



PRESS RELEASE

## Finalists announced for the 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA National JC/CC Coach of the Year

ATLANTA (March 19, 2014) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the three finalists for the inaugural Pat Summitt Trophy to be presented to the 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA Junior/Community College National Coach of the Year.

They are:

- Trenia Tillis Jones, Tyler Junior College
- Valerie Stammersky, Kansas City Community College
- Ned Mircetic, Ventura College

The 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA Junior/Community College National Coach of the Year will be announced 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® in Nashville.

"The WBCA congratulates these coaches on being named finalists for the Pat Summitt Trophy presented to the 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA Junior/Community College National Coach of the Year," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "Each coach helped lead their team to an outstanding season and was selected by their peers to be candidates for this honor. On behalf of the WBCA and its members, I wish all of these finalists the best of luck at the WBCA Awards show in Nashville."

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.

"We would like to congratulate these coaches for being named finalists for the 2014 Russell Athletic/WBCA NCAA Junior/Community College 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 annually recognize six national coaches of the year –

one in each of the WBCA's five collegiate divisions (NCAA Divisions I, II, III, NAIA and junior/community college) as well as high school. This marks the 32nd year since 1983 that the WBCA has presented this honor to a junior/community college head coach. For a list of past recipients, visit [WBCA.org](http://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. The WBCA is pleased to join the women's sports community in commemorating the 40th anniversary of Title IX, which was passed by Congress on June 23, 1972, and provides females with equal opportunities in athletics in the U.S. For more information on the WBCA, please visit [wbca.org](http://wbca.org).