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## University of Connecticut's Stefanie Dolson named WBCA Division I Defensive Player of the Year

NASHVILLE (April 7, 2014) – Stefanie Dolson of the University of Connecticut is the 2014 WBCA Division I Defensive Player of the Year presented by the United States Marine Corps, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced during the fourth annual WBCA Awards Show on Monday night. The event is part of the WBCA National Convention held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

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.

Baylor's Odyssey Sims and Stanford's Chiney Ogwumike were also finalists for the award.

Dolson leads the American Athletic Conference in defensive rebounds (7.1 avg./g.). She is second in the league in rebounds (9.2 avg./g) and fourth in blocked shots. The American Conference Defensive Player of the Year is the fifth Husky to record at least 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. Dolson joined Kara Wolters as only the second UConn player to four-peat as a conference All-Tournament selection. Dolson recorded the programs second triple-double against Oregon on Nov. 20.

UConn is ranked first in the nation for Division I programs in blocked shots per game (8.2) and scoring defense (47.3).

### 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](http://wbca.org).