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WBCA announces finalists for Defensive Player of the Year presented by United States Marine Corps

ATLANTA (April 2, 2013) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the finalists for the 2013 WBCA Division I Defensive Player of the Year presented by United States Marine Corps.

They are:

- Brittney Griner, 6–8, Sr., P, Baylor University
- Kelly Faris, 5–11, Sr., G, University of Connecticut
- Chiney Ogwumike, 6–4, Jr., F, Stanford University

The Defensive Player of the Year award honors the best defensive collegiate Division I women's basketball player. All Division I conference defensive players of the year are eligible to be nominated for the award. A selection committee makes the final decision on the winner. If a conference does not select a defensive player of the year, the conference representative can nominate one player to be considered.

"These finalists are the ones who make their opponents change up offenses in hopes of being able to find ways to score," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "The age-old adage, 'defense wins games,' continues to be a dominant factor in the game and each of these women have made it a key component in their play. I wish each of these ladies the best of luck at the WBCA Awards Show in New Orleans!"

The winner will be announced during the WBCA Awards Show, which will be held at 5 p.m. CT 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®.

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.