



PRESS RELEASE

## 2013 State Farm/WBCA NAIA Player of the Year finalists named

ATLANTA (March 12, 2013) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the finalists for the 2013 State Farm®/WBCA NAIA Player of the Year award.

They are:

- Tugce Canitez, 6–2, Senior, Forward, Westmont College
- Kendra De Jong, 6–0, Senior, Forward, Northwestern College
- Lauren Gober, 6–2, Senior, Forward, Oklahoma City University
- Morgan Stuu, 5–10, Sophomore, Forward, Saint Xavier University

State Farm and the WBCA present the player of the year award annually to the top player in each of five WBCA membership divisions (NCAA Divisions II, III, NAIA, junior/community college and high school), while the State Farm Wade Trophy is presented annually to the NCAA Division I player of the year. The winner will be announced 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®.

"Congratulations to Tugce, Kendra, Lauren and Morgan on being named finalists for the 2013 State Farm/WBCA NAIA Player of the Year," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "These women have dedicated a lot of time and effort to developing their game over the years and have helped lead their team to an accomplished season. I wish each of these women the best of luck at the WBCA Awards Show in New Orleans."

"State Farm is proud of the achievement of these amazing women," said Pam El, marketing vice president for State Farm. "We are happy to support this outstanding program that celebrates their hard work and dedication."

The State Farm/WBCA NAIA Player of the Year is selected by the seven-member WBCA NAIA Player of the Year Committee, which consists of one WBCA-member coach from each of the six WBCA NCAA Division III Regions and the committee chair.

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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](http://wbca.org).