



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA announces finalists for 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year

ATLANTA (March 11, 2014) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the eight 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA District High School Coaches of the Year, all of whom are finalists for the inaugural Pat Summitt Trophy to be presented to the 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year.

They are:

- District 2 – Wayne Ryan, Summers County HS
- District 3 – Sam Caldwell, Riverdale Baptist HS
- District 4 – Lori Blade, Edwardsville HS
- District 5 – Jill Nagel, Rock Bridge HS
- District 6 – Cathy Self-Morgan, Duncanville HS
- District 7 – Mike Croell, Broomfield HS
- District 8 – Margaret Gartner, Carondelet HS
- District 9 – Kathy Richey-Walton, Southwest DeKalb HS

The 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year will be named during the fourth annual WBCA Awards Show on Monday, April 7, in the Omni Nashville Hotel's Broadway Ballroom. This event is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

This is the first year the physical award presented to the six Russell Athletic/WBCA National Coaches of the Year has borne Summitt's name. It will be the only national coach of the year award to do so. The legendary University of Tennessee head coach, who stepped down in April 2012, is the winningest basketball coach (men's or women's) in NCAA Division I history with 1,098 career victories. Summitt led the Lady Vols to eight NCAA Division I national championships and was named the Russell Athletic/WBCA NCAA Division I National Coach of the Year three times in her career.

"The WBCA congratulates these coaches on being named finalists for the 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year Award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "These coaches led their teams to outstanding seasons and have been selected by their peers as finalists for their accomplishments. On behalf of the WBCA and its members, I wish all eight of these finalists the best of luck at the WBCA Awards Show in Nashville."

"We would like to congratulate these coaches for being named finalists for the 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year Award," said Senior Vice President General Manager of Russell Athletic, Robby Davis. "Each of these

coaches embodies the team concept we embrace at our Company, and we are pleased to honor them for a fantastic season."

Russell Athletic and the WBCA present the national coach of the year award annually in each of the six WBCA membership divisions (NCAA Divisions I, II and III; NAIA; junior/community college and high school). For a list of past recipients, visit WBCA.org.

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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.