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Top 20 High School Seniors Selected To Participate in 2006 WBCA High School All–America Game

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 15, 2006) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the nation's top 20 girls' basketball players selected to participate in the 15th annual WBCA High School All–America Game *presented by Nike*.

The players who have been chosen will be divided into two teams of ten players. The college–style regulation game is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, at Matthews Arena on Northeastern University's campus in Boston, Mass. The game is scheduled to tip–off during the "WBCA Night of All–Stars" doubleheader event at 4:30 p.m. (ET) followed by the WBCA All–Star Challenge, which will feature 20 of the top senior collegiate players in the nation who are not playing in the NCAA® Women's Final Four®. This highly–anticipated event is part of the 25th Annual WBCA National Convention, which takes place at the site of the NCAA Women's Final Four.

"The WBCA High School All–America Game Selection Committee has done a great job assembling twenty of the best high school players in the country," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "The WBCA is honored to be hosting the High School All–America Game *presented by Nike*, continuing to showcase the future of women's basketball."

Below is the list of players selected to participate in the 2006 WBCA High School All–America Game *presented by Nike*:

Name	High School	HS City/State	Signed
Jayne Appel	Carondelet HS	Concord, Calif.	Stanford
Ashley Barlow	Pike HS	Indianapolis, Ind.	Notre Dame
Jessica Breland	Bertie HS	Windsor, N.C.	North Carolina
Tina Charles	Christ the King HS	Middle Village, N.Y.	Connecticut
Jacki Gemelos	St. Mary's HS	Stockton, Calif.	Southern California
Amber Harris	North Central HS	Indianapolis, Ind.	Purdue
Allison Hightower	Juan Seguin HS	Arlington, Texas	LSU
Ashley Houts	Dade County HS	Trenton, Ga.	Georgia
DelaQuese Jernigan	East Chicago Central HS	East Chicago, Ind.	Purdue
Kaili McLaren	Good Counsel HS	Wheaton, Md.	Connecticut
Morghan Medlock	Narbonne HS	Harbor City, Calif.	Southern California
Bridgette Mitchell	The Peddie School	Hightstown, N.J.	Duke

Jordan Murphree	Brock HS	Brock, Texas	Texas Tech
Porsha Phillips	Redan HS	Stone Mountain, Ga.	Undecided
Epiphanny Prince	Murry Bergtraum HS	New York, N.Y.	Rutgers
Brittainey Raven	North Crowley HS	Fort Worth, Texas	Texas
Dymond Simon	St. Mary's HS	Phoenix, Ariz.	Arizona State
Amanda Thompson	Whitney Young HS	Chicago, Ill.	Oklahoma
Yvonne Turner	Bellevue East HS	Bellevue, Neb.	Nebraska
Monica Wright	Forest Park HS	Woodbridge, Va.	Virginia

"As in past years the selection of an All–America High School Basketball Team is extremely difficult," remarked Gary Glasscock, chair of the WBCA High School All–America Game Selection Committee. "Several weeks of phone calling, and communication with coaches and experts at all levels across the country help make the process go very smoothly. The nine–member selection committee did another fantastic job in selecting this year's team. The 20 All–Americans are deserving of this honor and will have a competitive game in Boston."

A committee of WBCA–member high school coaches who represent nine geographical districts from across the nation selected the All–America squad. The 2006 WBCA High School All–America Game Selection Committee is comprised of: Gary Glasscock (Chair – St. Louis Metro Academic and Classical High School), Stacy Bilodeau (District 1 – Walpole High School), Mary Klinger (District 2 – Rutgers Prep School), Kenny Carter (District 3 – High Point Central High School), Reggie Lee (District 4 – Brookhaven High School), Kelly Flynn (District 5 – South Sioux City High School), Samantha Morrow (District 6 – Mansfield Summit High School), Caryn Jarocki (District 7 – Highlands Ranch High School), James Anderson (District 8 – Narbonne High School), Rachel Powell–Moore (District 9 – Cleveland High School), Brad Smith (Past Chair – Oregon City High School) and Jenifer Scheibler (WBCA Staff Liaison).

This marks the 15th year that the WBCA has sanctioned a girls' high school all–America team. The inaugural WBCA High School All–America Game *presented by Nike* 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, Conn. from 1998 until 2002. The game made its debut as part of the "WBCA Night of All–Stars" in 2003.

"Nike is honored to be involved with the WBCA High School All–America Game. This game recognizes the top high school players in the country and gives them a chance to come together and compete the weekend of the NCAA® Women's Final Four®," said Mary Thompson, Girls High School and Elite Youth Basketball Manager at Nike. "We recognize the importance of women in sports and would like to congratulate all the participants!"

The 2006 class of WBCA All–Americans joins the list of well–known past participants such as: Tamika Catchings, Chamique Holdsclaw, Katie Smith, Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi and Alana Beard.

The following 20 players have received Honorable Mention for the High School All-America Game *presented by Nike*:

Name	High School	HS City/State	Signed
Sireece Bass	Pershing HS	Detroit, Mich.	Michigan
Arnika Brown	Christian County HS	Hopkinsville, Ky.	Kentucky
Korrine Campbell	Nortre Dame HS	Lawrenceville, N.J.	Minnesota
Joy Cheek	South Mecklenburg HS	Charlotte, N.C.	Duke
Allyssa DeHann	Grandville HS	Grandville, Mich.	Michigan State
Nikitta Gartrell	Mays HS	Atlanta, Ga.	N.C. State
Michelle Harrison	Mountain View HS	Orem, Utah	Stanford
Amy Horton	Haralson County HS	Tallapoosa, Ga.	UCLA
Jarica Hughes	Southfield Lathrup HS	Lathrup Village, Mich.	Southern California
Vantranique Hughes	Waxahachie HS	Waxahachie, Texas	Texas
Whitney Jones	West Monroe HS	West Monroe, La.	Baylor
Kelli Kohn	Adrian HS	Adrian, Mich.	Kansas
Demauria Liles	Riverdale Baptist HS	Upper Marlboro, Md.	Maryland
Christy Marshall	Beach HS	Savannah, Ga.	Georgia
Amber Norton	Assumption HS	Louisville, Ky.	Vanderbilt
Abi Olajuwon	The Marlborough School	Los Angeles, Calif.	Oklahoma
Tanisha Smith	Lincoln College Prep Acad.	Kansas City, Mo.	Arkansas
Ashley Sweat	McPherson HS	McPherson, Kan.	Kansas State
Amber White	Coatesville HS	Coatesville, Pa.	N.C. State
Laë™Teena Wickett	Castlemont HS	Oakland, Calif.	Pepperdine

The Nike Co-Captains are the WNBA Connecticut Sun's Lindsey Whalen and Detroit Shock's Swin Cash. Whalen is a two-time Kodak/WBCA All-American (2004 and 2005) and Cash is a 1998 High School All-America Team member as well as a Kodak/WBCA All-American (2002). Whalen and Cash will join the WBCA All-Star Challenge participants for an autograph session at 4:00 p.m. (ET).

Fans can order tickets by visiting WBCA.org. Tickets for the "WBCA Night of All-Stars" start at \$15.00 for general admission and \$25.00 for reserved seating.