



WBCA Announces 2013 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Rolls

ATLANTA (July 18, 2013) – Utah Valley University, Ohio Dominican University, Gustavus Adolphus College, Vanguard University and Snow College are the top honorees in their respective divisions on the WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Rolls for the 2012–13 season, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today.

The WBCA Academic Top 25 annually recognizes women's basketball teams across the nation in NCAA Divisions I, II and III, the NAIA, and junior/community colleges that carry the highest combined grade point averages (GPAs) inclusive of all student-athletes on their rosters for the entire season. The 2012–13 season is the 18th in which the WBCA has produced the honor rolls.

Here are the top honorees by division, their head coaches and combined team GPAs:

Division	Institution	2012–13 Head Coach	Team GPA
NCAA Division I	Utah Valley University	Cathy Nixon	3.639
NCAA Division II	Ohio Dominican University	Lynsey Warren	3.699
NCAA Division III	Gustavus Adolphus College	Laurie Kelly	3.600
NAIA	Vanguard University	Russ Davis	3.610
Junior/Community College	Snow College	Natalie Visger	3.583

Utah Valley is No. 1 on the NCAA Division I honor roll for the second time. The Wolverines previously finished atop the Division I standings in 2010. It is their seventh time appearing in the Top 25 standings. Meanwhile, Ohio Dominican, Gustavus Adolphus, Vanguard and Snow are all finishing atop their division standings respectively for the first time.

"The GPAs produced this year by each of the Top 25 teams are quite remarkable," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "The coaches of these teams have done a terrific job encouraging their student-athletes to perform at their best both on the court and in the classroom. Congratulations to these 114 programs. I wish them each continued success."

A team's GPA is calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the total number of hours attempted by all team members in the academic terms (semesters or quarters) that the season spans. Weighted grades are converted to a 4.0 scale. The GPAs are rounded to the nearest thousandth of a point. Teams are

nominated for the honor by a WBCA-member head coach. A team must have a 3.000 or better GPA to be nominated.

NCAA Division I

Utah Valley leads the 2013 NCAA Division I honor roll with a 3.639 GPA. It is the seventh appearance on the Division I honor roll for the Wolverines and second time at No. 1 under head coach Cathy Nixon. The Great West Conference regular-season champions finished the season with a 15-15 record, losing to New Jersey's Science & Technology University (NJIT), 52-42, in the Great West Conference Tournament Championship.

Two of the top 25 teams on the Division I honor roll earned a berth in the 2013 NCAA tournament.

Here is the complete 2013 WBCA Academic Top 25 for NCAA Division I (**-NCAA tournament; *-left after season):

Rank	Institution	2012-13 Head Coach	Team GPA
1	Utah Valley University	Cathy Nixon	3.639
T2	DePaul University**	Douglas Bruno	3.625
T2	St. Francis College (N.Y.)	John Thurston	3.625
4	Florida Gulf Coast University	Karl Smesko	3.621
T5	Southeast Missouri State University	Ty Margenthaler	3.546
T5	University of North Dakota	Travis Brewster	3.546
7	University of Northern Iowa	Tanya Warren	3.541
8	University of Denver	Kerry Cremeans	3.519
9	Brown University	Jean Marie Burr	3.518
10	North Dakota State University	Carolyn DeHoff	3.512
11	Oakland University	Beckie Francis*	3.503
12	Lehigh University	Susan Troyan	3.498
13	South Dakota State University**	Aaron Johnston	3.492
T14	Eastern Washington University	Wendy Schuller	3.491
T14	Western Carolina University	Karen Middleton	3.491
16	Cornell University	Dayna Smith	3.453
17	Youngstown State University	Bob Boldon*	3.438
18	Austin Peay State University	Carrie Daniels	3.437
19	University of Evansville	Oties Epps	3.411
20	Alcorn State University	Tonya Edwards	3.404
21	Harvard University	Kathy Delaney-Smith	3.399
22	Yale University	Chris Gobrecht	3.385
23	University of New Mexico	Yvonne Sanchez	3.372
24	University of South Dakota	Amy Williams	3.368
25	University of Northern Colorado	Jaime White	3.365

NCAA Division II

Ohio Dominican University, coached by Lynsey Warren, not only finishes atop the Division II honor roll, but its 3.699 team GPA is the highest of any team in all five divisional honor rolls. This is their fourth time making the Top 25. The Panthers finished the season with an 11–15 record.

Six of the 25 teams making the honor roll earned postseason berths in the NCAA Division II tournament, with No. 11 Ashland winning the national championship game.

Here is the complete 2013 WBCA Academic Top 25 for NCAA Division II (**–NCAA tournament; *–left after season):

Rank	Institution	2012–13 Head Coach	Team GPA
1	Ohio Dominican University	Lynsey Warren	3.699
2	Seton Hill University	Ferne Labati*	3.646
3	Maryville University	Chris Ellis	3.644
4	Drury University	Steve Huber*	3.587
5	Northwest Missouri State University	Mark Kellogg*	3.577
6	King University	Joshua Thompson	3.572
7	Lindenwood University	Tony Francis	3.541
8	Colorado Mesa University**	Taylor Wagner	3.525
9	Michigan Technological University**	Kimberly Cameron	3.524
10	Montana State University Billings	Kevin Woodin	3.521
11	Ashland University**	Sue Ramsey	3.517
12	Lake Erie College	Robert Booher	3.511
13	Southern New Hampshire University	Karen Pinkos	3.504
14	Fort Hays State University	Tony Hobson	3.500
T15	Fort Lewis College**	Jason Flores	3.492
T15	Ursuline College	Shannon Sword	3.492
17	Winona State University	Scott Ballard	3.489
18	Minnesota State University – Mankato**	Emilee Thiesse	3.483
19	Gannon University**	Cleve Wright*	3.469
20	Rockhurst University	Larry Park	3.467
21	Shorter University	Vic Mitchell	3.465
22	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Karla Nelson	3.464
23	University of the Sciences	Paul Stadelberger*	3.461
24	Upper Iowa University	Carol Russell	3.448
25	Wayne State College	Chris Kielsmeier	3.444

NCAA Division III

Gustavus Adolphus College is making its 15th appearance on the NCAA Division III

honor roll -- its first at No. 1. Coached by Laurie Kelly, the Golden Gusties finished the season with a 15-11 record.

Nine of the top 25 teams earned a berth in the NCAA Division III tournament.

Here is the complete 2013 WBCA Academic Top 25 for NCAA Division III (**-NCAA tournament; *-left after season):

Rank	Institution	2012-13 Head Coach	Team GPA
1	Gustavus Adolphus College	Laurie Kelly	3.600
2	Emerson College	William Gould	3.571
3	Greenville College	Roy Mulholland	3.569
4	Westminster College (Mo.)**	Tracey Braden	3.566
5	Simpson College**	Brian Niemuth	3.559
6	Ithaca College**	Dan Raymond	3.554
7	Hope College**	Brian Morehouse	3.546
8	University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point**	Shirley Egner	3.537
9	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College	Kristen Dowling	3.533
10	Castleton State College	Tim Barrett	3.528
11	Northwestern College	Aaron Kahl	3.526
12	Marywood University	Tara Macciocco	3.514
13	Ohio Northern University**	Michele Durand	3.511
14	Kenyon College	Suzanne Helfant	3.508
15	Saint Joseph's College-Maine	Mike McDevitt	3.505
16	Lynchburg College	Abby Pyzik	3.502
17	The College of New Jersey	Dawn Henderson	3.491
18	Wartburg College	Bob Amsberry	3.489
19	Case Western Reserve University	Jennifer Reimer	3.488
20	Calvin College**	John Ross	3.485
21	Central College	Mike Jacobsma	3.483
22	Olivet College	Nicole Burford	3.479
23	University of California - Santa Cruz	Todd Kent	3.455
24	Carthage College**	Tim Bernero	3.453
25	Messiah College**	Mike Miller	3.451

NAIA

Vanguard University makes its third appearance and first atop the NAIA honor roll with a 3.610 team GPA. The Lions, under the direction of head coach Russ Davis, finished their season with a 25-4 record after advancing to the NAIA Division I quarterfinals.

Fourteen of the top 25 teams -- five in NAIA Division I and nine in NAIA Division II -- earned berths in the NAIA national tournaments in their respective divisions.

Here is the complete 2013 WBCA Academic Top 25 for NAIA (***-NAIA Division I

tournament; **–NAIA Division II tournament; *–left after season):

Rank	Institution	2012–13 Head Coach	Team GPA
1	Vanguard University***	Russ Davis	3.610
2	Cardinal Stritch University**	John Pfaffl	3.595
3	Corban University	Terry Williams*	3.578
4	Lubbock Christian***	Steve Gomez	3.558
5	Northwestern College**	Chris Yaw	3.553
6	Indiana University South Bend	Steve Bruce	3.546
7	St. Ambrose University	Krista Van Hauen	3.545
8	Viterbo University	Bobbi Vandenberg	3.534
9	Mount Marty College	Tom Schlimgen	3.498
10	Bethel College (Ind.)**	Jody Martinez	3.494
11	William Woods University***	Dan Chapla	3.475
12	University of Great Falls	Bill Himmelberg	3.473
13	Lee University***	Marty Rowe	3.469
14	Lewis–Clark State College	Brian Orr	3.466
15	Ashford University	Amy Eagan	3.459
16	Blue Mountain College	Lavon Driskell	3.383
17	Montana State University – Northern	Chris Mouat	3.380
18	Saint Xavier University**	Robert Hallberg	3.379
19	Concordia University (Ore.)	Aaron Christian	3.333
20	Indiana Wesleyan University**	Steve Brooks	3.331
21	Point Park University**	Tony Grenek	3.318
22	Roosevelt University**	Robyn Scherr–Wells	3.307
23	Grand View University**	Garey Smith	3.303
24	Concordia University (Neb.)**	Drew Olson	3.299
25	Georgetown College***	Andrea McCloskey	3.219

Junior/Community College

Snow College is making its debut on the junior/community honor roll at No. 1, which features only 14 teams due to the limited number of eligible nominations received. The Badgers, coached by Natalie Visger, ended the season with a 10–21 record.

Three of the 14 teams making the honor roll earned berths in either the NJCAA Division I or NJCAA Division II national tournament.

Here is the complete 2013 WBCA Academic Top 25 for junior/community colleges (**–NJCAA Division I *** –NJCAA Division II tournament):

Rank	Institution	2012–13 Head Coach	Team GPA
1	Snow College	Natalie Visger	3.583
2	Northwest College	Janis Beal	3.480
3	Miles Community College	Cathy Hanek	3.423
4	Seward County Community College	Toby Wynn	3.347
5	Minnesota West Community &	Michael Fury	3.317

	Technical College		
6	Ventura College	Ned Mircetic	3.310
7	Johnson County Community College	Benjamin Conrad	3.234
8	Mesa Community College***	Kori Stephenson	3.166
9	Morton College	Larry Lanciotti	3.137
10	Trinity Valley Community College**	Elena Lovato	3.127
11	Columbia Basin College	Cheryl Holden	3.109
T12	Sheridan College	Frank McCarthy	3.094
T12	Volunteer State Community College**	Chris Harris	3.094
14	Moberly Area Community College	Chad Killinger	3.055

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.