



PRESS RELEASE

## WBCA NAIA Player of the Year Finalists headline the 2015 NAIA Coaches' All-America Team

ATLANTA (March 17, 2015) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the finalists for the 2015 WBCA NAIA Player of the Year award.

They are:

- Tay'la Foster, 5'10", Senior, Guard, Bethel University (Tenn.)
- Riley Holsinger, 5'10", Junior, Guard, Vanguard University
- Hayley Newby, 6'0", Senior, Forward, Freed-Hardeman University
- Morgan Stuu, 5'10", Senior, Forward, Saint Xavier University

The WBCA presents the player of the year award annually to the top player in five WBCA membership divisions (NCAA Divisions II, III, NAIA, junior/community college and high school). The winner will be announced during the Fifth Annual WBCA Awards Show on Monday, April 6, at the Tampa Marriott Waterside in the Grand Ballroom in Tampa. This event is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

"Congratulations to each of these fine student-athletes on being named finalists for the 2015 WBCA NAIA Player of the Year award," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "Each student-athlete has played an integral role in guiding their respective team to an exceptional season, and is very deserving of this distinguished honor. The WBCA celebrates each of these finalists for their contributions to the game during the 2014-15 season."

The 10-member team was selected by a vote of the selection committee. The committee is composed of one representative from each of the nine geographical regions and a chairperson. The members of the 2015 WBCA NAIA Coaches' All-America Team are as follows:

Name	Institution	Year	Position	Height
Grace Alonso de Armino	Freed-Hardeman University	Senior	Forward	6'1"
Rateska Brown	Oklahoma City University	Senior	Guard	5'6"
Chelsea Craig	Campbellsville University	Senior	Forward	5'10"
A'Jha Edwards	Montana State – Northern	Senior	Center	6'5"
Tay'la Foster	Bethel University (Tenn.)	Senior	Guard	5'10"
Daina Grazulis	Davenport University	Senior	Center	6'3"
Riley Holsinger	Vanguard University	Junior	Guard	5'10"
Janeicia Neely	Loyola University	Senior	Guard	5'5"

Hayley Newby	Freed-Hardeman University	Senior Forward	6'0"
Morgan Stuu	Saint Xavier University	Junior Forward	5'10"

“The 10 members of the 2015 WBCA NAIA Coaches’ All-America Team are well deserving of this recognition, and the WBCA congratulates them for their achievements this season,” said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. “These young women have separated themselves and through their efforts, have become ambassadors for our game. Through their exceptional talents on the basketball court, they have elevated the women’s game to an exciting new level.”

The following have been recognized as Coaches’ All-America Team Honorable Mentions in the NAIA division:

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Lindsey Abramson	University of Great Falls	Senior	Center	6'2"
Annie Artise	Ave Maria University	Junior	Guard	5'10"
Sarah Bonar	University of Rio Grande	Junior	Forward	5'10"
Sierra Calhoun	Siena Heights University	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Jatoria Carter	Auburn University at Montgomery	Junior	Guard	5'2"
Ouleymatou Coulibaly	Oklahoma City University	Senior	Center	6'2"
Laurel Donnenwirth	Menlo College	Senior	Forward	5'10"
Hannah Dostal	Doane College	Senior	Forward	5'11"
Bre Elder	Lindsey Wilson College	Junior	Guard	5'9"
Jenna Engh	Viterbo University	Senior	Guard	5'6"
Karen Ettleman	Northwestern College	Senior	Guard	5'9"
Kiah Frazier	Davenport University	Senior	Guard	5'3"
Tanis Fuller	Lewis-Clark State College	Senior	Forward	5'10"
Whitney Gathright	Xavier University of Louisiana	Junior	Guard	5'4"
Katie Gonnering	University of St. Francis	Senior	Center	5'10"
Corri Hamilton	Columbia College (Mo.)	Junior	Forward	5'9"
April Harpe	Bethel College (Kan.)	Senior	Forward	5'10"
Abbey Hengesbach	Olivet Nazarene University	Junior	Guard	5'9"
Shaketa Hodges	Middle Georgia State	Junior	Guard	5'7"
Lynette Holmes	Langston University	Senior	Guard	6'1"
Katie Jensen	Saint Ambrose University	Senior	Forward	5'11"
Kristin Karr	Westmont College	Junior	Guard	5'6"
Kayla Kepler	College of the Ozarks	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Daizah Kimberland	Campbellsville University	Senior	Forward	5'9"
Erin Legel	University of Great Falls	Junior	Guard	5'5"
Madison McDonald	Ave Maria University	Senior	Guard	5'8"
Olivia Melvin	College of Coastal Georgia	Senior	Guard	5'4"
Bailey Morris	Concordia University (Neb.)	Senior	Guard	5'4"
Lydia Nash	Union College	Junior	Center	6'0"

Yvonte Neal	Oklahoma City University	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Paige O'Neal	Northwestern College	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Caroline Owen	Campbellsville University	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Alexis Payne	University of Rio Grande	Sophomore	Forward	6'1"
Tracy Peitz	Concordia University (Neb.)	Senior	Forward	5'11"
Haley Perkins	Union College	Junior	Guard	5'10"
Dannisha Pierce	Saint Thomas University	Senior	Guard	5'11"
Kati Prince	Blue Mountain College	Senior	Guard	5'8"
Alyssa Ramos	Southeastern University	Sophomore	Guard	5'6"
Kayla Richardson	Lindsey Wilson College	Sophomore	Guard	5'7"
Chanel Roberts	Lindsey Wilson College	Sophomore	Guard	5'10"
Ashley Romig	Ottawa University	Sophomore	Center	6'0"
Chayla Rutledge	Benedictine College	Junior	Center	5'11"
Meghan Temple	Loyola University	Sophomore	Forward	6'2"
Brianna Thomas	University of Rio Grande	Senior	Guard	5'4"
Jamie Van Kirk	Hastings College	Senior	Guard	5'9"
Julie Whitfill	Brescia University	Junior	Guard	5'8"
Megan Whittaker	Loyola University	Senior	Guard	5'8"
Ariel Wilson	Belhaven University	Sophomore	Guard	5'6"

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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](http://wbca.org).

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