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Houston's Chandi Jones Named WBCA NCAA Division I Player of the Month

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 26, 2004) -- University of Houston senior guard/forward Chandi Jones has been named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) NCAA Division I Player of the Month for March.

With one of the most accomplished careers in Division I collegiate basketball; Jones finishes her career with all-time best in Conference USA history, scoring 2,684 points.

This season was historical, as Jones led the Cougars to a school-record 28 wins, their first NCAA Tournament berth since 1992 and their first tournament win in school history. She also guided Houston to a regular season Conference USA title and the tournament title.

Leading the league in scoring (22.7) and steals (3.10), and scoring 30 points or more on four occasions, including a career-high 39 points vs. Tulane on February 8th, Jones was tabbed Conference USA Player of the Year for a third consecutive season; was named Tournament MVP, and earned first-team All-Conference honors for a fourth straight season.

Jones is among the 21 finalists for The State Farm Wade Trophy and the Kodak/WBCA All-America Team. She also became only the second player in Conference USA history to earn second team honors from the Associated Press.

Also nominated: Iciss Tillis, Duke University (Atlantic Coast); Katie Beth Pate, Lipscomb University (Atlantic Sun); Candice Dupree, Temple University (Atlantic 10); Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers University (Big East); Dionnah Jackson, University of Oklahoma (Big 12); Jewel Clark, University of Pennsylvania (Ivy League); Stephanie Del Preore, Marist College (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference); Ryan Coleman, Eastern Michigan University (Mid-American); Leah Cannon, Oral Roberts University (Mid-Continent); Jenni Lingor, Southwest Missouri State University (Missouri Valley Conference); Gerlonda Hardin, Austin Peay State University (Ohio Valley Conference); Nicole Powell, Stanford University (Pac-10); Malissa Burke, Colgate University (Patriot League); Vanessa Hayden, University of Florida (Southeastern); La'Terrica Dobin, Northwestern State University (Southland Conference); Erica Smith-Taylor, Louisiana Tech (Western Athletic Conference).

*WBCA NCAA Division I Player of the Month honors is based on achievements during respective month for nomination and game-by-game statistics. All nominations must come from the conference office and the player's head coach must be a member of

the WBCA.

Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association 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 more information about the WBCA, please visit WBCA.org.