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Arriaran Named 2005 State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 16, 2005) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) named Erika Arriaran of Norco High School (Norco, CA) the 2005 State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year. The WBCA and State Farm present this award annually to the top players in each of the five WBCA collegiate divisions (NCAA Divisions I, II, III, NAIA, JC/CC) and high school at its National Convention.

Arriaran, a 5'10" guard, is averaging 18.2 points, 6.5 assists, and 9 rebounds this season for the Cougars. Her career highlights include over 1200 points, 600 rebounds and over 300 assists and steals without playing her sophomore year.

"We are extremely pleased to present Erika with the State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "Erika is an outstanding athlete and a true representative of the sport. We look forward to seeing her play at the collegiate level."

Arriaran's accomplishments include: All California Division 2AA- 1st Team 2003 and 2004, 2004 Street and Smith All-American, 2004 USA Today Top Super 25 Girls Players, 2004 Parade All-American Second Team, and 2004 Naismith High School Player of the Year finalist. Full Court Press and the All-Star Girls Report also ranked Arriaran the #1 player for the class of 2005. To add to her list of accolades, this past summer Arriaran was a member of the 2004 USA Basketball Junior National Team.

"State Farm is proud to partner with the WBCA and recognize these gifted student-athletes for their dedication and tremendous achievements they have accomplished," said Pam El, Vice President of Marketing at State Farm.

Arriaran has signed with the University of Texas-Austin, where she will join 2003 State Farm/ WBCA High School Player of the Year, Tiffany Jackson.

Arriaran will be formally honored on Saturday, April 2 during the "WBCA Night of All-Stars" at the University of Indianapolis' Nicoson Hall in Indianapolis, IN, where she will also be competing in the WBCA High School All-America Game, presented by Nike. The "WBCA Night of All-Stars" doubleheader event is part of the 2005 WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Women's Final Four.

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