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## UNC's Thomas Earns Robin Roberts/WBCA Sports Communication Scholarship Award

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 12, 2003) -- Jennifer Thomas of the University of North Carolina has been selected to receive the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) Robin Roberts/WBCA Sports Communication Scholarship Award, provided by the Women's Institute of Sports Education (WISE).

The \$2,000 Robin Roberts/WBCA Communications Scholarship Award is presented annually to one female collegiate basketball player who intends to pursue graduate work and a career in sports communication/journalism.

"Jennifer is an outstanding student-athlete and is very deserving of the Robin Roberts/WBCA Sports Communication Scholarship," said WBCA Chief Executive Officer Beth Bass. "On behalf of the WBCA membership, I want to congratulate Jennifer and wish her the best in the future."

Thomas will receive the award at the Jostens-Berenson Awards Luncheon, Saturday, April 5, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at the Georgia World Congress Center. The Jostens-Berenson Awards Luncheon is a program of the 2003 WBCA National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia held in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Women's Final Four.

A 6-1 senior forward from Michigan, Thomas has been a nice asset to the Tar Heels. As a freshman, Jennifer earned ACC Rookie of the Week honors twice during the season, and she was voted team's Most Improved Award during her junior year. Along with double majoring in Journalism and African and Afro-American studies, Jennifer is a part of many organizations, including Black Student Movement (BSM), ACC Outreach, and National Association of Black Journalism.

Founded in 1981, the WBCA promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game in all of its aspects as an amateur sport for women and girls. For addition information about the WBCA please check our website at [WBCA.org](http://WBCA.org).