



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA Honors the 2009 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA Division I Regional Coaches of the Year

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 17, 2009) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is proud to announce the 2009 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA Regional Coach of the Year winners for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I.

Below are the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA Regional Coaches of the Year for NCAA Division I winners listed by region:

NCAA Division I

Region	Coach	Institution
Region 1	Geno Auriemma	University of Connecticut
Region 2	Sue Semrau	Florida State University
Region 3	Nell Fortner	Auburn University
Region 4	Curt Miller	Bowling Green State
Region 5	Sherri Coale	University of Oklahoma
Region 6	Jim Foster	Ohio State University
Region 7	Elaine Elliott	University of Utah
Region 8	Tara VanDerveer	Stanford University

The winners are selected through a two-level process. The first level is by region, in which coaches from each WBCA geographical region vote for their respective top coach. If a coach has been selected as Regional Coach of the Year, they advance as a finalist to the national level of the selection process along with the other Regional Coaches of the Year in their respective division.

The winners of the WBCA National Coach of the Year for Division I will be honored on Monday, April 6, 2009, at 1 p.m. CT during the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Coach of the Year Luncheon in the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Grand Ballroom. The luncheon is part of the 2009 WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

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