



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA Division III Player of the Year finalists headline the 2015 WBCA DIII Coaches' All-America Team

ATLANTA (March 19, 2015) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the finalists for the 2015 WBCA Division III Player of the Year award.

They are:

- Jenna Dockter, 5'9", Senior, Guard, University of St. Thomas
- Sydney Moss, 5,10", Junior, Guard, Thomas More College
- Melissa Tobie, 6'1", Senior, Guard, Montclair State 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, in Tampa Bay. 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 Division III 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 Division III Coaches' All-America Team are as follows:

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Shalette Brown	Fairleigh Dickinson University - Florham	Junior	Forward	5'10"
Jenna Dockter	University of St. Thomas	Senior	Guard	5'9"
Melissa Gilkey	Washington University - St. Louis	Senior	Forward	6'1"
Madi Hess	University of Texas - Dallas	Senior	Guard	5'6"
Hayley Kanner	Tufts University	Senior	Forward	6'2"
Sally Linzmeier	University of Wisconsin - Superior	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Shannon McGinnis	State University of New York at Geneseo	Senior	Forward	5'10"
Meredith Mesaris	University of Scranton	Senior	Forward	6'1"
Sydney Moss	Thomas More College	Junior	Guard	5'10"

Melissa Tobie Montclair State University Senior Guard 5'5"

"The 10 members of the 2015 WBCA Division III 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 Division III division:

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Katie Anderson	Randolph-Macon College	Junior	Forward	5'11"
Janitza Aquino	Montclair State University	Senior	Guard	5'6"
Justine Benner	George Fox University	Junior	Forward	6'0"
Sara Binkhorst	Bowdoin College	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Danyel Bradley	Howard Payne University	Junior	Guard	5'5"
Shannon Brady	Bowdoin College	Junior	Center	6'0"
Ellen Cook	Williams College	Senior	Guard	5'11"
Megan Dawe	New York University	Junior	Center	6'0"
Kyra Dayon	Fairleigh Dickinson University - Florham	Senior	Forward	5'9"
Brittney Dumas	State University of New York at Cortland	Junior	Forward	6'0"
Anna Hackett	Salisbury University	Senior	Guard	5'4"
Jacole Hairston	Ferrum College	Senior	Guard	5'10"
Heather Johns	Whitman College	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Stefanie Lang	Olivet College	Senior	Center	6'4"
Elle Larsen	Swarthmore College	Senior	Forward	6'0"
Alexandra Leslie	University of Rochester	Freshman	Center	6'2"
Katie McDaniels	Wheaton College (Ill.)	Sophomore	Guard	5'6"
Kara McDuffee	Saint Lawrence University	Senior	Forward	6'0"
Michela North	Tufts University	Sophomore	Center	6'2"
Meghan Nowak	Eastern University	Senior	Forward	6'0"
Mackenzie Puckett	Maryville College	Junior	Guard	5'10"
Jordan Sammons	Hamline University	Senior	Guard	5'8"
Taylor Schmidt	University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh	Sophomore	Guard	5'6"
Kristen Schulz	Wisconsin Lutheran College	Senior	Center	6'3"
Katlyn Spahar	John Carroll University	Sophomore	Guard	5'6"
Leanna Tallamy	Muhlenberg College	Senior	Forward	5'11"
Sara Tarbert	Stevenson University	Sophomore	Forward	6'1"
Savannah Trees	DePauw University	Senior	Guard	5'8"
Breanna Verkaik	Calvin College	Senior	Guard	5'11"
Maggie Weiers	University of St. Thomas	Senior	Center	6'2"

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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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