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NCAA Division I State Farm Coaches' All-America Regional Finalists Announced

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 19, 2008) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), in cooperation with State Farm, announced the 52 regional finalists today for the 2008 State Farm Coaches' All-America Basketball Team for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I. The State Farm Coaches' All-America Team selection committee will review these 52 candidates and cut the list to 40 finalists on Thursday, March 20. The 40 finalists will all be in the running for selection to the 10-member State Farm Coaches' All-America Team.

The regional finalists are:

Region 1

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Matee Ajavon	Rutgers University	Sr.	G	5'8
Kimberly Beck	George Washington Univ.	Sr.	G	5'8
Essence Carson	Rutgers University	Sr.	G	6'0
Tina Charles	University of Connecticut	So.	C	6'3
Angel McCoughtry	University of Louisville	Jr.	F	6'1
Renee Montgomery	University of Connecticut	Jr.	G	5'7
Maya Moore	University of Connecticut	Fr.	F	6'0
Epiphanny Prince	Rutgers University	So.	G	5'9
Olayinka Sanni	West Virginia University	Sr.	C	6'2
Mercedes Walker	University of Pittsburgh	Sr.	C	6'3

Region 2

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Chante Black	Duke University	Jr.	C	6'5
Crystal Langhorne	University of Maryland	Sr.	C	6'2
Erlana Larkins	University of North Carolina	Sr.	F	6'1
LaToya Pringle	University of North Carolina	Sr.	F/C	6'3
Kristi Toliver	University of Maryland	Jr.	G	5'7
Khadijah Whittington	North Carolina State Univ.	Sr.	F	6'1
Monica Wright	University of Virginia	So.	G	5'11

Region 3

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
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Alex Anderson	UT–Chattanooga	Sr.	F	6'1
DeWanna Bonner	Auburn University	Jr.	G/F	6'4
Sylvia Fowles	Louisiana State University	Sr.	C	6'6
Alexis Hornbuckle	University of Tennessee	Sr.	G	5'11
Tasha Humphrey	University of Georgia	Sr.	F	6'3
Candace Parker	University of Tennessee	Sr.	G/F/C	6'4
Christina Wirth	Vanderbilt University	Jr.	G/F	6'1

Region 4

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Kate Achter	Bowling Green State Univ.	Sr.	G	5'7
Tiera DeLaHoussaye	Western Michigan Univ.	Jr.	G	5'6
Ashley Hayes	Murray State University	Jr.	F	5'10
Amanda Jackson	Miami University (Ohio)	Sr.	G	5'9
Lauren Kohn	Ohio University	Sr.	G	5'11
Natasha Lacy	Univ. of Texas at El Paso	Sr.	G	5'11
Diamond Rogers	Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham	Sr.	G/F	5'11

Region 5

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Danielle Gant	Texas A&M University	Jr.	G/F	5'11
Amber Holt	Middle Tennessee State Univ.	Sr.	F	6'0
Crystal Kelly	Western Kentucky University	Sr.	F	6'3
Shalee Lehning	Kansas State University	Jr.	G	5'9
Courtney Paris	University of Oklahoma	Jr.	C	6'4
Andrea Riley	Oklahoma State University	So.	G	5'5
Takia Starks	Texas A&M University	Jr.	G	5'8
Angela Tisdale	Baylor University	Sr.	G	5'7

Region 6

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Jolene Anderson	University of Wisconsin	Sr.	G	5'8
Kristi Cirone	Illinois State University	Jr.	G	5'8
Jantel Lavender	Ohio State University	Fr.	C	6'4
Jenna Smith	University of Illinois	So.	C	6'3
Kristi Smith	University of Iowa	Jr.	G	5'6

Region 7

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Natalie Doma	Idaho State University	Sr.	C	6'3
Leilani Mitchell	University of Utah	Sr.	G	5'5
Mandy Morales	University of Montana	Jr.	G	5'9
Hanna Zavec	University of Wyoming	Sr.	F	6'0

Region 8

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Jayne Appel	Stanford University	So.	C	6'4
Devanei Hampton	Univ. of California, Berkeley	Jr.	F/C	6'3
Ashley Walker	Univ. of California, Berkeley	Jr.	F	6'1
Candice Wiggins	Stanford University	Sr.	G	5'10

In an effort to establish a fair number of candidates from each region, an equation to determine the number of regional nominees was formulated. The total number of Division I institutions in each region is divided by the total number of Division I institutions to get a percentage for each region. Multiply 52 (the total number of desired finalists) by the percentage to get a total number of finalists for each region. The 52 regional finalists then go before the selection committee where the list is reduced to 40 finalists. These 40 finalists can come from any region.

The State Farm Coaches' All-America Basketball Team for NCAA Division I will be announced at the State Farm Coaches' All-America Team Press Conference at the Tampa Hyatt Regency on April 5, at 9:45 a.m. (ET) in Tampa, Fla.

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