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## WBCA, NABC, Allstate Announce 201 Nominees to Good Works Teams

INDIANAPOLIS, December 3, 2013 -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and Allstate Insurance Company today announced the 201 nominees for the 2014 Allstate WBCA and NABC Good Works Teams. The award recognizes a select group of college basketball student-athletes who have made significant contributions to the greater good of their communities through volunteerism and civic service.

In its second year, the Allstate WBCA and NABC Good Works Teams honor players at all levels of college basketball who represent the sport's finest in the areas of leadership and charitable achievements amongst their peers. The student-athletes nominated for this prestigious award embody the true spirit of teamwork and giving back.

"Allstate is proud to recognize these two outstanding groups of men and women whose commitment to service and volunteerism demonstrate that 'good works' extend beyond the basketball court," said Pam Hollander, senior director of marketing for Allstate Insurance Company and a member of the 2014 WBCA and NABC Good Works Teams selection panels. "Each of the nominees serves as a role model and inspiration to future generations seeking ways to give back, and another reason to celebrate the good happening in our communities."

While jump shots and rebounds earn recognition on the hardwood, the Allstate WBCA and NABC Good Works Teams help tell the stories of good taking place off the court that often go unnoticed. It is those players who demonstrate the exceptional ability to balance academics with athletics while donating their limited free time to serving others who have been nominated by their respective colleges and universities for this prestigious honor.

The 2014 nominees uphold impressive service resumes detailing unique and inspiring stories of servitude. From volunteering with sick and underprivileged children to lobbying state legislature for new laws that could help save lives, this exceptional group of young men and women demonstrate the positive impact student-athletes can have on and off the court.

From the 84 WBCA nominees and 117 NABC nominees submitted by coaches and sports information directors across the nation on behalf of their schools, special voting panels will select two 10-member teams comprised of five student-athletes from the NCAA Division I level and five student-athletes from NCAA Divisions II, III and the NAIA. WNBA basketball star Tamika Catchings, who played at the University of Tennessee, will headline the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team voting panel, while former Duke University student-athlete, two-time NCAA champion and seven-time

NBA All-Star Grant Hill will serve on the Allstate NABC Good Works Team panel. The final roster of 20 award recipients will be unveiled in February.

"The WBCA is honored to partner with Allstate in selecting the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team for the second year," said Beth Bass chief executive officer of the WBCA. "Each of the 84 young women who have been nominated by their respective head coaches for this prestigious honor have set examples that we all should follow. The selection committee will have a difficult time in selecting the 10-member team from this outstanding group of nominees."

Members of the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team will be invited by Allstate, an official corporate partner of the NCAA, to the 2014 WBCA Convention and 2014 NCAA Women's Final Four in Nashville, where they will participate in a community project in the city. Members of the Allstate NABC Good Works Team will attend the 2014 NABC Convention and 2014 NCAA Men's Final Four in Dallas, where they will also participate in a community project. Allstate is an official corporate partner of the WBCA, NABC and NCAA.

"The partnership of the NABC and Allstate provides an outstanding opportunity to recognize 117 men's college basketball players who have been nominated for the 2014 Allstate NABC Good Works Team," said NABC Executive Director Jim Haney. "The contributions they have made locally, nationally and globally are uplifting and demonstrate their great compassion, spirit and determination."

In addition to Hollander, Hill and Catchings, the 2014 Allstate WBCA and NABC Good Works Teams selection panel members include: former college basketball players Greg Anthony (UNLV), Mateen Cleaves (Michigan State) and Alana Beard (Duke); former head coaches Bobby Cremins (College of Charleston), Seth Greenberg (Virginia Tech), Marsha Sharp (Texas Tech) and Nell Fortner (Auburn); current college basketball coach Coquese Washington (Penn State); and media members Seth Davis (Sports Illustrated/CBS), Dana O'Neil (ESPN), Carolyn Peck (ESPN) and LaChina Robinson (ESPN/FOX).

Since 2008, Allstate has partnered with the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) as sponsor of the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, which shines a spotlight on the positive, off-the-field impact college football student-athletes have on their communities. Through an arrangement with the AFCA, WBCA and NABC, Allstate is able to expand the Good Works Team to also recognize college basketball student-athletes at all levels who donate their time and effort to make a difference off the court.

More information about the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team and the Allstate NABC Good Works Team is available at [www.wbca.org](http://www.wbca.org) and [www.nabc.org](http://www.nabc.org).

The following players have been nominated for consideration to be named to the 2014 Allstate WBCA Good Works Team:

NCAA® Division I

College of The Holy Cross – Alex Smith

East Carolina University – Ariana Jackson

Florida Gulf Coast University – Sarah Hansen

Florida State University – Natasha Howard

Fordham University – Abigail Corning  
Furman University – Bridg Morrissey  
Georgia Institute of Technology – Shayla Bivins  
Harvard University – Kaitlyn Dinkins  
Iowa State University – Hallie Christofferson  
Kansas State University – Chantay Caron  
Louisiana State University – Theresa Plaisance  
McNeese State University – NeTanya Jones  
Middle Tennessee State University – Janiece Johnson  
Montana State University–Bozeman – Jackie Elliott  
Norfolk State University – Jazamine Gray  
North Carolina A&T State University – Tracy King  
Northwestern University – Meghan McKeown  
Purdue University – Courtney Moses  
Rice University – Nakachi Maduka  
Seattle University – Kacie Sowell  
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale – Jordyn Courier  
Stanford University – Chiney Ogwumike  
Stephen F. Austin State University – Daylyn Harris  
Texas A&M University – Karla Gilbert  
University of Akron – Rachel Tecca  
University of Alabama – Nikki Hegstetter  
University of California–Berkeley – Avigiel Cohen  
University of Delaware – Kelsey Buchanan  
University of Denver – Theresa Wirth  
University of Hartford – Alyssa Englert  
University of Hawaii – Kamilah Jackson  
University of Illinois – Sarah Hartwell  
University of Iowa – Kathryn Reynolds  
University of Kentucky – Kastine Evans  
University of Louisville – Jude Schimmel  
University of Maine – Elizabeth Wood  
University of Massachusetts – Jasmine Harris  
University of Miami – Maria Brown  
University of Missouri–Kansas City – Eilise O'Connor  
University of New Hampshire – Kelsey Hogan  
University of New Mexico – Sara Halasz  
University of North Dakota – Allyssa Wall  
University of South Carolina – Elem Ibiam  
University of Southern California – Cassie Harberts  
University of Southern Mississippi – Niesha Pierce  
University of Tennessee at Martin – Heather Butler  
University of Virginia – Lexie Gerson  
University of Wisconsin – Morgan Paige  
West Virginia University – Jessica Harlee  
Western Kentucky University – Chaney Means  
Winthrop University – Taylor Calvert  
Youngstown State University – Heidi Schlegel

NCAA® Divisions II, III and the NAIA  
Central Washington University – Jessica VanDyke

Davenport University – Alison Bouman  
Dillard University – Amber Tramel  
Gannon University – Jen Papich  
Geneva College – Heidi Mann  
Georgia College & State University – Shanteona Keys  
Hillsdale College – Megan Fogt  
Illinois Wesleyan University – Alexa Baltes  
Loyola University – Jasmine Brewer  
Marymount University – Katelyn Fischer  
Metropolitan State University of Denver – Amy Nelson  
Minnesota State University–Mankato – Alexandra Wilkinson  
Montana State University–Northern – Taylor Cummings  
Moravian College – Laura Jordan  
Nova Southeastern University – Jessica Valley  
Ohio Dominican University – Christina Pentaudi  
Oklahoma Wesleyan University – Courtney Backward  
Quincy University – Lucy Cramsey  
Roosevelt University – Rebecca Williford  
Saint Cloud State University – Carley Jeffery  
St. Mary’s University – Dezirae Elias  
Trinity University (Texas) – Hannah Coley  
Union College – Amy Loya  
University of Alabama–Huntsville – Shannon Steinert  
University of Mary Washington – Sam Partonen  
University of St. Francis – Paige Stankus  
Valley City State University – Brittany Lehner  
Warner Pacific College – Jessica Thoens  
Washington University in St. Louis – Lucy Montgomery  
Westminster College (Mo.) – Leigh Ann Lutz  
Wingate University – Jasmine DeBerry  
Worcester State University – Michel’le St. Pierre

The following players have been nominated for consideration to be named to the 2014 Allstate NABC Good Works Team®:

NCAA® Division I

Appalachian State University – Michael Obacha  
Arizona State University – Dave Whitmore  
Boston College – Ryan Anderson  
Brigham Young University – Tyler Haws  
Brown University – Rafael Maia  
Butler University – Erik Fromm  
Central Michigan University – Chris Fowler  
Cleveland State University – Ludovic Ndaye  
College of Charleston – Willis Hall  
College of William and Mary – Tim Rusthoven  
Creighton University – Ethan Wragge  
Eastern Kentucky University – Deverin Muff  
Florida State University – Okaro White  
George Washington University – John Kopriva  
Georgia State University – R.J. Hunter

Gonzaga University – Drew Barham  
Hampton University – Deron Powers  
Illinois State University – Nick Zeisloft  
Indiana State University – Lucas Eitel  
Iowa State University – Melvin Ejim  
Kansas State University – Will Spradling  
Mercer University – Langston Hall  
New Mexico State University – Kevin Aronis  
North Carolina State University – Tyler Lewis  
Northwestern State University – Gary Stewart  
Northwestern University – Drew Crawford  
Oakland University – Travis Bader  
Ohio State University – Aaron Craft  
Ohio University – Nick Kellogg  
Quinnipiac University – Ousmane Drame  
Rice University – Austin Ramljak  
Rider University – Emerson Bursis  
Saint Joseph's University – Chris Wilson  
Saint Louis University – Jake Barnett  
Seattle University – Jarell Flora  
Seton Hall University – Patrik Auda  
Southern Methodist University – Shawn Williams  
South Dakota State University – Marcus Heemstra  
St. John's University (N.Y.) – God'sgift Achiuwa  
Stephen F. Austin State University – Desmond Haymon  
Tennessee State University – Patrick Miller  
Texas A&M–Corpus Christi – Jake Kocher  
The Citadel – Dylon Setzekorn  
Towson University – Timajh Parker–Rivera  
Troy University – Jeffrey Mullahey  
U.S. Military Academy (Army) – Maxwell Lenox  
University of Alabama at Birmingham – Jordan Swing  
University of North Carolina–Wilmington – Tanner Milson  
University at Albany – David Wiegmann  
University of Arizona – Nick Johnson  
University of Arkansas – Kikko Haydar  
University Detroit Mercy – Evan Bruinsma  
University of Florida – Patric Young  
University of Houston – Mikhail McLean  
University of Kansas – Perry Ellis  
University of Kentucky – Jarrod Polson  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore – Ishaq Pitt  
University of Massachusetts – Trey Davis  
University of Memphis – Joe Jackson  
University of Michigan – Jordan Morgan  
University of Notre Dame – Tom Knight  
University of Pennsylvania – Dau Jok  
University of Pittsburgh – James Robinson  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville – D'Montre Edwards  
University of Texas – Javan Felix  
University of the Pacific – Trevin Harris

University of Tulsa – Nick Wood  
University of Vermont – Luke Apfeld  
University of Virginia – Joe Harris  
Utah State University – Danny Berger  
Wake Forest University – Aaron Rountree III  
West Virginia University – Kevin Noreen  
University of Wisconsin – Zach Bohannon  
Youngstown State University – Mike Podolsky

NCAA® Divisions II, III and the NAIA

Albion College – Zach Hurth  
Anderson University (S.C.) – Chandler Hash  
Bard College – Patrick Lichtenstein  
Bethel University – Caleb Hardy  
Bluefield State College – Avery Holliday  
Central Washington University – Joey Roppo  
Coker College – Eren Moses  
Colorado College – James Lonergan  
Columbia (Mo.) College – Tanner Sutton  
Dominican University of California – Connor Haysbert  
East Central University – Miles Mitchell  
Eckerd College – Alex Bodney  
Felician College – Anthony Obery  
Franklin & Marshall College – Ed Early  
Hamilton College – Peter Kazickas  
Hope College – Grant Neil  
Illinois Wesleyan University – Nick Anderson  
Kalamazoo College – Grant Carey  
Kenyon College – Dan Giguere  
LaGrange College – Jalen Butler  
Lake Superior State University – Cameron Metz  
Loyola University New Orleans – Cameron Hill  
Montana State University–Northern – Patrick Jensen  
Mount Aloysius College – Aaron Patrick  
Newberry College – Bruner Charles  
Oklahoma Baptist University – Cale Jackson  
Penn State Altoona – Michael Wigfield  
Pittsburg State University – Jake Bullard  
Saint Augustine's University – Joel Kindred  
Saint John's University (Minn.) – Jack Wittenborg  
Saint Xavier University – Brad Karp  
South Dakota School of Mines – Lance Kilburn  
Southwest Baptist University – Preston Guiot  
Southwestern College – Tyler Shirley  
St. Mary's College of Maryland – Nick LaGuerre  
Union University (Tenn.) – Paul Valdor  
University of Mary Washington – Taylor Johnson  
University of Mobile – Cody Scott  
University of North Alabama – Wes Long  
University of Pikeville – Justice Elisha  
University of the Ozarks – Andrew Cummings

University of West Alabama – Kyle Belcher  
Westminster College – Paul Carswell

#### About the Women's Basketball Coaches Association

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 [www.wbca.org](http://www.wbca.org).

#### About the National Association of Basketball Coaches

Located in Kansas City, Missouri, the NABC was founded in 1927 by Forrest "Phog" Allen, the legendary basketball coach at the University of Kansas. Allen, a student of James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, organized coaches into this collective group to serve as Guardians of the Game. The NABC currently has nearly 5,000 members consisting primarily of university and college men's basketball coaches. All members of the NABC are expected to uphold the core values of being a Guardian of the Game by bringing attention to the positive aspects of the sport of basketball and the role coaches play in the academic and athletic lives of today's student-athletes. The four core values of being a Guardian of the Game are advocacy, leadership, service and education. Additional information about the NABC, its programs and membership, can be found at [www.nabc.org](http://www.nabc.org).

#### About the AFCA

The AFCA was founded in 1922 and currently has more than 11,000 members around the world ranging from the high school level to the professional ranks. According to its constitution, the AFCA was formed, in part, to "maintain the highest possible standards in football and in the coaching profession" and to "provide a forum for the discussion and study of all matters pertaining to football."

#### About the NCAA

The NCAA is a membership-led nonprofit association of colleges and universities committed to supporting academic and athletic opportunities for more than 460,000 student-athletes at more than 1,000 member colleges and universities. Each year, more than 54,000 student-athletes compete in NCAA championships in Divisions I, II and III sports. Visit [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) and [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com) for more details about the Association, its goals and members and corporate partnerships that help support programs for student-athletes.

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