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# WBCA announces 2012 Division I Coaches' All-America Team

DENVER (March 31, 2012) – Top-ranked Baylor and No. 2 Stanford both placed two players on the 2012 WBCA Division I Coaches' All-America Team, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced today in a ceremony at the Pepsi Center during the 2012 NCAA® Women's Final Four® Super Saturday festivities.

The 10-member team was decided from a group of 52 finalists by the selection committee at an in-person meeting held during the 2012 WBCA National Convention.

The members of the 2012 NCAA Division I State Farm Coaches' All-America Basketball Team are as follows:

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Elena Delle Donne	University of Delaware	Jr.	F/G	6-5
Skylar Diggins	University of Notre Dame	Jr.	G	5-9
Brittney Griner	Baylor University	Jr.	C	6-8
Bria Hartley	University of Connecticut	So.	G	5-7
Glory Johnson	University of Tennessee	Sr.	F	6-3
Shenise Johnson	University of Miami	Sr.	G	5-11
Chiney Ogwumike	Stanford University	So.	F	6-2
Nnemkadi Ogwumike	Stanford University	Sr.	F	6-2
Odyssey Sims	Baylor University	So.	G	5-8
Alyssa Thomas	University of Maryland	So.	G	6-2

"Congratulations to the 10 student-athletes chosen for the 2012 Division I Coaches' All-America Team," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "These student-athletes have worked hard this season, ensuring success for their entire team, and they are deserving of this recognition."

This is the 38th year of the WBCA Coaches' All-America program, which began in 1975. Once again all 10 members of the team were present to be honored in person during the ceremony. Remarkably, in the 38-year history of the program, none of the 380 Coaches' All-Americans honored to date have failed to appear for the announcement.

This year also marks the first time in history that sisters (Chiney and Nnemkadi Ogwumike of Stanford) have been named to the WBCA Division I Coaches' All-America Team.

Elena Delle Donne led No. 7 Delaware to a historic season that included its first-ever national ranking and an undefeated conference run that landed the Blue Hens their first CAA Crown. This season's CAA Player of the Year and Capital One Academic All-American of the Year, Delle Donne became the fastest player in CAA history to reach the 2,000-point mark, doing so in just 75 games. The nation's leading scorer averaging 28.1 points, Delle Donne finished out the season with 925 points, becoming only the 15th player in NCAA DI history to reach the 900 points per season milestone. Her 925 points this season ranks seventh in the all-time NCAA DI record book.

Skylar Diggins, the reigning BIG EAST Conference Player of the Year and a two-time unanimous first-team all-BIG EAST selection, is the only BIG EAST player to rank among the top five in the conference in three of the five major statistical categories this season. She leads the conference in both assists (5.8 apg. – 15th in nation) and steals (2.6 spg. – 55th in nation), and she is fourth in scoring (16.7 ppg. – 73rd in nation), while also posting a conference-best 2.17 assist-to-turnover ratio (10th in nation). Diggins recorded her first career triple-double (22 points, 11 assists, 10 rebounds) against Maryland in the Raleigh (N.C.) Regional Final; just the 13th in NCAA Championship history.

Brittney Griner has led Baylor to its second NCAA® Women's Final Four® in three seasons and a perfect 38-0 mark. She is averaging 23.4 points, 9.4 rebounds and 5.2 blocks per game while shooting 61.1 percent from the floor and 80.4 percent from the free throw line. Griner has twice been named an All-American by the WBCA, AP, USBWA and Wooden Award and is a two-time WBCA Defensive Player of the Year. She was named most outstanding player of the Des Moines Regional and the Big 12 Championship, Big 12 Player of the Year, Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and is a finalist for every major postseason award.

Bria Hartley was honored as a 2011-12 All-BIG EAST First Team selection and named to the 2011-12 Preseason Wade and Naismith Trophy Watch Lists. A 2011 and 2010 All-BIG EAST Tournament Team pick, she is third for Connecticut at 13.6 points per game and fourth in the league with a 1.5 assists-to-turnover ratio. Hartley earned mention as the 2010-11 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and was selected to the 2011 NCAA Tournament All-Philadelphia Regional Team. She played for the USA Basketball U18 Team in 2010 and for the U19 Team in 2011.

In her final campaign at Tennessee, grad student Glory Johnson turned in a career high stat line including 14.2 ppg, 9.9 rpg, 1.2 bpg and 1.4 spg while starting all 36 games and logging 29.9 minutes per contest. Her 2012 honors include NCAA Des Moines Regional All-Tournament, Capital One Academic All-America First Team, the Southeastern Conference Tournament MVP and All-Tournament team, SEC Defensive Player of the Year and Coaches and AP All-SEC. Johnson became just the fourth Lady Vol ever in the thousand-thousand point and rebound club and finished second to four-time WBCA All-American Chamique Holdsclaw in career rebounds with 1,218.

Now a two-time WBCA Coaches' All-American, Shenise Johnson has been named to

five All-America teams this season, including the Associated Press and United States Basketball Writers Association squads. She was named First Team All-ACC and to the All-ACC Defensive Team for the third consecutive season. Johnson led the Hurricanes in scoring with 17 points per game and finished her career with 2,262 points, third in school history. She is just the second woman in Division I history to score 2,000 points, grab 1,000 rebounds, dish out 500 assists and have 400 steals in a career, joining only Nancy Lieberman.

The younger half of Stanford's Ogwumike combination, Chiney Ogwumike has demonstrated her dominance of the paint in 2011-12, averaging 15.3 points and 10.3 rebounds a game with a team-leading 58.4 field-goal percentage. Stanford's leading rebounder, she has pulled down 370 boards this year, just six away from older sister Nnemkadi's single-season record of 376 set in 2009-10. Chiney also makes a name for herself on the other end of the court, playing a hard-nosed brand of defense that has led her to be named the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year and a finalist for the WBCA Defensive Player of the Year award.

Nnemkadi Ogwumike has put together one of the most dominant seasons in Cardinal history in 2011-12. Heading into the 2012 Women's Final Four, her fourth in a row and the fifth straight for the Cardinal, Ogwumike is averaging 22.5 points and 10.3 rebounds a game while shooting 55.4 percent from the field. The 2012 Pac-12 Player of the Year, as well as Most Outstanding Player of the Pac-12 Tournament and Fresno Regional is also a consensus first-team All-American in addition to being a consensus national player of the year finalist.

Odyssey Sims excels on both ends of the floor for Baylor and has helped guide the Lady Bears to the Women's Final Four and an undefeated season. She averages 14.8 points per game, including 20.5 vs. ranked opponents, 4.4 assists, 3.0 steals and 2.8 rebounds per contest and is a bulldog on defense. She is a two-time All-Big 12 first-team selection and was named to the Des Moines Region and Big 12 Championship All-Tournament teams. In addition, she also earned All-American honors from the Associated Press and the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

Alyssa Thomas is the ACC's Player of the Year and is just the second underclassman ever to earn the league's top honor. She's quickly grown into a game-changer and one of the nation's top stat sheet stuffers that's proven she can get it done night in and night out. Thomas led the ACC in scoring with 17.2 points per game and in the top five in rebounding with 8.0 per contest. Thomas was among the best in the league in, assists, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, and defensive rebounds.

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Anne Marie Armstrong	University of Georgia	Jr.	G	6-3
LaSondra Barrett	Louisiana State University	Sr.	F	6-2
Alex Bentley	Penn State University	Jr.	G	5-7
Ashlee Brown	Utah State University	Sr.	F	6-0
Katie Bussey	Montana State University	Sr.	G	5-9
Devyn Christensen	Utah State University	Jr.	G	5-6
Layshia Clarendon	University of California-Berkeley	Jr.	G	5-9
Courtney Clements	San Diego State University	Jr.	G	6-0

Jerica Coley	Florida International University	So.	G	5-8
Carolyn Davis	University of Kansas	Jr.	C	6-3
Christina Foggie	Vanderbilt University	So.	G	5-9
Jennifer George	University of Florida	Jr.	F	6-1
Angel Goodrich	University of Kansas	Jr.	G	5-4
Chelsea Gray	Duke University	So.	G	5-11
Jasmine Hassell	University of Georgia	Jr.	F	6-2
Tiffany Hayes	University of Connecticut	Sr.	G	5-10
Taylor Hill	Ohio State University	Jr.	G	5-10
Jordan Hooper	University of Nebraska	So.	F	6-2
Tavelyn James	Eastern Michigan	Sr.	G	5-7
Jasmine Lee	University of Memphis	Sr.	F/C	6-2
Anna Martin	DePaul University	Jr.	G	5-9
Aâ€™™dia Mathies	University of Kentucky	Jr.	G	5-9
Nadirah McKenith	St. Johnâ€™™s University	Jr.	G	5-7
Natalie Novosel	University of Notre Dame	Sr.	G	5-11
Courtney Osborn	Miami University	Jr.	G	5-10
Shey Peddy	Temple University	Sr.	G	5-7
Devereaux Peters	University of Notre Dame	Sr.	F	6-2
Chelsea Poppens	Iowa State University	Jr.	F	6-2
Samantha Prahalis	Ohio State University	Sr.	G	5-7
Sugar Rodgers	Georgetown University	Jr.	G	5-11
Alexis Rogers	Bowling Green State University	So.	F	6-1
Ebony Rowe	Middle Tennessee State University	So.	F	6-1
Shoni Schimmel	University of Louisville	So.	G	5-10
Chay Shegog	University of North Carolina	Sr.	C	6-5
Shenneika Smith	St. Johnâ€™™s University	Jr.	G	6-1
Kayla Standish	Gonzaga University	Sr.	F	6-3
Daâ€™™Shena Stevens	St. Johnâ€™™s University	Sr.	F	6-1
Tyra White	Texas A&M University	Sr.	G	6-0
Destiny Williams	Baylor University	Jr.	F	6-1
Elizabeth Williams	Duke University	Fr.	C	6-3
Riquna Williams	University of Miami	Sr.	G	5-6
Julie Wojta	University of Wisconsinâ€™™Green Bay	Sr.	F	6-0

#### 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).