

WBCA NCAA Division III Preseason Coaches' Poll — 10/27/2026

The WBCA NCAA Division III preseason Top 25 women's basketball coaches' poll, WITH TEAMS' RECORDS FROM LAST YEAR in parentheses, total points based on 25 for first place through one point for 25th, ranking in last year's final poll, and first-place votes received.

Rank	School (Record)	Points	Last season's final rank	First-Place Votes
1	Denison (30-2)	240	1	9
2	NYU (29-1)	236	3	1
3	Bates (26-4)	192	6	0
4t	Scranton (32-1)	190	2	0
4t	UW-Oshkosh (28-4)	190	4	0
6	Smith (28-2)	186	10	0
7	Johns Hopkins (27-2)	184	7	0
8	Hope (26-4)	169	8	0
9	Bowdoin (25-3)	160	11	0
10	Washington-St. Louis (21-7)	149	14	0
11	Chicago (20-8)	144	9	0
12	Washington and Lee (31-1)	138	5	0
13	Christopher Newport (24-5)	125	16	0
14	Baldwin-Wallace (25-4)	118	15	0
15	John Carroll (26-5)	101	12	0
16	Concordia-Moorhead (26-5)	74	13	0
17	Ohio Wesleyan (21-6)	70	21	0
18	Hardin-Simmons (24-6)	59	24t	0
19	UW-La Crosse (21-10)	58	18	0
20	Illinois Wesleyan (23-6)	57	20	0
21	Ripon (26-3)	56	17	0
22	Southern Maine (27-3)	53	19	0
23	Trine (23-6)	50	24t	0
24	Carroll (WI) (23-6)	33	22	0
25	UW-Whitewater (20-9)	30	RV	0

Dropped Out: No. 23 Bethel, MN (24-7).

Others receiving votes: SUNY- Cortland (23-5) 23; Bethel (MN) (24-7) 22; William Paterson (25-3) 21; Wisconsin Lutheran (24-6) 18; Otterbein (23-6) 17; Transylvania (24-5) 17; Whitman (21-8) 17; Brooklyn (24-5) 13; Johnson & Wales (23-5) 9; SUNY-New Paltz (26-3) 7; Gettysburg (21-7) 6; UW-River Falls (16-12) 4; Calvin (16-11) 3; Messiah (24-5) 3; Merchant Marine (23-5) 2; Randolph-Macon (21-8) 2; Rochester Institute (20-7) 2; Washington and Jefferson (22-7) 2.

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