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# WBCA Announces 2004 High School All-Americans

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 25, 2004) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is pleased to announce its 2004 High School All-America Team, comprised of 20 of the best high school senior female basketball players in the nation.

The 20 players who have been selected to participate in this year's WBCA High School All-America Game, presented by Nike, will be assigned to two, 10-player teams. The college-style regulation game is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, at Tulane University's Fogelman Arena in New Orleans, Louisiana. The game is scheduled to tip-off during the "WBCA Night of All-Stars" at 4:30 p.m. (CDT), followed by the WBCA All-Star Challenge, which will feature 20 of the top senior collegiate players in the nation versus the USA Basketball Women's Senior National Team. The "WBCA Night of All-Stars" tips-off the 23rd Annual WBCA National Convention, which takes place at the site of the NCAA Women's Final Four.

"This is an outstanding class of talent and will be a truly amazing evening with three generations of the best players in women's basketball," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "Fans will have the opportunity to watch the best high school players in the country, the best college players in the country, and the best our country has to offer. As always, the WBCA is extremely pleased to present the High School All-America Game along with Nike. This year's game is guaranteed to carry on the tradition and excitement of its predecessors."

Below is a list of players to participate in this year's WBCA High School All-America Game:

NAME	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	SIGNED
Matee Ajavon	Newark, NJ	Shabazz HS	Rutgers University
Nkolika Anosike	Staten Island, NY	St. Peters Girlâ€™s HS	University of Tennessee
Erneisha Bailey	Kansas City, MO	Pembroke Hill School	University of Texas
Chante Black	Kernersville, NC	East Forsyth HS	Duke University
Natasha Bogdanova	Charlotte, NC	Charlotte Christian School	Purdue University
Essence Carson	Paterson, NJ	Eastside HS	Rutgers University
Sylvia Fowles	Miami, FL	Gulliver Prep School	Louisiana State University

Alex Fuller	Shelbyville, TN	Shelbyville Central HS	University of Tennessee
Laura Harper	Wyncote, PA	Cheltenham HS	University of Maryland
Alexis Hornbuckle	Charleston, WV	South Charleston HS	University of Tennessee
Natasha Humphrey	Gainesville, GA	Gainesville HS	University of Georgia
Crystal Kelly	Louisville, KY	Sacred Heart Academy	Undecided
Crystal Langhorne	Willingboro, NJ	Willingboro HS	University of Maryland
Erlana Larkins	N. Palm Beach, FL	The Benjamin School	University of North Carolina
Marscilla Packer	Pickerington, OH	Pickerington North HS	Ohio State University
Candace Parker	Naperville, IL	Naperville Central HS	University of Tennessee
Allie Quigley	Joliet, IL	Joliet Catholic Academy	DePaul University
Wanisha Smith	Upper Marlboro, MD	Riverdale Baptist	Duke University
Mel Thomas	Cincinnati, OH	Mt. Notre Dame HS	University of Connecticut
Saâ€™de Wiley-Gatewood	Lynwood, CA	Lynwood HS	University of Tennessee

*\*Charde Houston (San Diego HS, San Diego, CA) and Candice Wiggins (La Jolla Country Day HS, La Jolla, CA) were selected as members of the 2004 WBCA High School All-America Team; however, due to prior commitments, they are unable to participate in this year's game.*

The All-America squad was selected by a committee of WBCA-member high school coaches who represent nine geographical districts from across the nation. The 2004 WBCA High School All-America Selection Committee is comprised of: Leslie Davis (District 1 – Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School – Cambridge, Mass.), Mary Klinger (District 2 – Rutgers Prep School – Somerset, N.J.), Kenny Carter (District 3 – High Point Central High School – High Point, N.C.), Derril Kipp (District 4 – Maine West High School – Des Plaines, Ill.), Gary Glasscock (District 5 – St. Louis Metro Academy and Classical High School – St. Louis, Mo.), Teri Morrison (District 6 – Dr. Ralph H. Poteet High School – Mesquite, Texas), Caryn Jarocki (District 7 – Highlands Ranch High School – Highlands Ranch, Colo.), Don Witzel (District 8 – Colony High School – Palmer, AK) and Jack Harlow (District 9 – Bradley Central High School – Cleveland, Tenn.).

This marks the 13th year that the WBCA has sanctioned a girls' high school All-America Team. The inaugural WBCA High School All-America Game was held April 17,

1992 at Oman Arena in Jackson, Tenn. The second and third annual games were also played at Oman Arena. The 1995 game, which marked the beginning of Nike's title sponsorship was played in Altoona, Penn. The event moved east to Philadelphia in 1996 and south to Nashville in 1997. The game was then held in Hartford from 1998 until 2002.

In addition, the following 20 players have been cited as Honorable Mention High School All-Americans:

NAME	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Quianna Chaney	Baton Rouge, LA	Southern Lab HS
Kristen Forristall	Oregon City, OR	Oregon City HS
Takisha Granberry	Charlotte, NC	West Charlotte HS
Darrice Griffin	Seagraves, TX	Seagraves HS
Jillian Ingram	Charlotte, NC	Providence Day School
Shamika Jackson	Manchester, CT	East Catholic HS
Tyeisha Jackson	Humble, TX	Westfield HS
Laura Kurz	Fort Washington, PA	Germantown Academy
Lauren Lacey	Chicago Heights, IL	Marian Catholic HS
Camille LeNoir	Harbor City, CA	Narbonne HS
Cissy Pierce	Littleton, CO	Heritage HS
Lindsey Pluimer	San Clemente, CA	San Clemente HS
Viktoria Sholokhova	Vineland, NJ	Sacred Heart HS
Caprice Smith	River Forest, IL	Trinity HS
Amber Sprague	Mission Bay, CA	Mission Bay HS
Adrienne Squire	Trafalgar, IN	Indian Creek HS
Erica White	Jacksonville, FL	Ribault HS
Natasha Williams	Skokie, IL	Niles North HS
Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton	Naperville, IL	Neuqua Valley HS
Sharnee Zoll	Marlboro, NJ	Highland HS

Fans can order tickets by calling the Tulane University Ticket Office at 504-861-9283, calling Ticketmaster at 504-522-5555 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets for the "WBCA Night of All-Stars" are \$25.00 for Reserved Side Court and \$15.00 for Reserved End Court.