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## Griner named 2013 WBCA DI Defensive Player of the Year presented by United States Marine Corps

NEW ORLEANS (April 8, 2013) – Brittney Griner of Baylor University is the 2013 WBCA Division I Defensive Player of the Year presented by United States Marines, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced at the third annual WBCA Awards Show Monday night. The event is part of the WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

Griner won the award for the third straight year.

The Defensive Player of the Year award honors the best defensive collegiate Division I women's basketball player. All Division I Conference Defensive Player's of the Year are eligible to be nominated for the award and the 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 select one player to be considered.

Connecticut's Kelly Faris and Stanford's Chiney Ogwumike were also finalists for the award.

Griner holds the national record for blocks and she is the Big 12's career leader in the category. Nationally she is ranked second in blocked shots per game (4.2), fourth in triple doubles (1.0) and 17th in double-doubles (18.0). In conference action Griner is fifth in rebounding (9.4). Griner is the first NCAA player to score 2,000 points and block 500 shots, while she is one of just six players in NCAA history to surpass 3,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. She has been named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year each of her four years at Baylor.

### 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).