



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA announces 2014–15 'Wade Watch' candidates

ATLANTA (November 25, 2014) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) today announced the 2014–15 "Wade Watch" list of candidates for the prestigious award. California, Connecticut, South Carolina and Tennessee each have two players on the list.

Now in its 38th year, The Wade Trophy is named in honor of the late, legendary Delta State University coach, Lily Margaret Wade. During her six seasons as head coach, Wade won three consecutive national championships with the Lady Statesmen and recorded a career record of 157–23.

Regarded as "The Heisman of Women's Basketball," The Wade Trophy is presented annually to the WBCA NCAA Division I Player of the Year by SHAPE America – the Society of Health and Physical Educators and the WBCA. The 25–member list is made up of top NCAA Division I student–athletes who best embody the spirit of Lily Margaret Wade according to the following criteria: game and season statistics, leadership, character, effect on their team and overall playing ability.

Here is the list of candidates for the 2015 Wade Trophy in alphabetical order:

Player	Institution	Position	Year
Jillian Alleyne	Oregon	Forward	Junior
Rachel Banham	Minnesota	Guard	Senior
Brittany Boyd	California	Guard	Senior
	Central		
Crystal Bradford	Michigan	Guard	Senior
Nina Davis	Baylor	Forward	Sophomore
Nneka Enemkpali	Texas	Forward	Senior
Bashaara Graves	Tennessee	Forward	Junior
Allisha Gray	North Carolina	Guard	Sophomore
Reshanda Gray	California	Forward	Senior
Dearica Hamby	Wake Forest	Forward	Senior
Sara Hammond	Louisville	Forward	Senior
Isabelle Harrison	Tennessee	Center	Senior
Bria Holmes	West Virginia	Guard	Junior
Brittany Hrynko	DePaul	Guard	Senior
Samantha Logic	Iowa	Guard	Senior
Jewell Loyd	Notre Dame	Guard	Junior
Tiffany Mitchell	South Carolina	Guard	Junior
Kaleena Mosqueda–Lewis	Connecticut	Forward	Senior

Amber Orrange	Stanford	Guard	Senior
Kelsey Plum	Washington	Guard	Sophomore
Breanna Stewart	Connecticut	Forward	Junior
Rachel Theriot	Nebraska	Guard	Junior
Courtney Walker	Texas A&M	Guard	Junior
Aleighsa Welch	South Carolina	Forward	Senior
Elizabeth Williams	Duke	Center	Senior

About SHAPE America:

The vision of SHAPE America – Society of Health and Physical Educators is “Healthy People – Physically Educated and Physically Active!” Headquartered in Reston, VA 25 miles west of Washington, DC, SHAPE America is the largest organization of professionals involved in school-based health, physical education and physical activity who are dedicated to teaching and promoting active, healthy lifestyles. Founded in 1885, SHAPE America provides a comprehensive array of resources, leadership in the development of standards and guidelines, professional development and advocacy for its members as well as the general public. For more information, visit www.shapeamerica.org.

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, visit wbca.org.