



PRESS RELEASE

## Montana Tech, Northeastern State players win WBCA scholarship awards

ATLANTA (March 6, 2012) – Brianne McClafferty of Montana Tech is the recipient of the 2012 Charles T. Stoner Law Scholarship Award and Jasmine Wright of Northeastern State University is the recipient of the Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today.

The \$1,000 Charles T. Stoner Law Scholarship Award, named for and presented by Stoner, a former legal consultant to the WBCA, is presented annually to one female collegiate basketball player who intends to pursue a career in law.

The \$4,500 Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship Award is presented annually to one female collegiate basketball player who intends to pursue graduate work and a career in sports communications/journalism.

"I am delighted to present Brianne McClafferty the Charles T. Stoner Law Scholarship Award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "Her commitment in both competition and academics has led her to success. As the NCAA says, most student-athletes will go pro in something other than sports, and we hope Brianne will have a great career in law."

McClafferty, a 6-foot senior forward, averages 7.44 points per game and 2.89 rebounds per game. As a four-year letter winner for the Lady Diggers, McClafferty has set the academic bar high, retaining the highest grade-point average on the team during each of her four years. She has earned academic all-conference honors, the Summitt Beverage Student-Athlete Award and was named an NAIA Scholar Athlete. The senior is a co-captain for the 2011-12 season.

The Butte, Mont., native is very active in student organizations as a member of the business club, Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society and vice president of the HPER Hooligan fan club. Additionally, McClafferty earned Chancellor's List and Dean's List recognition a combined six times. She currently boasts a 3.97 cumulative GPA.

Wright, meanwhile, a 5-foot-9 senior forward for Northeastern State, has started every game of the season for the Riverhawks (24-4) and has recorded 77 career starts. Wright has dished out a team-high 82 assists and grabbed 25 steals during 2012. In a matchup against Southwestern on Feb. 6, Wright netted a career-high 28 points.

The Dallas, Texas, native was named academic all-conference and received the LoneStar Conference's scholar athlete award. Following her sophomore campaign,

Wright was named the LSC North Defensive Player of the Year. She is a mass communication major with a broadcast journalism focus.

"Congratulations Jasmine Wright for earning the Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship," said Bass. "This scholarship is one I look forward to presenting each year to an individual who will pursue a career in sports communication or journalism. We look forward to watching you excel professionally."

McClafferty and Wright will be formally recognized during the WBCA Awards Show, which will be held at 5 p.m. MT Monday, April 2, in the Sheraton Downtown Denver's Plaza Ballroom. This event is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four® in Denver.

#### About the WBCA:

Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game as a sport for women and girls. The WBCA is pleased to join the women's sports community in commemorating the 40th anniversary of Title IX, which was passed by Congress on June 23, 1972, and provides females with equal opportunities in athletics in the U.S. For more information on the WBCA, please visit [wbca.org](http://wbca.org).