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## Carrie Snickers Garners State Farm/WBCA NCAA Division III Player of the Year Honor

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 18, 2010) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced that Hope College junior Carrie Snickers has been named the State Farm/WBCA National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Player of the Year. The WBCA presents this award annually to the top players in each of the following WBCA collegiate divisions (NCAA Divisions II, III, NAIA and JC/CC) and high school.

"Carrie Snickers accomplishments this year made her stand out above the rest for the State Farm/WBCA Division III Player of the Year," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "I am pleased to present this award to Carrie as she has proved to be the best in Division III."

As a 6'3 center, Snickers has helped lead her team to a 31–1 record this season as the program makes its third trip to the NCAA Division III Final Four. She was sidelined for eight games this season with a foot stress fracture, but Snickers still managed to have seven double–doubles and is averaging 20.2 points and 10.8 rebounds per game in the tournament. She set the Hope single season record for blocked shots (66) and holds the school's career record for blocked shots (166).

During her three seasons with Hope, the team has had an 89–4 record, won three consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships and advanced to the Elite Eight each year. Last season, Snickers was an all–conference first team selection and conference MVP, an ABCA All–Region selection and a State Farm Coaches' All–American. This year she has already been named to the all–conference first team and been the conference player of the week four times.

As a senior at Unity Christian High School, Snickers played on the state championship team and was second in the Miss Michigan Basketball voting. She is majoring in communications at Hope.

The State Farm/WBCA Player of the Year Award is selected by the nine–member WBCA Player of the Year Committee, which consists of one WBCA–member coach from each of the eight WBCA Division III Regions and the committee chair.

Snickers will be formally recognized at the WBCA Awards Luncheon presented by State Farm and Jostens at Noon CT on Tuesday, April 6, at the Marriott Rivercenter Grand Ballroom. This event is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four® in San Antonio, Texas.

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