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Ogwumike, Sims, Thomas, Stewart headline 2013 – 2014 preseason 'Wade Watch' list

ATLANTA (October 8, 2013) – Returning two-time WBCA Coaches' All-Americans Chiney Ogumike of Stanford, Odyssey Sims of Baylor and Alyssa Thomas of Maryland, as well as 2013 NCAA® Women's Final Four® most outstanding player Breanna Stewart of Connecticut, headline the 2013–14 preseason "Wade Watch" list of candidates for the prestigious award, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced today.

Defending national champion Connecticut leads all schools with four players on the 25-member preseason list. Four teams – California, Duke, Notre Dame and Tennessee – are represented by two players each.

Now in its 37th year, The Wade Trophy is named in honor of the late, legendary three-time national champion Delta State University coach, Lily Margaret Wade. Regarded as "The Heisman of Women's Basketball," the award is presented annually to the NCAA Division I Player of the Year by the National Association of Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS) and the WBCA.

The preseason list is composed of top NCAA Division I women's basketball players who best embody Wade's spirit from 18 different institutions and seven conferences. A committee of coaches, administrators and media from across the United States compiled the list using the following criteria: game and season statistics, leadership, character, effect on their team, and overall playing ability.

The Atlantic Coast Conference placed six players on the 2013–14 preseason list, followed by the American Athletic Conference with five, the Southeastern Conference with four, the Big Ten and Pac-12 conferences with three each, and the Big 12 Conference and Conference USA with two players each.

Here is the complete list of preseason candidates for the 2014 Wade Trophy in alphabetical order:

Player	Institution	Position	Year
Natalie Achonwa	Notre Dame	Forward	Senior
Rachel Banham	Minnesota	Guard	Junior
Brittany Boyd	California	Guard	Junior
Gennifer Brandon	California	Forward	Senior
Jerica Coley	FIU	Guard	Senior
Stefanie Dolson	Connecticut	Center	Senior
Aaryn Ellenberg	Oklahoma	Guard	Senior

Bashaara Graves	Tennessee	Forward	Sophomore
Chelsea Gray	Duke	Guard	Senior
Bria Hartley	Connecticut	Guard	Senior
Jordan Hooper	Nebraska	Forward	Senior
Maggie Lucas	Penn State	Guard	Senior
Tyaunna Marshall	Georgia Tech	Guard	Senior
Kayla McBride	Notre Dame	Guard	Senior
Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis	Connecticut	Forward	Junior
Chiney Ogwumike	Stanford	Forward	Senior
Theresa Plaisance	LSU	Forward	Senior
Ebony Rowe	Middle Tennessee	Forward	Senior
Shoni Schimmel	Louisville	Guard	Senior
Meighan Simmons	Tennessee	Guard	Senior
Odyssey Sims	Baylor	Guard	Senior
DeNesha Stallworth	Kentucky	Forward	Senior
Breanna Stewart	Connecticut	Forward	Sophomore
Alyssa Thomas	Maryland	Forward	Senior
Elizabeth Williams	Duke	Center/Forward	Junior

About the NAGWS

The National Association for Girls and Women in Sport was established to develop and deliver equitable and quality sport opportunities for ALL girls and women through relevant research, advocacy, leadership development, educational strategies, and programming in a manner that promotes social justice and change.

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.