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WBCA Announces 2003 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Rolls for 2002-03 Season

ATLANTA, Ga. (October 7, 2003) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) today announced its 2002-2003 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll for NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, NAIA and Junior College/Community College. The awards recognize the nation's highest team grade point averages (GPA) for the 2002-03 season based upon nominations submitted by WBCA-member coaches.

"It is incredible to see the GPAs each Top 25 team produces year in and year out," said Beth Bass, the Chief Executive Officer of the WBCA. "These teams set a precedent among student-athletes and deserve to be recognized for their accomplishment. Congratulations to the 110 teams we honor this year!"

State University and the University of Nebraska-Kearney make their first, first-place finishes in the WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll, while Whitworth (2000), Concordia (2000, 2001, and 2002) and Salt Lake Community College (2000) have all earned top honors in the noted previous years. Concordia makes an unprecedented fourth consecutive No. 1 finish.

GPAs are calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by each student-athlete on an institution's squad list in the given academic terms by the total number of hours earned by the team. The GPAs are rounded to the nearest thousandth of a point.

2003 NCAA Division I Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll

1.	Indiana State University	Jim Wiedie	3.639
2.	Kansas State University	Deb Patterson	3.490
3.	Eastern Washington University	Wendy Schuler	3.449
4.	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Sandy Botham	3.429
5.	Belmont University	Tony Cross	3.423
6.	Lehigh University	Susan Troyan	3.415
7.	Robert Morris University	Lynn Roman	3.405
8.	The University of Tennessee at Martin	Gary and Kim Van Atta	3.397
9.	Valparaiso University	Keith Freeman	3.394
10.	University of Wyoming	Cindy Fisher	3.383

11.	Oakland University	Eileen Shea–Hillard	3.380
12.	Weber State University	Carla Taylor	3.374
13.	Quinnipiac University	Tricia Sacca–Fabbri	3.355
14.	University of Northern Iowa	Tony DiCecco	3.341
15.	Northern Illinois University	Carol Hammerle	3.321
T16.	Boise State University	Jen Warden	3.315
T16.	Creighton University	Jim Flanery	3.315
18.	University of Nevada, Reno	Ada Gee	3.283
19.	Sacred Heart University	Edward Swanson	3.278
20.	Duquesne University	Dan Durkin	3.270
21.	Columbia University	Jay Butler	3.263
22.	Central Michigan University	Eileen Kleinfelter	3.259
23.	Saint Francis University	Jill Poe	3.249
24.	St. Bonaventure University	Jim Crowley	3.237
25.	University of Alabama	Rick Moody	3.228

2003 NCAA Division II Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll

1.	University of Nebraska--Kearney	Carol Russell	3.723
T2.	Dowling College	Fran Arato	3.604
T2.	Ferris State University	Tracey Fisk	3.604
4.	Abilene Christian	Wayne Williams	3.592
5.	Pittsburgh State University	Steve High	3.582
6.	University of California PA	Darcie Vincent	3.564
7.	Regis University	Linda Raunig	3.555
8.	Davis & Elkins College	Jay Dailer	3.531
9.	Wayne State College	Ryun Williams	3.529
10.	Drury University	Nyla Milleson	3.516
11.	St. Cloud State University	Dr. Lori Ulferts	3.500
12.	University of South Dakota	Chad Lavin	3.482
13.	Northern Kentucky University	Nancy Winstel	3.461
14.	Western State College	Sandee Mott	3.457
15.	Ashland University	Sue Ramsey	3.449
16.	Fort Hays University	Annette Wiles	3.444
17.	Southwestern Oklahoma State Univ.	Shelly Pond	3.420
18.	Northwest Missouri State	Gene Steinmeyer	3.400
19.	Central Missouri State University	Scott Ballard	3.399
20.	Mesa State College	Stephen Kirkham	3.397
21.	Augustana College	Dave Krauth	3.391
22.	West Liberty State College	Lynn Ullom	3.364

23.	Angelo State University	Sally Brooks	3.359
24.	Rockhurst University	Rebecca Morrisey	3.346
25	Slippery Rock University	Laurel Heilman	3.336

2003 NCAA Division III Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll

1.	Whitworth College	Helen Higgs	3.573
2.	Coe College	Melissa Bruner	3.560
3.	Adrian College	Kathy Morris	3.538
4.	Villa Julie College	Chris A. Ramer	3.488
5.	University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh	Pamela Ruder	3.485
6.	Messiah College	Mike Miller	3.460
7.	Webster University	Ryan Barke	3.448
8.	Ripon College	Julie Johnson	3.440
9.	Wartburg College	Monica Severson	3.426
10.	Baldwin–Wallace College	Cheri Harrer	3.419
11.	Skidmore College	Dr. Lisa Pleban	3.417
12.	Hardin–Simmons University	Shanna Briggs	3.412
13.	University of St. Thomas	Tricia Dornisch	3.405
14.	Moravian College	Mary Beth Spirk	3.402
15.	Albion College	Doreen Belkowski	3.396
16.	Ohio Northern University	Michele Durand	3.383
17.	Wellesley College	Kathy Hagerstrom	3.375
18.	Suffolk University	Ed Leyden	3.370
19.	Emory University	Myra Sims	3.365
T20.	North Park University	Jack Surridge	3.360
T20.	Swarthmore College**	Adrienne Shibles	3.360
21.	Bowdoin College	Stefanie Pemper	3.342
22.	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	John Greene	3.331
T23.	Clarke College	Joan Seffen	3.316
T23.	Roger Williams University	Rachel Madsen	3.316
25.	Mount Holyoke College	Megan Henry	3.314

2003 NAIA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll

1.	Concordia University	Todd Voss	3.660
2.	Carroll College	Jim Gross	3.608
3.	Midland Lutheran College	Joanne Bracker	3.524
4.	Southwestern College	Dave Denly	3.513
5.	Oklahoma Christian	Stephanie Findley	3.489
6.	Doane College	Tracee Fairbanks	3.405

7.	Mount Marty College	Chuck Iverson	3.389
8.	Lee University	Tiffany Hill	3.384
9.	Mayville State University	Jay Tschetter	3.368
10.	Bacone College	Rusty Kennedy	3.339
11.	Mount St. Clare College	Meg Schebler	3.320
12.	Covenant College	Roy Heintz	3.310
13.	Cornerstone University	Carla Fles	3.309
14.	Freed–Hardeman University	Dale Neal	3.287
15.	University of Montana–Western	Kevin Engellant	3.269
16.	Huntington College	Lori Culler	3.265
17.	McKendree College	Melissa Ringhausen	3.263
18.	Tiffin University	Leslie Mugg	3.244
19.	Carlow College	John Brown	3.242
20.	North Georgia College State Univ	Buffie Burson	3.173
21.	John Brown University	Jeff Soderquist	3.163
22.	Grand View College	Garey G. Smith	3.126
23.	Judson College	Tory Gum	2.967

2003 JC/CC College Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll

1.	Salt Lake Community College	Betsy Specketer	3.467
2.	Bethany Lutheran College	Lyle Jones	3.454
3.	Kishwaukee College	Karen Wiley	3.426
4.	Independence Community College	Jim Chambers	3.301
5.	Frank Phillips College	Valery Jackson	3.224
6.	Dean College	Jeff Kelly	3.165
7.	Northland College	Mike Zachow	3.108
8.	John Wood Community College	Norm Rodriguez	2.923
9.	Yavapai College	Brad Clifford	2.864