



PRESS RELEASE

Candice Allen Named State Farm/WBCA NCAA Division II Player of the Year

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 22, 2005) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) today announced that California State Polytechnic University-Pomona senior Candice Allen has been named the State Farm/WBCA NCAA Division II Player of the Year. The WBCA presents this award annually to the top players in each of the five WBCA collegiate divisions (NCAA Divisions I, II, III, NAIA and JC/CC) and high school.

"Candice has had an outstanding senior season and a very accomplished career. She is very deserving of this award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. On behalf of the WBCA, I wish her great success in her future endeavors."

Allen led the NCAA Division II in scoring for a second straight year and became only the second player to win back-to-back national scoring titles. In 2004-05, she led the Lady Broncos in scoring (28.0 per game), rebounding (6.4 per game), assists (2.8 per game), steals (3.0 per game), field goals made (238), 3-pointers made (46) and free throws made (186). Allen had a game-high of 50 this season against Glendale State, which set a new program and California Collegiate Athletic Association record (CCAA).

Allen finished her Cal Poly Pomona career with 1,439 points, which is 10th on the Bronco all-time list. Allen holds program records for most points in a game (50), most points in a season (734), highest single-season scoring average (28.0), most free throws made (186) and attempted (494) in a season, and highest 3-point field-goal percentage (47.9). Allen also holds conference records for most points in a game and most free throws made and attempted in a game.

Allen was the 2004 CCAA Player of the Year and was named to the prestigious 2004 and 2005 Kodak /WBCA All-America Team. In her Cal Poly Pomona career, she played in 56 games and helped the Broncos to a 43-1 record, while also leading them to four Sweet Sixteen appearances in five years.

"State Farm is proud to partner with the WBCA to recognize Candice for her dedication and the tremendous achievements she has accomplished," said Pam El, Vice President of Marketing at State Farm.

The State Farm/WBCA Player of the Year Award is selected by the nine-member WBCA Player of the Year Committee, which consists of one WBCA-member coach from each of the eight WBCA Division II Regions and the committee chair.

With being selected as the State Farm/WBCA Division II Player of the Year, Allen will participate in the WBCA College All-Star Challenge game on April 2 at the University of Indianapolis. Allen will also be formally presented her award at the WBCA Awards Luncheon presented by State Farm and Jostens on Sunday, April 3, at the Indiana Convention Center. The State Farm/WBCA Player of the Year presentation is part of the 2005 WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Women's Final Four in Indianapolis, Indiana.

State Farm ® insures more cars than any other insurer in North America and is the leading U.S. home insurer. State Farm's 17,000 agents and 72,000 employees serve nearly 73 million auto, fire, life and health policies in the United States and Canada. State Farm also offers financial services products through State Farm Bank ®. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company is the parent of the State Farm family of companies. State Farm is ranked No. 21 on the Fortune 500 list of largest companies. For more information, please visit statefarm.com® or in Canada statefarm.ca.