



PRESS RELEASE

Top 20 High School Seniors Selected for 2008 WBCA High School All–America Game presented by Nike

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 15, 2008) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the nation's top 20 girls' basketball players selected to participate in the 17th 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 5, at the University of South Florida's Sun Dome in Tampa Bay, Fla. The game is scheduled to tip–off at 4:30 p.m. (ET). This highly–anticipated event is part of the WBCA National Convention, which takes place at the site of the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

"The WBCA High School All–America Team committee has selected 20 of the most talented seniors for this season's lineup," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "These young women represent the future of the college game and beyond, and the WBCA could not be more proud to play host to our 17th High School All–America Game *presented by Nike*."

Below is the list of players selected to participate in the 2008 WBCA High School All–America Game *presented by Nike*:

Name	High School	Hometown	Signed
Cierra Bravard	Perkins High School	Sandusky, Ohio	Florida State
Alyssia Brewer	Sapulpa High School	Sapulpa, Okla.	Tennessee
Elena Delle Donne	Ursuline Academy	Greenville, Del.	Connecticut
Jasmine Dixon	Long Beach Polytechnic HS	Long Beach, Calif.	Rutgers
Ayana Dunning	Eastmoor Academy	Columbus, Ohio	LSU
Ashley Gayle	Bishop Gorman High School	Las Vegas, Nev.	Texas
Angel Goodrich	Sequoyah High School	Tahlequah, Okla.	Kansas
Amber Gray	Lakota West High School	Liberty Township, Ohio	Tennessee
Whitney Hand	Liberty Christian High School	Fort Worth, Texas	Oklahoma
Tiffany Hayes	Winter Haven High School	Lakeland, Fla.	Connecticut
Glory Johnson	Webb School of Knoxville	Knoxville, Tenn.	Tennessee
Shenise Johnson	Rush–Henrietta High School	Henrietta, N.Y.	Miami
Lynetta Kizer	Potomac Senior High School	Woodbridge, Va.	Maryland
Chelsey Lee	Parkway Academy	Miami, Fla.	Rutgers
Nneka Ogwumike	Cy–Fair High School	Cypress, Texas	Stanford
Brooklyn Pope	Dunbar High School	Fort Worth, Texas	Rutgers

Shay Selby	Regina High School	Geneva, Ohio	Duke
Chay Shegog	Brooke Point High School	Stafford, Va.	North Carolina
Shekinna Stricklen	Morrilton High School	Morrilton, Ark.	Tennessee
April Sykes	East Oktibbeha County HS	Crawford, Miss.	Rutgers

"Being selected as a member of the WBCA High School All–America Team is quite an honor," Gary Glasscock, Chairman of the High School All–America Game Selection Committee, said. "Nine selection committee members choose the team after weeks of study, phone calls, compiling data and weekly conference calls in discussion of players throughout the country. It is always difficult to find the most deserving players to be nominated and then chosen as all–Americans, but once again through their tremendous efforts, our nine–person committee has selected an outstanding group of athletes to participate in the WBCA High School All–America Game *presented by Nike*. Congratulations to our 20 all–Americans, and much appreciation to our outstanding committee members!"

A committee of WBCA–member high school coaches who represent nine geographical districts from across the nation selected the All–America squad. The 2008 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), Bob Mackey (District 2 – Christ the King High School), Brian Robinson (District 3 – Bishop McGuinness High School), Pat Diulus (District 4 – Regina High School), Kelly Flynn (District 5 – South Sioux City High School), Teri Morrison (District 6 – Midway High School), Gail Hook (District 7 – Monarch 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 Daniella Trujillo (WBCA Staff Liaison).

This marks the 17th year that the WBCA has sanctioned a girls' high school all–America team. The inaugural WBCA's High School All–America Game 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 and now stands on its own at the sight of the WBCA National Convention each year.

"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," Mary Thompson, Nike's Girls High School and Elite Youth Basketball Manager, said. "We recognize the importance of women in sports and would like to congratulate all the participants!"

The 2008 class of WBCA High School All–Americans joins the list of well–known past participants such as: Tamika Catchings (Indiana Fever), Katie Smith (Detroit Shock), Sue Bird (Seattle Storm), Diana Taurasi (Phoenix Mercery), Alana Beard (Washington Mystics) and Seimone Augustus (Minnesota Lynx).

The following 20 players have received Honorable Mention for the 2008 WBCA's High School All–America Game *presented by Nike*:

Name	High School	Hometown	Signed
LaShondra Barrett	Murrah High School	Jackson, Miss.	LSU
Mo Bennett	Statesboro High School	Statesboro, Ga.	Georgia Tech
Sarah Boothe	Warren Township HS	Gurnee, Ill.	Stanford
Heather Buck	Stonington High School	Stonington, Conn.	Connecticut
Becky Burke	Abington Senior HS	Abington, Pa.	South Carolina
Ashley Corral	Prairie High School	Vancouver, Wash.	USC
Caroline Doty	Germantown Academy	Doylestown, Pa.	Connecticut
Alyssa Fressle	Highlands Ranch HS	Highlands Ranch, Colo.	Colorado
Briana Gilbreath	Cinco Ranch High School	Katy, Texas	USC
Chelsea Hopkins	Mojave High School	North Las Vegas, Nev.	Duke
Destini Hughes	Kennedale High School	Fort Worth, Texas	LSU
Courtney Jones	Midfield High School	Midfield, Ala.	LSU
Liz Lay	Southeast High School	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Washington
Alicia Manning	Etowah High School	Woodstock, Ga.	Tennessee
Antonye Nyingifa	Redondo Union HS	Torrance, Calif.	UCLA
Samantha Prahalis	Commack High School	Dix Hills, N.Y.	Ohio State
Kathleen Scheer	New Haven High School	New Haven, Mo.	Duke
Nikki Speed	Marlborough School	Pasadena, Calif.	Rutgers
Cherish Wallace	John Muir High School	Pasadena, Calif.	Baylor
She'la White	Norfolk Collegiate School	Norfolk, Va.	North Carolina

The Nike Co–Captains are the WNBA Minnesota Lynx's Lindsey Harding and Indiana Fever's Tamika Catchings. Harding was a WBCA All–American last year, and Catchings is a four–time WBCA All–American (1996–99) and WBCA High School All–American (1997). Harding and Catchings will be available for an autograph session at 4:00 p.m. (ET) at the Sun Dome. The WBCA High School All–American Team will be available for autographs following the game.

Reserved seats are available for \$15 and can be purchased by calling 813–287–8844 or by visiting wbca.org or ticketmaster.com.

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