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# WBCA announces 2013 Division I Coaches' All-America Team

NEW ORLEANS (April 6, 2013) – Baylor, Connecticut and Notre Dame each placed two players on the 2013 WBCA Division I Coaches' All-America Team, which the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced today in a ceremony held at the New Orleans Arena during the 2013 NCAA® Women's Final Four® Super Saturday festivities.

The 10-member team was decided from a group of 52 finalists by the selection committee at an in-person meeting held during the 2013 WBCA National Convention.

Here are the members of the 2013 WBCA Division I Coaches' All-America Team:

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Elena Delle Donne	University of Delaware	Sr.	G/F	6-5
Skylar Diggins	Notre Dame University	Sr.	G	5-9
Stefanie Dolson	University of Connecticut	Jr.	C	6-5
Chelsea Grey	Duke University	Jr.	G	5-11
Brittney Griner	Baylor University	Sr.	P	6-8
Kayla McBride	University of Notre Dame	Jr.	G	5-11
Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis	University of Connecticut	So.	G	6-0
Chiney Ogumike	Stanford University	Jr.	F	6-3
Odyssey Sims	Baylor University	Jr.	G	5-8
Alyssa Thomas	University of Maryland	Jr.	F	6-2

"The 10 student-athletes who have been selected to the 2013 Division I Coaches' All-America Team are extremely deserving of this award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass.

"These young women have led their teams to be contenders for conference championships and berths in the NCAA Tournament. Each of these young women is the one on her team who the coach can turn to in order to take the program to the next level."

This is the 39th year of the WBCA Coaches' All-America program, which began in 1975. Once again all 10 members of the team were present to be honored in person during the ceremony. Remarkably, in the 39-year history of the program, none of the 390 Coaches' All-Americans thus far honored have failed to appear for the announcement.

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Elena Delle Donne. Delle Donne helped guide Delaware to a school-record 32 wins this season, a second straight Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Tournament title and the school's first-ever trip to the NCAA Sweet 16. She finished her career as the fifth leading scorer in NCAA history with 3,039 points. Delle Donne is a two-time Academic All-American of the Year, a back-to-back WBCA Coaches' All-American and a three-time CAA Player of the Year. She is one of four to be named back-to-back Capital One Academic All-Americans. Delle Donne is ranked second in the nation in points per game (26.0), fourth in free-throw percentage (92.1), 26th in blocked shots per game (2.3) and 50th in field-goal percentage (48.7). Delle Donne is sixth in the CAA in rebounding (8.5).

Skylar Diggins. Diggins, the first two-time first-team Associated Press (AP) All-American and Wooden Award All-American in Notre Dame history is also the first Notre Dame women's basketball player to be both a four-time WBCA all-region selection and a two-time BIG EAST Conference Player of the Year, in addition to being a finalist for every major national player-of-the-year award. She is only one of two Fighting Irish players to garner United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) All-America accolades twice in her career and was also a unanimous first-team all-conference honoree for the third in a row. The Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Norfolk Regional is Notre Dame's all-time leader in points (2,347) and steals (377), and ranks second with 737 career assists. Diggins ranks 18th in the nation in steals per game (3.06) and 19th in assists per game (6.0). She is fourth in the BIG EAST in scoring (17.3) and fourth in free-throw percentage (.810), fifth in three-point percentage (.371) and sixth in assist/turnover ratio (1.68).

Stefanie Dolson. A 2013 All-BIG EAST First Team selection and three-time All-BIG EAST Tournament Team selection, Dolson was selected as an All-American by the USBWA and earned Third Team All-America Status from AP. Dolson, who was honored as the BIG EAST Player of the Week twice this season, was named to the Midseason Watch Lists for the State Farm Wade Trophy, the Naismith Trophy, the Wooden Award and the USBWA National Player of the Year Award lists. The USBWA National Player of the Week on Jan. 20, Dolson has been ranked in the top three in field goal percentage nationally all season long and has posted 29 double-figure scoring efforts in 2012-13. She is ranked fifth in the conference in rebounding (7.2), seventh in blocked shots (1.4) and assist/turnover ratio (1.4) and 10th in free-throw percentage (.789).

Chelsea Gray. Gray was named to the WBCA Coaches' All-America squad for the first time in her career, after posting one of the best individual seasons in Blue Devil history. The 2013 ACC Co-Player of the Year by a vote of the league's 12 head coaches averaged 13.1 points, 5.6 assists, 5.4 rebounds and 3.7 steals prior to dislocating her kneecap against Wake Forest on Feb. 17. She led the ACC in assists and steals, while ranking in the top five nationally in steals. Gray was named to the All-ACC First Team for the second straight year, while earning All-ACC Defensive

team accolades as a junior. She is a finalist for the John R. Wooden Award, USBWA and Naismith National Player of the Year candidate as well. The 5-11 point guard became the first Duke player to notch two triple-doubles as she collected 18 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists at Boston College earlier this season. Her Blue Devil squad advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight, while winning the ACC regular season and tournament titles.

Brittney Griner. Griner is the second-highest-scoring player in NCAA history (3,203) and also holds the career records for blocks (748) and dunks (18). She was named the Big 12 Player of the Year for the third straight season, was the league's Defensive Player of the Year for the fourth straight season and was selected as the Big 12 Championships' most outstanding player for the third straight year. Griner is the first NCAA player to score 2,000 points and block 500 shots, while she is one of just six players in the NCAA history to surpass 3,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. Griner is ranked first in the nation in field-goal percentage (60.7), second in blocked shots per game (4.14).

Kayla McBride. McBride has emerged as one of the bright young stars in college basketball this season, having earned first-team all-BIG EAST honors. She is ranked first in the conference in free-throw percentage (.906) and seventh in scoring (15.9). McBride also was named the Most Outstanding Player of the BIG EAST Tournament after averaging 16.7 points per game, including a game-high 23 points in the championship game at Connecticut, leading Notre Dame to its first BIG EAST Tournament title in its 18th and final season in the conference. McBride has relished playing against some of the nation's best teams, averaging nearly 19 points per game against ranked opponents this season, including a career-high 26 points in a triple-overtime win over Connecticut on March 4.

Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis. Unanimously selected to the All-BIG EAST First Team, Mosqueda-Lewis also earned All-America honors from the USBWA and earned Third Team status from the AP. The Anaheim Hills, Calif. native leads the Huskies in scoring and enters the National Semifinal leading the country in three-point field goal percentage. Mosqueda-Lewis enters the National Semifinal with 112 three-point field goals made this season, which is a new single-season record at UConn and broke the previous mark that stood since 1993. The 2011-12 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and 2012-13 Preseason All-BIG EAST selection, Mosqueda-Lewis has scored in double-figures 31 times this season. She is third in the conference in scoring (17.7) and sixth in field-goal percentage (.528).

Chiney Ogumike. Ogumike was the only player to rank in the national top 10 in scoring, rebounding, field-goal percentage and double-doubles during the 2012-13 season. Averaging 22.4 points, 12.9 rebounds and shooting 58.6 percent, Ogumike became the first player to capture the Pac-12 Triple Crown and capture both the Pac-12 Player and Defensive Player of the Year awards. Ogumike's performances helped lead Stanford to a 33-3 record, a 13th straight Pac-12 title and seventh straight Pac-12 Tournament title. The Cardinal also returned to the top of the national polls for the first time since 2005, holding the No. 1 spot for six weeks. She saved many of her top performances for the nation's best, averaging 20.5 points, 11.8 rebounds and 2.00 blocks a game while shooting 51.7 percent over Stanford's 10-3 record against Top-25 teams. Her 28 double-doubles this season is a Cardinal single-season record. Ogumike is the sixth member of the 1,000-1,000 club, scoring her 1,000 point and

1,000 rebound this season. Her 466 rebounds this season is a season high record for both Stanford and the Pac-12.

Odyssey Sims. Through three seasons with Baylor, Sims has scored 1,479 points, which is 10th on Baylor's career-scoring chart, while having dished out 469 assists. Sims is a three-time All-Big 12 selection and has twice been named to the Big 12 Championships' all-tournament team, this year being named to the All-Big 12 first team and the Big 12 All-Defensive team. She has helped guide the Baylor Bears to a 108-5 record during the past three seasons and a 60-1 record in Big 12 action. The two-time WBCA All-American is second in the nation in assist turnover ratio (2.67), 25th in assists per game (5.8) and 36th in steals per game (2.75). In the Big 12 Sims is fifth in free-throw percentage (.832).

Alyssa Thomas. Thomas is the ACC's Player of the Year for the second straight season and is the first Terrapin to earn the honor twice. She expanded her game to lead the ACC in points, rebounds and assists and with 20 double-doubles. The two-time WBCA Coaches' All-American is the first player in NCAA or WNBA history to average over 15.0 points, 10.0 rebounds or 5.0 assists for a season in over 15 years. Thomas notched two triple-doubles this year and is the first Maryland player - male or female - to notch more than one. She earned the first triple-double in ACC Tournament history with a career-high 32 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists in March.

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#### 2013 WBCA Division I Coaches' All-America Team Honorable Mentions

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Natalie Achonwa	University of Notre Dame	Jr.	G	6-3
Katie Baker	University of Montana	Sr.	F	6-0
Rachel Banham	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	So.	G	5-9
Alex Bentley	Penn State University	Sr.	G	5-7
Kelsey Bone	Texas A&M University	Jr.	F/C	6-4
Crystal Bradford	Central Michigan University	So.	G/F	6-0
Gennifer Brandon	University of California "Berkeley"	Jr.	F	6-2
Layshia Clarendon	University of California "Berkeley"	Sr.	G	5-9
Tiffany Clarke	Vanderbilt University	Sr.	F	6-0
Brittany Chambers	Kansas State University	Sr.	G	5-8
Hallie Christofferson	Iowa State University	Jr.	F	6-3
Courtney Clements	San Diego State University	Sr.	G	6-0
Jerica Coley	Florida International University	Jr.	G	5-8
Aaryn Ellenberg	University of Oklahoma	Jr.	G	5-7
Angel Goodrich	University of Kansas	Sr.	G	5-4
Bashaara Graves	University of Tennessee	Fr.	F/C	6-2
Jasmine Hassell	University of Georgia	Sr.	F	6-2
Tianna Hawkins	University of Maryland	Sr.	F	6-3
Taylor Hill	Ohio State University	Sr.	G	5-10
Jordan Hooper	University of Nebraska	Jr.	F	6-2

Chelsea Hopkins	San Diego State University	Sr.	G	5-8
Chucky Jeffery	University of Colorado	Sr.	G	5-10
Maggie Lucas	Penn State University	Jr.	G	5-10
Tyaunna Marshall	Georgia Institute of Technology	Jr.	G	5-9
Aâ€™™dia Mathies	University of Kentucky	Sr.	G	5-9
Anna Martin	DePaul University	Sr.	G	5-9
Keena Mays	Southern Methodist University	Jr.	G	5-7
Nadirah McKenith	St. Johnâ€™™s University	Sr.	G	5-7
Courtney Osborn	Miami University	Sr.	G	5-10
Theresa Plaisance	Louisiana State University	Jr.	F	6-5
Niveen Rasheed	Princeton University	Sr.	G	6-0
Sugar Rodgers	Georgetown University	Sr.	G	5-11
Ebony Rowe	Middle Tennessee State University	Jr.	F	6-1
Tierra Ruffin-Pratt	University of North Carolina	Sr.	G	5-10
Shoni Schimmel	University of Louisville	Jr.	G	5-10
Chaundra Sewell	University of Wyoming	Sr.	F	6-1
Naama Shafir	University of Toledo	Sr.	G	5-7
Meighan Simmons	University of Tennessee	Jr.	G	5-9
Andrea Smith	University of South Florida	Sr.	G	5-8
Shennika Smith	St. Johnâ€™™s University	Sr.	G	6-1
Elizabeth Williams	Duke University	So.	C	6-3
Toni Young	Oklahoma State University	Sr.	F	6-2

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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).