



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA announces finalists for 2013 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year award

ATLANTA (March 12, 2013) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the six 2013 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Regional Coaches of the Year, all of whom are finalists for the 2013 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year Award.

They are:

- Region 1 – Shelley Jarrard, Westminster College
- Region 2 – George Wilson, College of the Ozarks
- Region 3 – Chris Minner, Our Lady of the Lake University
- Region 4 – Robyn Scherr-Wells, Roosevelt University
- Region 5 – Jeremy Lewis, Cumberland University
- Region 6 – Reed Sutton, Faulkner University

The 2013 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year will be named during the third annual WBCA Awards Show on Monday, April 8, in New Orleans. This event is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

"The WBCA congratulates these coaches on being named finalists for the 2013 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA NAIA Coach of the Year Award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "Each of these coaches led their team to a distinguished season and were selected for this honor by their peers. On behalf of the WBCA and its members, I wish all five of these finalists the best of luck at the WBCA Award Show in New Orleans."

"We would like to congratulate these coaches for being named finalists for the 2013 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA NAIA Coach of the Year Award," said senior vice president of Russell Athletic, Gary Barfield. "Each of these coaches embodies the team concept we model our business after, and we are pleased to honor them for a fantastic season."

RUSSELL ATHLETIC and the WBCA present the national coach of the year award annually in each of the five WBCA membership divisions (NCAA Divisions I, II and III; NAIA; junior/community college and high school). This is the 29th year since 1983 that the WBCA has presented this honor to an NAIA head coach. For a list of past recipients, visit WBCA.org.

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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.