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Former Northern Kentucky University coach Nancy Winstel to receive 2015 WBCA's Jostens-Berenson Lifetime Achievement Award

ATLANTA (March 3, 2015) – Nancy Winstel, who served as head coach at Northern Kentucky University for 29 years, will receive the 2015 Jostens-Berenson Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her lifelong commitment of service to women's basketball, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today.

"This award honors legends who have invested their lives to impact the student-athlete and ultimately elevate the game of women's basketball. There is no better example of someone who raised the standard of excellence for the game of women's basketball as a player, coach, teacher, and mentor all the while representing our sport with dignity and honor than Nancy," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "Nancy has demonstrated a profound commitment to the coaching profession and is well deserving of the WBCA's most prominent career award, the Jostens-Berenson Lifetime Achievement Award."

During her 29 seasons at the helm of the women's basketball program at Northern Kentucky University, Winstel posted a 636-214 record and won two national championships (2008 and 2000). Winstel also helped guide the Norse to the 2003 national championship game. Northern Kentucky appeared in its first NCAA DII National Semifinals in 1987 and returned in 1999. The Norse won the NCAA Regional tournament six times and the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament nine times.

Winstel was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Coach of the Year six times and was named the Division II National Coach of the Year by the WBCA in 1999-2000.

Prior to her stint at Northern Kentucky, Winstel served as head coach at Midway College for three seasons. The Eagles won two Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference (KWIC) championships in Winstel's final two years.

Winstel retired from coaching following the 2011-12 season with a career record of 675-255.

In 1977 Winstel graduated from Northern Kentucky University with a degree in physical education. She was a member of the Norse women's basketball team from 1974-77. Following graduation Winstel went on to receive her master's degree in physical education with an emphasis in coaching in 1978 at Indiana University. She returned to Northern Kentucky University in 1981 and served as an assistant coach until 1983.

"We are thrilled to recognize Nancy's commitment of service to women's basketball through the Jostens–Berenson Lifetime Achievement Award. Her support and contributions to women's athletics are an inspiration to all of us," said Chris Poitras, vice president, Jostens.

Winstel will be formally recognized during the WBCA Awards Show, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. ET Monday, April 6, in the Grand Ballroom at the Tampa Marriott Waterside. This event is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four® in Tampa Bay.

The award, sponsored by Jostens, is named in honor of the late Senda Berenson, who in her role as a physical education instructor at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., introduced "basketball" to her female gym students in 1892. This introduction marked the birth of the women's game, which occurred the year following basketball's invention by Dr. James Naismith in Springfield, Mass.

Winstel joins a distinguished group of recipients which includes: Betty Jaynes; WBCA executive director and CEO (2014); June Courteau, game official (2013); Kay James, University of Southern Mississippi (2012); Donna Wise, Campbellsville University (2011); Marsha Sharp, Texas Tech (2010); the late Kay Yow, North Carolina State (2009); Cherri Mankenberg, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2008); Brenda Byrd, Darlington County Public Schools and Darlington Recreation Center (2007); the late Sue Gunter, Louisiana State University (2006); Charles Heatly, Lindsay High School (2005); Louise O'Neal, Wellesley College (2004); Dr. Charlotte West, Southern Illinois University (2003); Dr. Jill Hutchison, Illinois State University (2002); Bob Spencer, Fresno State (2001); the late Dr. Brenda Reilly, Central Connecticut State University (2000); Betty Wiseman, Belmont University (1999); Dr. Rose Marie Battaglia, Paramus High School and Paramus Community College (1998); Lea Plarski, Saint Louis Community College (1997); Carole Baumgarten, Drake University (1996); Billie Moore, California State – Fullerton (1995); Marcy Weston, Central Michigan University (1994); Patsy Neal, Brevard College (1993); Harley Redin, Wayland Baptist University (1992); Alberta Lee Cox, AAU (1991); Bertha Frank Teague, Byng High School (1990); Pat Summitt, University of Tennessee (1989); Hunter Low, Eastman Kodak Company (1988); Cathy Rush, Immaculata College (1987); Mildred Barnes, Central Missouri State University (1986); the late Carol Eckman, Lock Haven University (1985); and the late Margaret Wade, Delta State University (1984).

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About the WBCA:

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