



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA Announces NAIA Academic Top 25 Correction

ATLANTA, Ga. (July 17, 2006) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced its 2005–2006 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll for NAIA with one correction. Due to an appeal from Davenport University the results of the NAIA WBCA Academic Top 25 have changed. The WBCA Board of Directors decided that due to a computer error on the WBCA's end, Davenport University and Dana College will share the top honor this year for NAIA Academic Top 25. The WBCA apologizes for this error and would like to recognize both schools and the achievements they have made in the classroom. The awards recognize teams throughout the nation that have the highest grade point averages (GPA) for the 2005–2006 season based upon nominations submitted by WBCA–member coaches.

"It is my pleasure to recognize each of these distinguished women's basketball programs that have gone above and beyond excellence on the court, and have extended it to the classroom," said WBCA Chief Executive Officer Beth Bass. "These 118 teams admirably strive to be successful all-around and we commend their efforts. Congratulations!"

Division	Institution	2005–06 Head Coach	GPA	Top 25 Range
NCAA I	South Dakota State University	Aaron Johnston	3.730	3.730–3.298
NCAA II	University of Nebraska – Kearney	Carol Russell	3.663	3.663–3.297
NCAA III	Colorado College	Kelly Mahlum	3.577	3.577–3.331
NAIA	Davenport University	Mark Youngs	3.613	3.613–2.991*
NAIA	Dana College	Brenda Mechels	3.585	3.613–2.991
JC/CC	Colby Community College	Tom Stephens	3.458	3.458–2.675**

* =top 26 range

** =top 17 range

Each of the top ranking institutions have appeared on the WBCA Academic Top 25 Honor Roll as least once in the past six years. The University of Nebraska – Kearney returns to the number one spot for the second time, with the first time in 2003. South Dakota State University finished in a close second last year and has taken the number

one seed for the first time. Also finishing at the top spot for the first time are Colorado College, Dana College and Colby Community College. These "classy" teams combine for an average 3.604 GPA for the 2005–2006 season.

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

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There are no limits to what the women's basketball team at Davenport University could accomplish this past year. The team finished the year with an astounding record of 29–5. Next year's roster is comprised of a very young group, but look for these student-athletes to continue their winning tradition both on and off the court.

The women's basketball team at Dana College has been hitting the books hard for three straight years and finally they top the charts as number one for the 2005–2006 WBCA Academic Top 25 Honor Roll. Posting ranks as 22nd last season and fifth in 2003–2004, Lady Vikings' head coach Brenda Mechels has pushed her team to realize the importance of balancing both academics and athletics.

The WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll for NAIA is as follows:

School	2005–2006 Head Coach	Team GPA
T1. Davenport University	Mark Youngs	3.613
T1. Dana College	Brenda Mechels	3.585
2. Westminster College	JD Gustin	3.577
3. Indiana Wesleyan University	Steve Brooks	3.554
4. Briar Cliff University	Pam Gohl	3.552
5. Huntington University	Lori Culler	3.532
6. The Master's College	Ken Sugarman	3.526
7. Mount Marty College	Chuck Iverson	3.525
8. Concordia University – Nebraska	Todd Voss	3.516
9. University of Montana – Western	Kevin Engellant	3.507
10. Freed–Hardeman University	Dale Neal	3.501
11. Hannibal–La Grange College	Tiffany Hill	3.496
12. Georgetown College	Susan Johnson	3.452
13. Campbellsville University	Donna Wise	3.450
14. Northwestern College	Earl Woudstra	3.440
15. Oklahoma Christian University	Stephanie Findley	3.400
16. Olivet Nazarene University	Doug Porter	3.391
17. University of Rio Grande	David Smalley	3.388
18. Doane College	Tracee Fairbanks	3.376

19. Carlow University	John Brown	3.292
20. College of the Ozarks	George Wilson	3.291
21. Lee University	Marty Rowe	3.271
22. Tiffin University	Shannon Potee	3.250
23. Cornerstone University	Carla Fles	3.141
24. Midway College	Timothy Southers	3.014
25. Bethel College (Kansas)	Mark Fox	2.991