



PRESS RELEASE

## 2013 State Farm/WBCA Junior/Community College Player of the Year finalists named

ATLANTA (March 13, 2013) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the finalists for the 2013 State Farm®/WBCA Junior/Community College Player of the Year award.

They are:

- Olivia Gaines, 5–7, Sophomore, Guard, Louisburg College
- Adut Bulgak, 6–4, Freshman, Forward, Trinity Valley Community College
- Tamara Taylor, 5–8, Sophomore, Guard, Gulf Coast State College

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®.

"The WBCA congratulates these student-athletes on being named finalists for the 2013 State Farm/WBCA Junior/Community College Player of the Year award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "These players have helped guide their teams to exceptional seasons and are seeing their hard work and dedication to the game pay off. I wish each of these women good 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 Junior/Community College Player of the Year is selected by the 10-member WBCA Junior/Community College Player of the Year Committee, which consists of one WBCA-member coach from each of the nine WBCA junior/community college 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).