



PRESS RELEASE

Loras College, George Washington University players win 2013 WBCA scholarship awards

ATLANTA (February 20, 2013) – Brittney Cato of Loras College is the recipient of the 2013 Charles T. Stoner Law Scholarship Award and Megan Nipe of George Washington 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 pleased to present Brittney with the Charles T. Stone Law Scholarship Award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "She has showed her dedication to academics and having competed in college athletics she has learned a wealth of knowledge that will help her continue to succeed in her future endeavors. We wish the best of luck to Brittney with her career in law."

Cato has played in each of Loras College's 25 games this season and is averaging 2.9 points, 1.7 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game. She leads the team in assists at 2.1 percent. During her four years on the basketball team she has been a three-year captain and a two-year representative on the Iowa Conference All-Academic team.

The Chicago native is carrying a 3.64 grade-point average as a double major in English literature and Spanish. Away from the basketball court she has spent numerous hours volunteering with a multitude of programs. Cato has volunteered overseas in India and Kenya with Free the Children program in which she helped build schools and aided in clean water projects. She has also worked with Project Concern, the Special Olympics and the American Red Cross. On campus she is vice president of the Black Student Union and serves as the director of academic alliance for the school's student-athlete advisory committee.

The Duhawks currently are 17-8 on the season, fourth in the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings.

Nipe, a 6-foot forward, has started all 25 games for George Washington University

this season and is averaging 9.5 points per game, 5.1 rebounds, and 1.0 assists, making her the second-leading scorer and rebounder on the team. During the first game of the 2012–13 season, Nipe tallied a career-high four steals in a win over UT Arlington.

The Lino Lakes, Minn., native is majoring in journalism and mass communication. She was a representative for the George Washington Student–Athlete Advisory Council during her junior season. Off the court she has been a mentor for elementary school students.

"Megan is deserving of the Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship," said Bass. "Congratulations to Megan on receiving this scholarship. I wish Megan the best of luck in pursuing a career in sports communication or journalism. We look forward to watching you shine professionally."

Cato and Nipe will be formally recognized during the WBCA Awards Show, which will be held at 5 p.m. CT Monday, April 8, in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center's New Orleans Theater. This event is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four® in New Orleans.

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.