



PRESS RELEASE

Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis Named State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year

ATLANTA – Mater Dei (Santa Ana, Calif.) High School senior Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, considered by most experts to be one of the best shooters in the country, is the 2011 State Farm®/WBCA High School Player of the Year, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced today.

"Congratulations to Kaleena for reaching the pinnacle of the high school game," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "State Farm is synonymous with excellence and so is this student-athlete's performance."

Mosqueda-Lewis currently is the top-ranked player in the United States according to ESPN HoopGurlz.com, which named her its national high school player of the year in 2010. She averages 22 points per game and has scored in double figures in all but one of the Monarchs' 28 games this season. The 6-foot senior guard has scored 20 or more points in 20 games, including three games of 30 or more points.

Mosqueda-Lewis has signed with the University of Connecticut – the sixth WBCA High School Player of the Year to do so behind Elena Delle Donne (2008), Maya Moore (2007), Tina Charles (2006), Ann Strother (2002) and Tamika (Williams) Raymond (1998).

Mater Dei (27-1), the defending California Interscholastic Federation Division II state champion, is currently ranked No. 3 nationally by both USA Today and ESPN.

"Kaleena's remarkable achievements, both on and off the court, make her truly deserving of this prestigious award," said Pam El, Marketing Vice President for State Farm. "State Farm is extremely proud and honored to recognize this outstanding student-athlete and we wish her the best in all her future endeavors."

Mosqueda-Lewis will be formally honored on Saturday, April 2, during the 2011 WBCA National Convention in Indianapolis at a press conference announcing the State Farm Coaches' All-America Team and State Farm Wade Trophy winner. The convention is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

State Farm and the WBCA annually name players of the year in each of the five WBCA collegiate divisions (NCAA's Divisions I, II, III, NAIA and JC/CC) and high school.

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