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# WBCA Announces Regional Finalists for DI State Farm Coaches' All-America Basketball Team

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 17, 2009) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), in cooperation with State Farm, announced the 52 regional finalists for the 2009 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 25. 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
Jesyka Burks-Wiley	Boston Univ.	Sr.	F	6'0
Tina Charles	Univ. of Connecticut	Jr.	C	6'4
Judie Lomax	Columbia Univ.	Soph.	F	5'11
Angel McCoughtry	Univ. of Louisville	Sr.	F	6'1
Maya Moore	Univ. of Connecticut	Soph.	F	6'0
Renee Montgomery	Univ. of Connecticut	Sr.	G	5'7
Deirdre Naughton	DePaul Univ.	Jr.	G	5'10
Ta'Shia Phillips	Xavier Univ.	Soph.	C	6'6
Epiphanny Prince	Rutgers Univ.	Jr.	G	5'9
Kia Vaughn	Rutgers Univ.	Sr.	C	6'4
Natasha Williams	DePaul Univ.	Sr.	F	6'3
Shavonte Zellous	Univ. of Pittsburgh	Sr.	G	5'11

### Region 2

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Chante Black	Duke Univ.	Sr.	C	6'5
Marissa Coleman	Univ. of Maryland	Sr.	G/F	6'1
Lyndra Littles	Univ. of Virginia	Sr.	G/F	6'1
Rashanda McCants	Univ. of North Carolina	Sr.	G/F	6'1
Carolyn Swords	Boston College	Soph.	C	6'6
Kristi Toliver	Univ. of Maryland	Sr.	G	5'7
Monica Wright	Univ. of Virginia	Jr.	G	5'11

### Region 3

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Whitney Boddie	Auburn Univ.	Sr.	G	5'9
DeWanna Bonner	Auburn Univ.	Sr.	G	6'4
Sha Brooks	Univ. of Florida	Sr.	G	5'8

Siarre Evans	East Tennessee State Univ.	Jr.	G	5'11
Allison Hightower	Louisiana State Univ.	Jr.	G	5'11
Ashley Houts	Univ. of Georgia	Jr.	G	5'6
Christina Wirth	Vanderbilt Univ.	Sr.	F	6'1
Region 4				
Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Alysha Clark	Middle Tennessee St. Univ.	Jr.	F	5'10
Rachel Galligan	Eastern Illinois Univ.	Sr.	F	6'2
Ashley Hayes	Murray State Univ.	Sr.	G	5'10
Anna Kowalska	Kent State Univ.	Sr.	C	6'4
Lauren Prochaska	Bowling Green State Univ.	Soph.	G	5'11
Chastity Reed	Univ. of Arkansas, Little Rock	Soph.	F	6'1
Region 5				
Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Danielle Gant	Texas A&M Univ.	Sr.	G/F	5'11
Shalee Lehning	Kansas State Univ.	Sr.	G	5'9
Danielle McCray	Univ. of Kansas	Jr.	G	5'11
Courtney Paris	Univ. of Oklahoma	Sr.	C	6'4
Andrea Riley	Oklahoma State Univ.	Jr.	G	5'5
Takia Starks	Texas A&M Univ.	Sr.	G	5'8
Danielle Wilson	Baylor Univ.	Jr.	C	6'3
Region 6				
Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Kristi Cirone	Illinois State Univ.	Sr.	G	5'8
Traci Edwards	Univ. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee	Sr.	C	6'2
Jantel Lavender	Ohio State Univ.	Soph.	C	6'4
Rachel Porath	Univ. of Wisconsin, Green Bay	Sr.	G	5'10
Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton	Purdue Univ.	Sr.	F	6'2
Region 7				
Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Dellena Criner	Univ. of Nevada	Sr.	G	5'7
Shanavia Dowdell	Louisiana Tech Univ.	Jr.	F	6'2
Jené Morris	San Diego State Univ.	Jr.	G	5'9
Morgan Warburton	Univ. of Utah	Sr.	G	5'11
Region 8				
Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Jayne Appel	Stanford Univ.	Jr.	C	6'4
Briann January	Arizona State Univ.	Sr.	G	5'8
Courtney Vandersloot	Gonzaga Univ.	Soph.	G	5'8
Ashley Walker	Univ. of California, Berkeley	Sr.	F	6'0

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. Per a motion passed by the WBCA Board of Directors in 2008, Region 1 will now have 12 finalists and Region 4 will have six finalists.

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 Renaissance Grand and Suites Hotel on April 4, at 9:45 a.m. CT in St. Louis, Mo.

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