



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA's So You Want To Be A Coach Class of 2010 Announced

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 22, 2010) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is proud to host the eighth annual WBCA's So You Want To Be A Coach program. This two-and-a-half day workshop will be held April 2-4 in conjunction with the WBCA National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. The 2010 class marks the largest in the eight years of the program and is sponsored by the WBCA, the NCAA Diversity and Inclusion, NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, and the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics.

"The WBCA continues to remain committed to the development of women's basketball coaches and the So You Want To Be A Coach program has seen such a positive uptick over the last eight years," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "The WBCA will continue to make strides in this program and is dedicated to helping diversify the women's game."

The So You Want To Be A Coach Program was designed to increase the amount of women in the coaching profession, with an emphasis on female minorities by providing a workshop based on educational and professional principles to help those interested in the field.

Listed below is the 2010 class of WBCA's So You Want To Be A Coach:

Candidate	School	Candidate	School
Lauren Lacey	Arizona State	Lauren Casey	Lees-McRae College
Danielle Gratton	Ball State	Jami Safrit	Lenoir-Rhyne
Audrey McDonald	Ball State	Kimberly Benton	Mass., Amherst
Brittany Edelen	Bellarmino	Paris Leonard	Memphis
Corinne Milien	Bemidji State	Ashley Thornton	Memphis
Natalie Bonds	Brown	Tiffany Coppage	Missouri State
Christina Johnson	Brown	Kylie York	Northern Illinois
Courtney Lee	Brown	Katelyn Brunck	Northwood
Kelley Tarver	Cal State, Bakersfield	Jennifer Bushby	Ohio University
Lauren Grief	California, Berkeley	Jennifer Poff	Ohio University
Natasha Vital	California, Berkeley	Lauren Gentene	Ohio Wesleyan
Katie Schlein	Claremont	Amanda	Oklahoma

Christy Brown	McKenna Clemson	Thompson Jessica Canady	Old Dominion
Stephaine Crosley	Cleveland State	Sarah Bucar	Pennsylvania
Angel Roque	Cleveland State	Danielle Campbell	Purdue
Jessica Roque	Cleveland State	Britney Hodges	Saint Francis
Samantha Allen	Colby College	Katie Paganelli	Saint Louis
Whitney Smith	College of Brockport	Brittany Christian	Saint Paul's College
Ashley Arff	Converse College	Carmen Smith	Saint Peter's College
Loretta Martin	Dillard University	Catherine Cain	South Carolina, Aiken
Joy Cheek	Duke	Jessica Lawson	South Florida
Rachel Frederick	Duquesne University	Andrea Doneth	St. Bonaventure
Lyndsie Long	Elmhurst College	Joy McCorvey	St. John's University
Lonnika Thompson	Florida	Tanisha Smith	Texas A&M, Kingsville
Lalara King	Florida Memorial	Felicia Soza	Texas A&M, Kingsville
Randall Hurst	Fordham	Earnesia Williams	Texas, Austin
Danyiell McKeller	Georgia State	Jordan Murphree	Texas Tech
Ra Shay Rawls	Georgia State	Jareica Hughes	Texas, El Paso
Ann Seufer	Guilford College	Larissa Williams	Tulsa
Erica Beverly	Hartford	Tanekra Brooks	Tulsa
Cathryn Stuart	Jacksonville State	Kathryn Spears	Tusculum College
Jasmin Coleman	Jacksonville	Kennan Killeen	Washington & Jefferson
Sade Morris	Kansas	Jane O'Donnell	Washington College
DeAndrea Bullock	Kennesaw State	Jamie McFarlin	Washington University
Gia Lockett	Kennesaw State	Jessica Jackson	Western Carolina
Montinique Nixon	Kennesaw State	Tiffany Benson	William & Mary
Emily Garner	Lafayette College	Rae Lin D'Alie	Wisconsin, Madison
Ashley Crawford	Lamar University	Maureen Hester	Xavier
Sanetra Jackson	Langston University	April Phillips	Xavier

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 Oregon assistant coach Keila Whittington, St. Louis University head coach Shimmy Gray-Miller, University of Alabama at Birmingham head coach Audra Smith, and many others. The So You Want To Be A Coach program is made possible thanks to the NCAA Matching Grants for Advancement of Minority Women Coaches.

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.