes	3.492

NCAA Division II

Rank	Institution	Head Coach	GPA
1	Emporia State University	Jory Collins	3.744
2	Michigan Technological University	Kimberly Cameron	3.736
3	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Emilee Thiesse	3.728
T4	Lubbock Christian University	Steve Gomez	3.723
T4	Maryville University	Collin Lanam	3.723
6	Seton Hill University	Mark Katarski	3.722
T7	Ohio Dominican University	Lynsey Warren	3.717
T7	Pittsburg State University	Lane Lord	3.717
9	Nova Southeastern University	LeAnn Freeland	3.706
10	Grand Valley State University	Mike Williams	3.669
11	Northwood University	Jeff Curtis	3.664
12	University of Southern Indiana	Rick Stein	3.640
13	Fort Hays State University	Tony Hobson	3.624
14	Southern New Hampshire University	Karen Pinkos	3.602
15	Rockhurst University	Larry Park	3.593
16	Augustana University	Dave Krauth	3.588
17	University of the Sciences	Jackie Hartzell	3.581
18	Saginaw Valley State University	Jamie Pewinski	3.576
19	West Texas A&M University	Kristen Mattio	3.568
20	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Karla Nelson	3.554
21	Western Oregon University	Holli Howard-Carpenter	3.539
22	University of Findlay	Jim Wiedie	3.537
23	Montana State University Billings	Kevin Woodin	3.529
24	Notre Dame College (Ohio)	Katie Hine	3.527
25	Embry-Riddle University	Lisa Nuxol-Wilson	3.519

NCAA Division III

Rank	Institution	Head Coach	GPA
1	Emerson College	Bill Gould	3.673
2	Westminster College (Missouri)	Tracey Braden	3.669

3	University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg	Erin Eaton	3.647
4	Greenville College	Roy Mulholland	3.641
5	University of Dubuque	Mark Noll	3.634
6	New York University	Lauren Hall-Gregory	3.625
7	MIT	Sonia Raman	3.618
8	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	Tonja Englund	3.594
9	Western Connecticut State University	Kimberley Rybczyk	3.593
10	William Smith College	Lindsay Sharman	3.576
11	Vassar College	Candice Brown	3.559
12	Ithaca College	Dan Raymond	3.558
13	Bethel University (Minnesota)	Jon Herbrechtsmeyer	3.552
14	Middlebury College	KJ Krasco	3.549
15	Carthage College	Tim Bernero	3.547
16	Marywood University	Tara Macciocco	3.546
17	Baldwin Wallace University	Cheri Harrer	3.544
18	Washington and Lee	Christine Clancy	3.540
19	Houghton College	Alicia Mucher	3.537
20	Swarthmore College	Renee DeVarney	3.532
21	Elmhurst College	Tethnie Carrillo	3.527
22	University of Minnesota, Morris	Tim Grove	3.526
23	Suffolk University	Ed Leyden	3.519
24	Case Western Reserve University	Jennifer Reimer	3.513
25	Thomas More College	Jeff Hans	3.511

NAIA

Rank	Institution	Head Coach	GPA
1	Purdue University Northwest	Thomas Megyesi	3.746
2	Mount Marty College	Tom Schlimgen	3.741
3	St. Ambrose University	Krista Van Hauen	3.701
4	Montana State University-Northern	Chris Mouat	3.690
5	Concordia University (Nebraska)	Drew Olson	3.673
6	Grand View University	Garey Smith	3.659
7	Blue Mountain College	Lavon Driskell	3.628
8	Indiana Institute of Technology	Jessie Biggs	3.608
9	University of Rio Grande	David Smalley	3.568
10	Freed-Hardeman University	Dale Neal	3.545
11	Saint Xavier University	Bob Hallberg	3.536
12	Huntington University	Lori Culler	3.530
13	Columbia College	Jessica Keller	3.523
14	University of Great Falls	Bill Himmelberg	3.516
15	Northwestern College	Chris Yaw	3.490
16	Missouri Valley College	Timm Dixon	3.486
17	University of St. Francis	Samantha Quigley Smith	3.483
18	Stephens College	Ray Fron	3.464
19	Cardinal Stritch University	John Pfaffl	3.426
20	Campbellsville University	Ginger Colvin	3.422
21	Concordia University (Michigan)	Thad Sankey	3.412
22	Indiana University East	Tiffani Selhorst	3.382

23	John Brown University	Jeff Soderquist	3.376
24	Kansas Wesleyan University	Ryan Showman	3.370
25	Lyon College	Tracy Stewart-Lange	3.362

Junior/Community College

Rank	Institution	Head Coach	GPA
1	Des Moines Area Community College	Steve Krafcsin	3.539
2	Snow College	Mike Russell	3.517
3	Northwest College	Janis Beal	3.510
4	Dawson Community College	Romeo Lagmay	3.402
5	Umpqua Community College	Dave Stricklin	3.335
6	Moberly Area Community College	Chad Killinger	3.329
7	Ventura College	Ned Mircetic	3.325
8	Illinois Central College	Karrie Redeker	3.321
9	McHenry County College	Karen Wiley	3.303
10	Minnesota West Community College	Rosalie Hayenga	3.261
11	Gulf Coast State College	Roonie Scovel	3.238
12	Northwest Mississippi Community College	Don Edwards	3.121
13	Indian Rver State College	Diana Couch	3.117
14	Northeast Mississippi Community College	Brenda Mayes	3.096
15	Frank Phillips College	Eric Rodewald	3.081
16	Tallahassee Community College	Franqua Bedell	3.070
17	Ellsworth Community College	Ed Geitz	3.043

Note: There were only 17 institutions eligible for nomination in the junior/community college division.

A team's GPA is calculated by dividing the total number of quality points (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0) earned by the total number of academic hours attempted by all team members in the academic terms (semesters or quarters) that the season spans. Weighted grades are converted to a 4.0 scale. The GPAs are rounded to the nearest thousandth of a point. Teams are nominated for the honor by the WBCA-member head coach. A team must have a 3.000 or better GPA to be nominated.

About the Women's Basketball Coaches Association

Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association is the professional association for coaches of women's and girls' basketball at all levels of competition. The WBCA offers educational resources that coaches need to help make themselves better leaders, teachers and mentors to their players; provides opportunities for coaches to connect with peers in the profession; serves as the unifying voice of a diverse community of coaches to those organizations that control the game; and celebrates those coaches, players and other individuals who excel each year and contribute to the advancement of the sport. Visit www.WBCA.org for more details about the Association.

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