



PRESS RELEASE

Player of the Year Katie Lou Samuelson of Mater Dei High School headlines 2015 WBCA High School All–America Team

ATLANTA (February 25, 2015) – Katie Lou Samuelson of Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, California, is the 2015 WBCA High School Player of the Year and headlines the 2015 WBCA High School All–America Team, the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association announced today.

Samuelson, a 6-foot-3 senior forward who is averaging 29.3 points per game, 8.5 rebounds per game and 2.4 steals per game, has signed with Connecticut.

"Congratulations to Katie Lou for earning the top award for high school basketball players," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "Katie Lou has set the bar for current and future high school student–athletes across the country with her determination and excellence on the court, and her grace off of it. The WBCA wishes Katie Lou the best on her future."

Here are the 10 players selected to the 2015 WBCA High School All–America Team:

Name	School	Hometown	Signed
Kalani Brown	Salmen High School	Slidell, La.	Baylor
Napheesa Collier	Incarnate Word Academy	Bel–Nor, Mo.	Connecticut
Te'a Cooper	McEachern High School	Powder Springs, Ga.	Tennessee
Asia Durr	St. Pius X Catholic High School	Atlanta, Ga.	Louisville
Lashann Higgs	Cedar Ridge High School	Round Rock, Texas	Texas
Jordan Hosey	Manvel High School	Pealand, Texas	Texas
Kyra Lambert	Samuel Clemens High School	Cibolo, Texas	Duke
Arike Ogunbowale	Divine Savior Holy Angels High School	Milwaukee, Wis.	Notre Dame
Ali Patberg	Columbus North High School	Columbus, Ind.	Notre Dame
Katie Lou Samuelson	Mater Dei High School	Santa Ana, Calif.	Connecticut

“The 10 members of this year’s High School All–America Team have each showcased their immense on–court talents. These student–athletes have been exceptional leaders for their respective teams and elevated the game of girls’ and women’s basketball as the sport continues to grow,” said Donehew.

Any graduating senior can be nominated for the WBCA High School All–America Team by a high school or AAU coach who is an active WBCA member. College coaches are

not eligible to nominate a player for consideration. The 10–player All–America team and a 20–player honorable mention team are selected from the nominees by a committee composed of WBCA–member girls’ high school basketball coaches who represent nine geographical districts across the country.

The 2015 selection committee is composed of Brian Robinson (chair), Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School (N.C.); Stacy Bilodeau, Walpole High School (Mass.); Eric Smith, Cicero–North Syracuse High School (N.Y.); Jody Patrick, Flint Hill School (Va.); Melissa Guebert, Eastview High School (Minn.); Jill Nagel, Rock Bridge High School (Mo.); Todd Monsey, Waco Midway High School (Texas); Carl Mattei, Regis Jesuit High School (Colo.); Kevin Kiernan, Mater Dei High School (Calif.); Angie Hembree, Norcross High School (Ga.); and Gary Glasscock, Metro High School (Mo.) who is past chair. Daniella Trujillo, WBCA manager of events, awards & office administration, is staff liaison to the committee.

Here are the 20 players receiving 2015 WBCA High School All–America honorable mention:

Name	School	Hometown	Signed
Kristine Anigwe	Desert Vista High School	Phoenix, Ariz.	California
De'Janae Boykin	C.H. Flowers High School	Springdale, Mo.	Connecticut
Kennedy Burke	Sierra Canyon High School	Northridge, Calif.	UCLA
Jonquanae Cole	Paul VI High School	Fairfax, Va.	North Carolina State
Taja Cole	L.C. Bird High School	Chesterfield, Va.	Louisville
Sophie Cunningham	Rock Bridge High School	Columbia, Mo.	Missouri
Brianna Fraser	South Shore High School	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Maryland
Kiah Gillespie	Capital Prep	Hartford, Conn.	Maryland
Ashley Hearn	Sachse High School	Sachse, Texas	UCLA
Kelly Koshuta	James Madison High School	Vienna, Va.	Virginia Tech
Marina Mabrey	Manasquan High School	Point Pleasant Beach, N.J.	Notre Dame
Aliyah Mazyck	Myers Park High School	Charlotte, N.C.	USC
Beatrice Mompremier	Miami Senior High School	Miami, Fla.	Baylor
Teniya Page	Marian Catholic High School	Chicago, Ill.	Penn State
Jessica Shepard	Fremont High School	Fremont, Neb.	Nebraska
Marta Sniezek	Nationa Cathedral School	Washington, D.C.	Stanford
Faith Suggs	Homewood Flossmoor High School	Flossmoor, Ill.	Duke
Andee Velasco	Mater Dei High School	Santa Ana, Calif.	Loyola Marymount
Destinee Walker	Lake Highland Prep	Orlando, Fla.	North Carolina
Stephanie Watts	Weddington High School	Monroe, N.C.	North Carolina

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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.

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