



PRESS RELEASE

Eight players added to list of State Farm Wade Watch hopefuls

ATLANTA (Feb. 4, 2013) – The State Farm® Wade Trophy Committee has added eight additional student-athletes to the 2012-13 State Farm "Wade Watch" list, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), on behalf of the Wade Trophy Coalition, announced today.

Joining the preseason list of 25 "Wade Watch" hopefuls are Kelsey Bone of Texas A&M, Gennifer Brandon and Layshia Clarendon of California, Kelly Faris of Connecticut, Tianna Hawkins of Maryland, Chelsea Hopkins of San Diego State, Niveen Rasheed of Princeton and Meighan Simmons of Tennessee.

State Farm and the Wade Trophy Coalition present The State Farm Wade Trophy to the nation's most outstanding NCAA® Division I women's basketball player each year – one who not only excels athletically but also serves as a positive role model both on and off the court. The acclaimed Wade Watch list, from which The State Farm Wade Trophy recipient is chosen, consists of players selected on the basis of game and season statistics, leadership, character, effect on their team and overall playing ability.

The State Farm Wade Watch list will be trimmed to 12 finalists in mid-March. State Farm and the Wade Trophy Coalition will officially announce the State Farm Wade Trophy winner during the WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four® in New Orleans.

Here is the complete 2012-13 State Farm Wade Watch list:

Name	Institution	Position	Year
Alex Bentley	Penn State	Guard	Senior
Kelsey Bone	Texas A&M	Center	Junior
Gennifer Brandon	California	Forward	Junior
Heather Butler	UT Martin	Guard	Junior
Layshia Clarendon	California	Guard	Senior
Carolyn Davis	Kansas	Forward	Senior
Elena Delle Donne	Delaware	Forward	Senior
Skyler Diggins	Notre Dame	Guard	Senior
Stefanie Dolson	Connecticut	Center	Junior
Kelly Faris	Connecticut	Guard	Senior

Christina Foggie	Vanderbilt	Guard	Junior
Chassidy Fussell	Texas	Guard	Junior
Angel Goodrich	Kansas	Guard	Senior
Chelsea Gray	Duke	Guard	Junior
Brittney Griner	Baylor	Guard	Senior
Bria Hartley	Connecticut	Guard	Junior
Tianna Hawkins	Maryland	Forward	Senior
Taylor Hill	Ohio State	Guard	Senior
Jordan Hooper	Nebraska	Forward	Junior
Chelsea Hopkins	San Diego State	Guard	Senior
Maggie Lucas	Penn State	Guard	Junior
Anna Martin	DePaul	Guard	Senior
Alicia Mathies	Kentucky	Guard	Senior
Lindsey Moore	Nebraska	Guard	Senior
Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis	Connecticut	Forward	Sophomore
Chiney Ogwumike	Stanford	Forward	Junior
Niveen Rasheed	Princeton	Guard	Senior
Sugar Rodgers	Georgetown	Guard	Senior
Shoni Schimmel	Louisville	Guard	Junior
Meighan Simmons	Tennessee	Guard	Junior
Odyssey Sims	Baylor	Guard	Junior
Alyssa Thomas	Maryland	Guard	Junior
Elizabeth Williams	Duke	Center	Sophomore

The Wade Trophy, named after the late, legendary three-time national champion Delta State University head coach Lily Margaret Wade, debuted in 1978 as the first-ever women's national player of the year award in college basketball. The Wade Trophy Coalition was established in June 2000 when the WBCA partnered with The National Association of Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS). For the past 10 years the two have worked together to present The State Farm Wade Trophy player of the year award. A committee composed of coaches, administrators and media from across the U.S. selects the winner.

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About the NAGWS:

The National Association of Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS) was established to develop and deliver equitable and quality sport opportunities for ALL girls and women through relevant research, advocacy, leadership development, educational strategies,

and programming in a manner that promotes social justice and change.

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. For more information on the WBCA, please visit wbca.org.