



PRESS RELEASE

10 players added to list of 'Wade Watch' hopefuls

ATLANTA (Feb. 10, 2014) – The Wade Trophy Committee has added 10 additional student-athletes to the 2014 "Wade Watch" list, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), on behalf of the Wade Trophy Coalition, announced today.

Joining the preseason list of 25 Wade Watch hopefuls are Tiffany Bias of Oklahoma State, Hallie Christofferson of Iowa State, Christina Foggie of Vanderbilt, Markeisha Gatling of N.C. State, Dearica Hamby of Wake Forest, Natasha Howard of Florida State, Alexis Jones of Duke, Tricia Liston of Duke, Jewell Loyd of Notre Dame, and Tiffany Mitchell of South Carolina.

The Wade Trophy Coalition presents The Wade Trophy to the nation's most outstanding NCAA® Division I women's basketball player each year – one who not only excels athletically but also serves as a positive role model both on and off the court. The acclaimed Wade Watch list, from which The Wade Trophy recipient is chosen, consists of players selected on the basis of game and season statistics, leadership, character, effect on their team and overall playing ability.

The Wade Watch list will be trimmed to 12 finalists in mid-March. The Wade Trophy Coalition will officially announce The Wade Trophy winner at the fourth annual WBCA Awards Show on Monday, April 7, which is part of the 2014 WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®, in Nashville.

Here is the complete 2014 Wade Watch list:

Name	Institution	Position	Year
Natalie Achonwa	Notre Dame	Forward	Senior
Rachel Banham	Minnesota	Guard	Junior
Tiffany Bias	Oklahoma State	Guard	Senior
Brittany Boyd	California	Guard	Junior
Gennifer Brandon	California	Forward	Senior
Hallie Christofferson	Iowa State	Forward	Senior
Jerica Coley	FIU	Guard	Senior
Stefanie Dolson	Connecticut	Center	Senior
Aaryn Ellenberg	Oklahoma	Guard	Senior
Christina Foggie	Vanderbilt	Guard	Senior
Markeisha Gatling	NC State	Center	Senior
Bashaara Graves	Tennessee	Forward	Sophomore
Chelsea Gray	Duke	Guard	Senior
Dearica Hamby	Wake Forest	Forward	Junior
Bria Hartley	Connecticut	Guard	Senior
Jordan Hooper	Nebraska	Forward	Senior

Natasha Howard	Florida State	Forward	Senior
Alexis Jones	Duke	Guard	Sophomore
Tricia Liston	Duke	Guard	Senior
Jewell Loyd	Notre Dame	Guard	Sophomore
Maggie Lucas	Penn State	Guard	Senior
Tyaunna Marshall	Georgia Tech	Guard	Senior
Kayla McBride	Notre Dame	Guard	Senior
Tiffany Mitchell	South Carolina	Guard	Sophomore
Kaleena Mosqueda- Lewis	Connecticut	Forward	Junior
Chiney Oqwmike	Stanford	Forward	Senior
Theresa Plaisance	LSU	Forward	Senior
Ebony Rowe	Middle Tennessee	Forward	Senior
Shoni Schimmel	Louisville	Guard	Senior
Meighan Simmons	Tennessee	Guard	Senior
Odyssey Sims	Baylor	Guard	Senior
DeNesha Stallworth	Kentucky	Forward	Senior
Breanna Stewart	Connecticut	Forward	Sophomore
Alyssa Thomas	Maryland	Forward	Senior
Elizabeth Williams	Duke	Center/Forward	Junior

The Wade Trophy, named after the late, legendary three-time national champion Delta State University head coach Lily Margaret Wade, debuted in 1978 as the first-ever women's national player of the year award in college basketball. The Wade Trophy Coalition was established in June 2000 when the WBCA partnered with The National Association of Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS), now known as the Society of Health and Physical Educators, doing business as SHAPE America. For the past 11 years the two have worked together to present The Wade Trophy player of the year award. A committee composed of coaches, administrators and media from across the U.S. selects the winner.

About the Society of Health and Physical Educators:

The Society of Health and Physical Educators, doing business as SHAPE America, is headquartered in Reston, VA, 25 miles west of Washington, D.C. Its vision is "Healthy People – Physically Educated and Physically Active!" SHAPE America is the largest organization of professionals involved in physical education, physical activity, and school health--all specialties related to achieving an active, healthy lifestyle. Its mission is to advance professional practice and promote research related to health and physical education, physical activity, dance and sport by providing its members with a comprehensive and coordinated array of resources, support and programs to help practitioners improve their skills to further the health and well-being of the American public. For more information, visit www.aahperd.org.

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.

