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Lander University's Shannon McKeever Named 2011 State Farm/WBCA NCAA Division II Player of the Year

ATLANTA – Shannon McKeever of Lander University, is the 2011 State Farm®/WBCA National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Player of the Year, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced today. The WBCA presents this award annually to the top players in each of the four WBCA collegiate divisions (NCAA Divisions II, III, NAIA and JC/CC) and high school.

"The WBCA is pleased to present Shannon McKeever with the State Farm/WBCA NCAA Division II Player of the Year award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "She has had an outstanding season, and is very deserving of this achievement. State Farm is synonymous with excellence and so is this student-athlete's performance."

McKeever, a 6-foot senior center, averaged 17.2 points, 9.8 rebounds and 3.2 blocks per game to lead Lander to the Sweet 16 round of the Division II National Tournament and a best-ever 29-4 record. Her .620 field-goal percentage ranks No. 1 nationally in Division II. She recorded 15 double-doubles during the season.

McKeever, from Florence, S.C., is one of only four Peach Belt Conference players in history with 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. A three-time All-PBC player, McKeever earned PBC Player of the Week honors three times this season.

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 II Regions and the committee chair.

McKeever will be formally recognized during the WBCA Awards Show, which will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, April 4, in the Indiana Convention Center's Sagamore Ballroom. This event is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four® in Indianapolis.

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