



PRESS RELEASE

Finalists announced for DI Defensive Player of the Year presented by the United States Marine Corps

ATLANTA (April 3, 2014) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the finalists for the 2014 WBCA Division I Defensive Player of the Year presented by the United States Marine Corps.

They are:

- Stefanie Dolson, 6–5, Sr., C, University of Connecticut
- Chiney Ogwumike, 6–4, Sr., F, Stanford University
- Odyssey Sims, 5–8, Sr., G, Baylor University

The Defensive Player of the Year award honors the best defensive collegiate Division I women's basketball player. All Division I conference defensive players of the year are eligible to be nominated for the award. A 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 nominate one player to be considered.

"These finalists are the ones who make their opponents change up offenses in hopes of being able to find ways to score," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "The age-old adage, 'defense wins games,' continues to be a dominant factor in the game and each of these women have made it a key component in their play. I wish each of these ladies the best of luck at the WBCA Awards Show in Nashville!"

"The United States Marine Corps is honored to recognize three of women's college basketball leading players as finalists for the WBCA's Division I Defensive Player of the Year Award," said Maj. Gen. Mark Brilakis, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command. "Each nominee exemplifies the leadership attributes of honor, courage and commitment on the court, in the classroom and in all aspects of their lives, which are all values the Marine Corps holds in high esteem."

The winner will be announced 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®.

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.

