



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA announces finalists for the 2015 United States Marine Corps/WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year Award

ATLANTA (March 17, 2015) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the six 2015 United States Marine Corps/WBCA National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Regional Coaches of the Year, all of whom are finalists for the Pat Summitt Trophy to be presented to the 2015 United States Marine Corps/WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year.

They are:

- Region 1 – Shelley Jarrard, Westminster College
- Region 2 – Drew Olson, Concordia University (Neb.)
- Region 3 – Dale Neal, Freed–Hardeman University
- Region 4 – Mike Williams, Davenport University
- Region 5 – Ginger Colvin, Campbellsville University
- Region 6 – Chris Nelson, Bethel University (Tenn.)

The 2015 United States Marine Corps/WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year will be named during the Fifth Annual WBCA Awards Show on 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®.

"The WBCA congratulates these six outstanding coaches on being named finalists for the Pat Summitt Trophy, presented to the 2015 United States Marine Corps/WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "Each coach was selected as a finalist by their peers after leading their respective teams to exceptional seasons. The WBCA appreciates and applauds each coach's commitment to their student–athletes, institutions, and communities."

"The Marine Corps congratulates the finalists for the 2015 United States Marine Corps/WBCA NAIA National Coach of Year," said Lieutenant Colonel Brian C. Proctor, Assistant Chief of Staff Diversity, Marine Corps Recruiting Command. "The hard work and dedication needed to achieve this recognition from their peers exemplifies the Marine Corps leadership values of honor, courage and commitment."

The United States Marine Corps and the WBCA present the Pat Summitt Trophy, named for the legendary University of Tennessee coach, to the United States Marine Corps/WBCA National Coach of the Year annually in each of the six WBCA membership divisions (NCAA Divisions I, II and III; NAIA; junior/community college and high school). This is the 31st year since 1983 that the WBCA has presented this

honor to an NAIA head coach. For a list of past recipients, visit WBCA.org.

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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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