



PRESS RELEASE

## WBCA Announces the 2006 Nike's So You Want To Be A Coach Participants

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 9, 2006) -- For the fourth year in a row the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is proud to host Nike's So You Want To Be A Coach program. This two and a half day workshop will be held in conjunction with the WBCA 25th National Convention on March 31st through April 2nd in Boston, Mass. The WBCA is also excited that Nike's commitment to the WBCA and women's basketball has extended to our So You Want To Be A Coach program. Nike serves as the title sponsor for this tremendous program.

"Nike is committed to growing women's basketball and supporting those coaches involved in our game," said Jill Pizzotti, Nike's Manager of Women's College Basketball. "We are proud to sponsor the "So You Want To Be A Coach" program, focused on developing and educating these chosen young ladies on the coaching profession."

Nike's So You Want To Be A Coach is a collaborative effort between the WBCA and the National Collegiate Athletic Association to provide an educational and professional foundation for collegiate minority female basketball players who now aspire to coach. The effort strives to ensure proper preparation for transitioning into the growing field of coaching. For the past three years the NCAA, through its Matching Grants for the Advancement of Minority Women Coaches, has awarded scholarships for the WBCA to use toward travel and lodging for the workshop. Nike's So You Want To Be A Coach honors the next generation of women's basketball coaches.

The coaching lessons shared with these participants will assist in identifying, recruiting and retaining minority women in the profession of coaching. At this year's workshop, the participants will have the opportunity to meet and learn from some high level professionals such as Rutgers Head Coach C. Vivian Stringer, LSU Head Coach Pokey Chatman, Executive Director of the Black Coaches Association Floyd Keith, and many others.

For qualification, the potential candidate must have exhausted her final year of basketball eligibility at a four-year institution OR have graduated within the past year. In addition, the candidate's head coach has to nominate them and must be an active WBCA member. Each participant is selected based on their academics, contributions to women's basketball on and off the court, professional resume and a written recommendation from their head coach.

Listed below is the 2006 class of Nike's So You Want To Be A Coach:

Amaka Agugua	Hofstra Univ
Stacey Anthony	Birmingham–Southern
Jarietta Benton	DePaul Univ.
Maisha Cadet Duval	DePauw Univ.
Andrea Clapp	UNC Asheville
Frantina Coleman	Alabama State Univ.
Kanisha Coward	Wilberforce Univ.
Janell Crayton	Davidson College
Brittany Davis	Univ. of Florida
LaWona Davis	Old Dominion Univ.
Amanda DeMartino	Brandeis Univ.
Kristen Dowling	Univ. of Redlands
Dalila Eshe	Univ. of Florida
Allie Gard	Providence College
Kerri Gardin	Virginia Tech
Sarah Hayes	Brown Univ.
Kristal Hood	UNC–Asheville
Roshana Jackson	Virginia Tech
Brittany James	Howard Univ.
Dionne Johnson	Kentucky State Univ.
Regina Johnson	Cal Poly Pomona
Shari Johnson	Howard Univ.
Clenita Jones	Univ. of West Florida
Natalie Jones	Univ. of Arizona
Colleen Kelly	Brown Univ.
Crystal Kemp	Univ. of Kansas
Jennifer King	Guilford College
Ebony Lacey	Howard Univ.
Tracey Lightfoot	UNC Pembroke
Nicole Mattison	Univ. of Tenn. at Chattanooga
Tiffany McCollins	North Carolina State Univ.
Jashell Mitchell	Bethune–Cookman College
Vernessa Neamo	George Mason
Erica Nesmith	College of Charleston
Tommi Paris	Furman Univ.
Danyelle Payne	Univ. of Kentucky
Ebone Pope	Univ. of Iowa

Tanika Price	Univ. of Hartford
Crystal Reed	Birmingham Southern
Danielle Santos	Univ. of Florida
Tiffany Sardin	Univ. of Virginia
Courtnei Strickland	Coppin State Univ.
Jennifer Sullivan	Rhodes College
Jaclyn Vocell	Brown Univ.
Lanica Williams	Lenoir-Rhyne College
Mistie Williams	Duke Univ.
Jamie Wilson	Northern Illinois Univ.
Ebony Woods	Univ. of New Hampshire
Jocelyn Wyatt	Appalachian State Univ.
LaWanda Young	Birmingham-Southern