



PRESS RELEASE

So You Want To Be A Coach Class of '09 Announced

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 5, 2009) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is proud to host the seventh annual WBCA's So You Want To Be A Coach program. This two-and-a-half day workshop will be held in conjunction with the WBCA National Convention on April 3 through April 7 in St. Louis, Mo.

"For the past seven years the WBCA has made a commitment to diversify the coaching world in any way we can," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "The 'So You Want To Be A Coach' program has really taken off. We have seen some great coaches develop as a result of it, and we are ecstatic to see what this year's class brings to the basketball world."

The WBCA has been a cornerstone in developing an organization that meets the needs of women, while promoting the game of basketball and its development, as well as unifying coaches on every level. The So You Want To Be A Coach Program was designed to increase the amount of minorities in the coaching profession, by providing a workshop based on educational and professional principles to help those interested in the field.

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 University of Washington assistant coach Fred Applin, Marist College assistant coach Keila Whittington, St. Louis University head coach Shimmy Gray-Miller 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. This program is made possible through the NCAA Matching Grants for the Advancement of Minority Women Coaches.

Listed below is the 2009 class of WBCA's So You Want To Be A Coach:

Candidate	School	Candidate	School
Sahar Nusseibeh	American	Johnette Walker	Radford
Alethea Lamberson	Ashland	Catherine Flores	Rice
Reba Ross	Birmingham-Southern	Brittany Parker	St. Augustine College

Jaclyn Goldbarg	Brown	Jessica Gaines	Stephen F. Austin
Amy Ehrhart	Brown	Kendra Appling	Tennessee State
Tara Miller	Butler	Britney Jordan	Texas A&M- Commerce
Tasha Taylor	Clemson	Kylenne Spiegel	Tiffin
Kassie Humphries	Fordham	Ashley Langford	Tulane
Brittany Hollins	Georgia State	Ana Baker	UNC-Asheville
Chandrica Smith	Georgia State	Jessica Monroe	UNC-Asheville
Stacie Young	Georgia State	Camilla Blands	Alabama
Amanda Brown	Gonzaga	Lori Tanaka	Chicago
Brittany Bumgarner	Guilford College	Lisa Etienne	Hartford
Keesha Tate	IUPUI	Marylynne Schaefer	Hartford
Ashley Johnson	Kennesaw State	Sa'de Wiley- Gatewood	Maryland
Lindsay Kyle	Limestone College	Deidre Jones	Michigan
Crystal Ahmed	Lynn University	Ashley Alexander	New Orleans
Carly Golden	Lynn	Jada Frazier	New Orleans
Courtney Brooks	Mansfield	Anca Popovici	Pennsylvania
Marissa Thrower	Marquette	Alexa Kane	Tampa
Natasha Doh	Mercer	Ndoumbe Diop	Utah State
Dominique Chism	Mercer	Danyelle Snelgro	Utah State
LaVonna Hailey	North Carolina Central	Shawnta Pope	Utah State
Shari' Welton	Northern Illinois	Ana Pares	Utah State
April Kidd	Oakland	Christine Rogers	Washington College
Shaunte' Smith	Oklahoma State	Erica Justice	West Virginia
Brianne O'Rourke	Penn State	Stephanie Anderson	Whittier College