



PRESS RELEASE

## Brittney Griner Named State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 12, 2009) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced that Nimitz Senior High's Brittney Griner has been named the 2009 State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year. The WBCA presents this award annually to the top player in each of the five WBCA collegiate divisions (NCAA Divisions I, II, III, NAIA and JC/CC) and high school.

"The WBCA is thrilled to present Brittney Griner with the State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year Award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "She has had a tremendous season, and we look forward to watching her compete at the next level."

Griner is currently ranked No.1 in the country by ESPN HoopGurlz and many other publications. She holds the national record for most blocks in a single game with 25. 6-foot-8-inch center, who has been on the cover of ESPN Rise Magazine, is often seen firing up the crowd with one of her signature dunks as she averages two dunks a game. This season Griner is averaging a team best 27 points, 13 rebounds and 11 blocks and has led her team to a 24-1 ledger.

"Brittney's remarkable achievements both on and off the court make her truly deserving of this prestigious award," said Pam El, Marketing Vice President for State Farm. "State Farm is extremely proud and honored to recognize this tremendous student-athlete and we wish her the best in all her future endeavors."

Griner signed with 2005 NCAA Champion Baylor University located in Waco, Texas.

The State Farm/WBCA Player of the Year Award is selected by the 11-member WBCA High School Player of the Year Committee, which consists of one WBCA-member coach from each of the nine WBCA high school districts, the present committee chair and the past committee chair.

Griner will be formally honored on Saturday, April 4, during the WBCA High School All-America Game *presented by Nike* at Washington University's Athletic Complex in St. Louis, MO. The game is part of the 2009 WBCA National Convention held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

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