



PRESS RELEASE

California, Georgia Tech players win 2014 WBCA scholarship awards

ATLANTA (March 12, 2014) – Shayla Bivins of Georgia Institute of Technology, is the recipient of the 2014 Charles T. Stoner Law Scholarship Award and Mikayla Lyles of the University of California, Berkeley is the recipient of the Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today.

The \$1,000 Charles T. Stoner Law Scholarship Award, named for and presented by Stoner, a former legal consultant to the WBCA, is presented annually to one female collegiate basketball player who intends to pursue a career in law.

The \$4,500 Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship Award is presented annually to one female collegiate basketball player who intends to pursue graduate work and a career in sports communications/journalism.

"I am pleased to present Shayla with the Charles T. Stone Law Scholarship Award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "Shayla is one of the most impressive student athlete's I have ever encountered during my career in women's basketball. Any career path she chooses, she will be successful and will make an impact."

Bivins, a senior, is captain of the Georgia Tech women's basketball team and has started every game of her senior season at center. She is averaging 2.7 points, 4.0 rebounds and 1.0 blocks per game. She was named to the LIU Turkey Classic All-Tournament team in November.

The Jacksonville, Fla. native is a four time member of the ACC Honor Roll and was recently named to the 2013-14 All-ACC Women's Basketball Academic Team. Bivins is the President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Board and is the Student Government Association Athletic Representative. She is highly involved in community service initiatives, including the Girls on the Run program. Bivins was named to the 2014 WBCA Allstate Good Works Team and was one of two student-athletes chosen to serve on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee. Most recently Bivins was awarded the ACC Postgraduate Scholarship and was honored with the "Peach of an Athlete" award.

Mikayla Lyles, a 2013 Pac-12 All-Academic team selection, helped guide the California women's basketball team to the program's first Pac-12 title in 2013 and a berth in the 2013 NCAA Women's Final Four.

Off the court, Lyles has served as an ESPNW blogger, worked as a reporter for

Comcast Sports Net, taught a class at Cal entitled "Story of the Student-Athlete", collaborated on the multimedia website ThisIsCalBasketball.com and participated in awareness and inclusion projects such as "Br{ache The Silence" and her own "We A.R.E. Pride" event.

"Mikayla is deserving of the Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship," said Bass. "Congratulations to Mikayla on receiving this scholarship. We can never have too many knowledgeable individuals speaking about the game of women's basketball. I wish Mikayla the best of luck in pursuing a career in sports communication or journalism. We look forward to watching you shine professionally."

Bivins and Lyles will be formally recognized during the WBCA Awards Show, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. CT 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® in Nashville.

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.