



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA High School All-Americans to Visit Children at Shriners Hospital in St. Louis

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 19, 2009) -- The 2009 Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) High School All-Americans will visit children at Shriners Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., on Sunday, April 5, as part of its weekend activities.

The 20 members of the WBCA High School All-America Team will participate in various activities with the children at Shriners including crafts, games and a shootaround. The student-athletes are also planning to take a group picture for the hospital's celebrity-visitor wall.

The visit to Shriners Hospital is part of a weekend itinerary for the WBCA High School All-America Team that includes the WBCA High School All-America Game *presented by Nike* on Saturday, April 4, that will be held at the Washington University Athletic Complex. Tip-off for the game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. CT. General admission seating is available for \$15 and can be purchased by visiting wbca.org or ticketweb.com.

Click [here](#) to view the 2009 WBCA High School All-America Team.

This marks the 18th year that the WBCA has sanctioned a girls' high school all-America team. The inaugural WBCA's High School All-America Game was held April 17, 1992, at Oman Arena in Jackson, Tenn. The second and third annual games were also played at Oman Arena. The 1995 game, which marked the beginning of Nike's title sponsorship, was played in Altoona, Penn. The event moved east to Philadelphia in 1996 and south to Nashville in 1997. The game was then held in Hartford, Conn., from 1998 until 2002. The game made its debut as part of the "WBCA Night of All-Stars" in 2003 and now stands on its own at the sight of the WBCA National Convention each year.

About Shriners Hospital

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a one-of-a-kind international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to the age of 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for admission and receive all care in a family-centered environment at no charge regardless of financial need.