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WBCA announces finalists for Division I Defensive Player of the Year

ATLANTA (April 1, 2015) – The Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today the finalists for the 2015 WBCA Division I Defensive Player of the Year.

They are:

- Syessence Davis, Senior, Guard, Rutgers University
- Jordan Jones, Junior, Guard, Texas A&M University
- Kendall Noble, Sophomore, Guard, Western Kentucky University
- Daisha Simmons, Senior, Guard, Seton Hall University
- Kiah Stokes, Senior, Center, University of Connecticut
- Elizabeth Williams, Senior, Center, Duke University

The Defensive Player of the Year award honors the best defensive collegiate Division I women's basketball player. All Division I conference defensive players of the year are eligible to be nominated for the award. A selection committee makes the final decision on the winner. If a conference does not select a defensive player of the year, the conference representative can nominate one player to be considered.

"These finalists played an incredibly valuable role for their respective teams on the defensive end of the floor this season. Defense is about effort, intensity, determination, and teamwork. Each of these remarkable student-athletes has embodied these characteristics at the highest level," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "They have all been consistent defensive forces for their respective teams, and have caused nightmares for opposing coaches and players. We celebrate each finalist and appreciate their contributions to their team as well as to the game."

The winner will be announced during the Fifth Annual WBCA Awards Show, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. ET 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®.

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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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