



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA's 'So You Want To Be A Coach' Class of 2015 Announced

ATLANTA (February 17, 2015) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is pleased to announce the class for the 13th annual WBCA's "So You Want To Be A Coach" program. Each member will participate in the three-day workshop held April 3–5 in conjunction with the WBCA National Convention in Tampa, Florida.

The objectives of the "So" program are to increase the understanding and application of skills necessary to secure coaching positions in women's basketball, increase the understanding and awareness of competencies necessary for success in coaching, introduce female basketball players to coaches and administrators, raise awareness of the existing talent pool of female basketball players who have a passion and interest in coaching the game of women's basketball.

"The interest in the 'So You Want To Be A Coach' program has been incredible this year, and we are ecstatic to see the numerous benefits this program has had on so many young, aspiring coaches," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "Each year, the WBCA works relentlessly to improve and develop this entry-level program, and we look forward to seeing these student-athletes develop into great leaders and ambassadors for the game of women's basketball."

Listed below is the 2015 class for the WBCA's "So You Want To Be A Coach" program:

Candidate	School	Candidate	School
Gillian Abshire	Quinnipiac	Nevena Markovic	IUPUI
Whitney Adams	North Carolina	Christina Marquette	Oberlin College
Courtney Anderson	Maine	Marita Mathe	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Jessie Arnold	Siena Heights	Mary Merg	Wisconsin-Whitewater
Kara Bacile	Franklin & Marshall	Meredith Mesaris	Scranton
Skylar Bareford	Greenville College	Andrea Mize	Indiana
Danielle Blagg	Tulane	Bry Mueller	Drake
Destiny Bramblett	Chattanooga	Riki Murakami	La Verne
Olivia Bresnahan	Duquesne	Kaitlyn Pacholke	Newberry College
Precious Bridges	Mercer	Katie Paschal	Mount Olive
Shayra Brown	Boston College	Laura Pierce	Wheaton College (Mass.)
Kelly Bruce	Mount Union	Danielle Pulliam	Northern Illinois
Taylor Carter	Wilmington	Kayla Reeves	Nevada-Reno

	University		
Shanice Cason	Middle Tennessee State	Courtney Reimer	Furman
Amber Clay	New Orleans	Melissa Repoli	Colgate
Jenna Cobb	Florida Gulf Coast	Hailie Sample	Nebraska
Kourtney Coleman	Troy	Jasmine Sborov	Colorado
Kaitlyn Cresencia	Connecticut College	Heidi Schlegel	Youngstown State
Val Driscoll	Quinnipiac	Kaitlyn Schmid	University of the Sciences
Carole Harris	Colgate	Katie Shepard	Sacred Heart
Vontreece Hayes	Greensboro College	Sierra Simpson	Anderson
Mariah Jones	Colgate	Megan Straumann	Rhode Island
AJ Jordan	Coastal Carolina	Brittney Strickland	Alabama A&M
Abby Jump	Wright State	Alaina Verdin	McNeese State
Brianna Kiesel	Pittsburgh	Tori Waldner	Penn State
Alicia Kimmel	Pittsburgh at Bradford	Sydney Wallace	Georgia Tech
Ali Lane	Western Carolina	Brittney Washington	Pfeiffer
Amber Litwinko	Nichols College	Deanna Weaver	Boise State
Rebekah Llorens	Hope College	Hailey Yohn	Coker College

“So” participants will learn about recruiting, the administrative side to coaching, how to get hired, skill development, the importance of knowing the rules, and how to balance work and life.

Qualified candidates must have exhausted their final year of basketball eligibility at a four-year institution or have graduated within the past year. In addition, the candidate’s head coach has to nominate them and must be an active WBCA member. Each participant is selected based on her academics, contributions to women’s basketball on and off the court, professional resume and a written recommendation from their head coach.

Sponsors for the “So” program are the WBCA and the NCAA Matching Fund for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Women Coaches and Officials.

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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.