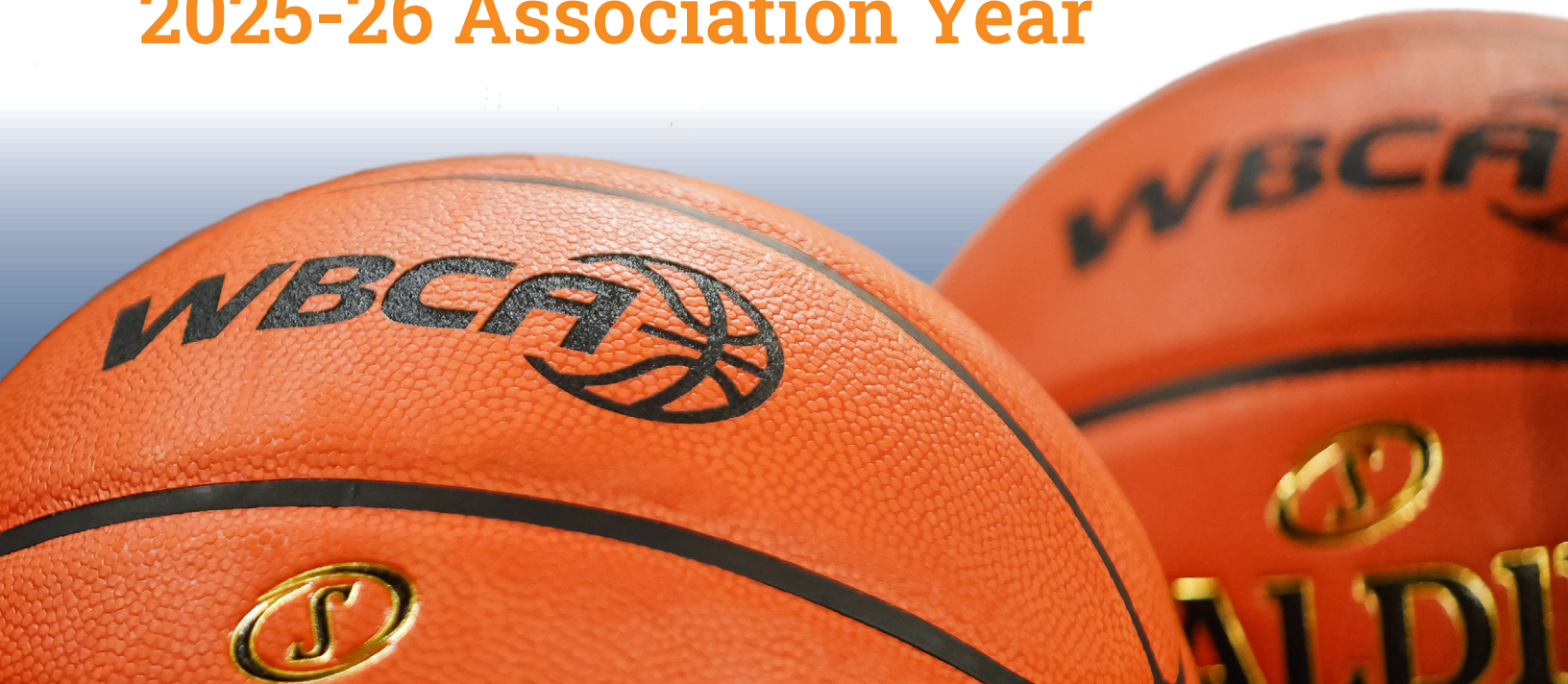
Women's Basketball Coaches Association

WBCA ANNUAL REPORT

2025-26 Association Year



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INTRODUCTION

Dear member,

What a year it has been! Our game is on fire and we are in a time of great change.

It has never been a more challenging time to be a coach at any level. The WBCA board and staff are committed to adjusting and pivoting to serve our membership during this important time. We are pleased to provide this annual report that captures the accomplishments for the 2025-2026 membership year.

We have much to be proud of from this past year. We crowned three first-time NCAA DI, DIII and two-year college champions in UCLA, Denison and Eastern Arizona, respectively, and we celebrated a third national title for both NCAA Division II Grand Valley and NAIA Marian. Congratulations to all and thank you for representing our game so well. Off the court, we welcomed 60 women into the "So" alumni group; 32 of the nation's top assistants into the Next Generation Institute alumni circle; and we recognized over 700 coaches and student-athletes through our robust awards program.

At the recent August meeting of the board of directors, a new strategic plan was conceptualized. While we continue to fine-tune it in the coming months, we plan to present it to the membership at convention in April. In short, we aim to be The Voice and The Source for coaches. We recognize the important work ahead and are excited to expand the WBCA staff to enhance areas that develop our members. With the addition of three new full-time staff focusing on areas of leadership, advocacy, education, member engagement, advancement and sponsorship sales, the WBCA will enhance and create new opportunites for members to engage and grow. Our social media engagement continues to rise and we are seeking technological improvements so we can better inform you and advocate for you.

As we start a new membership year, we stand ready to support you through our many platforms for engagement. We also look forward to seeing you in Columbus for the largest gathering of coaches of girls and women's basketball. We are assembling a strong schedule of educational sessions and, don't forget, this marks the 50th anniversary of the Wade Trophy. Known as "the Heisman of women's basketball," we will celebrate 50 years of the most prestigous women's baskeball player award throughout the season.

As a new school year starts, we wish you the very best in the upcoming season and we look forward to celebrating with you in Columbus!

Best regards,

Jose Fernandez
President

Danielle Donehew
Executive Director



Jose Fernandez



Danielle Donehew

BELIEFS

Our mission, vision, values and objectives define who we are and aspire to be, why we exist, what we believe, and what we do. Our code of ethics establishes standards of professional conduct and our expectations of each other and ourselves.

Our Mission



The WBCA leads, serves and unites coaches of women's basketball for the good of our game and those who play it.

Our Vision



Every coach of women's basketball looks to the WBCA for the support they need to succeed professionally, grow the game, and inspire players to realize their full potential.

Our Values



Member coaches are stewards of the game, conducting themselves with professionalism and integrity, and putting foremost the safety, welfare and educational interests of the women and girls they coach. The WBCA membership, board of directors and staff conduct themselves in such a manner that the women and girls who play basketball gain self-respect, self-esteem and self-confidence, as well as educational development. These qualities empower women and girls to succeed in life and to become leaders in their professions, communities and society.

Our Objectives

- We follow both the letter and spirit of the rules and regulations that govern our sport.
- We inform, advise and guide coaches on matters that impact their profession and their sport.
- We offer networking opportunities that allow coaches to connect, encourage and mentor each other.
- We provide educational programming that enables coaches to make themselves better leaders, teachers and role models for the athletes they coach, and improve the quality and popularity of the game.
- We recognize coaches, as well as their athletes and their teams, who excel athletically and academically each year, and honor those who have made lasting contributions to the profession and sport throughout their career.



- We act as the unifying voice of coaches to the organizations that govern the sport at its various levels of competition.

Code of Ethics

Members conduct themselves professionally, according to the rules, and with civility to players, administrators, game officials, fans and each other. All members must adhere to these ethical and behavioral standards.

INTEGRITY

- We follow both the letter and spirit of the rules and regulations that govern our sport.
- We watch for actions that could influence other coaches, staff members, athletes and fans to behave in a way that is contrary to these standards.
- We report conduct or suspected conduct that is not in keeping with these standards as well as the rules and regulations that govern our sport.
- We acknowledge that winning is important, but never at the expense of sportsmanship, safety and integrity.

ATHLETE EXPERIENCE

- We place the physical and mental well-being of the women and girls who play basketball above all else; their health and safety is paramount.
- We maintain strictly professional relationships with the athletes with whom we interact.
- We respect the dignity and individuality of each person with whom we interact and promote a diverse and inclusive culture in which every individual is valued.

EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT

- We teach by example and instill in our athletes the fundamental values of honesty, integrity, respect, civility, self-discipline, personal responsibility and fairness.
- We educate women and girls in a manner that prepares them to succeed in life and become leaders in their communities.
- We strive in all we do to expand athlete experiences and support their academic and educational interests.

PROFESSIONALISM

- We perform with excellence and good sportsmanship and require the same of each other and our athletes.
- We commit to growing and enhancing the sport of women's basketball and seek opportunities to grow personally and professionally.
- We respect the game, fellow coaches, administrators, game officials and the women and girls we coach and teach.
- We conduct ourselves according to the WBCA values and standards and are accountable for our decisions and actions.

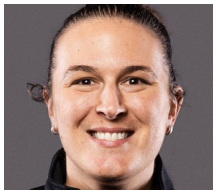
LEADERS

The WBCA is governed by a board of directors composed of 25 officers and directors — 19 of whom are coaches — and several nonvoting consultants to the board who represent strategic partners or have expertise in areas of importance to the profession and the sport. The board selects its own members and, with the exception of the secretary and the treasurer, elects officers from among the sitting directors.

Board of Directors


Courtney Banghart
Head Coach
North Carolina
Past President


Kelly Barsky
Director of Athletics
UC Santa Barbara
Athletic Administrators


Katherine Auguste
Head Coach
Colorado College
NCAA Division III


Danielle Bishop
Head Coach
Cal Poly Pomona
NCAA Division II


Kelly Black-Holmes
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Warner Bros. Discovery
Director At Large


Anthony Bozzella
Head Coach
Seton Hall
NCAA Division I


Shawn Chaffin
Head Coach
Indiana East
NAIA


Tiffany Daniels
Assoc. Commissioner
SEC
Athletic Administrators


Danielle Donehew
Executive Director
WBCA
Secretary


Jose Fernandez
Head Coach
Dallas Wings
President


Krista Gerlich
Head Coach
Texas Tech
NCAA Division I


Niele Ivey
Head Coach
Notre Dame
NCAA Division I


Misha Jackson
Head Coach
Emory
NCAA Division III


Linda Logan
Executive Director
Greater Columbus Sports
Director At Large


Teri Moren
Head Coach
Indiana
NCAA Division I


Danielle O'Banion
Head Coach
Loyola, MD
NCAA Division I


Misty Opat
Head Coach
Cochise College
Two-Year College


Cheytoria Penny
Director of Finance
Emory
Treasurer


Diane Richardson
Head Coach
Temple
NCAA Division I


Carissa Sain
Head Coach
Illinois Tech
NCAA Division III


Karen Self
Head Coach
Seton Catholic Prep
Scholastic


Dave Slifer
Head Coach
Central Missouri
NCAA Division II


Joni Taylor
Head Coach
Texas A&M
Vice President


Cleve Wright
Head Coach
Gannon
NCAA Division II


Steve Yang
Assistant Coach
Stephen F. Austin
Assistant Coaches


Carol Callan[NV]
Board Member
FIBA Americas


Gene Hill[NV]
Associate Head Coach
Miami


Liz Hollingworth[NV]
Professor, Iowa
Faculty Athletic
Representatives


Lynn Holzman[NV]
Vice President of
Women's Basketball
NCAA


Mike Neighbors[NV]
Assistant Coach
Dallas Wings
WNBA

NV–Non-voting member

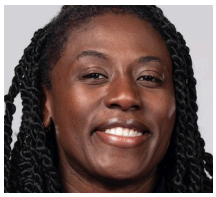
LEADERS

The board of directors employs an executive director who manages the day-to-day affairs of the association. The executive director also serves as the association's secretary and is a member of the board and executive committee. The executive director employs and contracts with a team of professionals in their respective fields of expertise to assist with the administration of the association's programs and initiatives.

WBCA Team


Danielle Donehew
Executive Director


Mary Ellen Gillespie
Deputy Director


Ivy Abiano
Director of Leadership and Advocacy

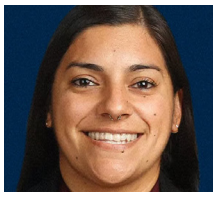

Shayla Black
Manager of Membership Associations International


Melanie Fransen
Manager of Events Associations International


Meredith Mesaris
Dir. of Member Learning and Engagement


Jessica Ramberg
Director of Content and Digital Marketing


Dana Refling
Executive Assistant


Talisa Samano
Director of Sponsorship Sales


Ellie Tangen
Director of Membership and Ticket Sales


Daniella Trujillo
Director of Operations


Jack Watford
Dir. of Communications and Governance

Susan Bangs, CPA/Accountant | James Hill, NCAA Division II/III Coaches Poll Coordinator | Ann Schildhammer, Legal Counsel

Organizational Structure

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STAFF

Standing Committees

- Assistant Coaches Committee
- Audit Committee
- Finance Committee
- Nominating Committee

Ad Hoc Committees & Working Groups

- Ad-Hoc Committee on Recruiting Shutdowns
- Benevolent Fund Committee
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
- NCAA Division I Stewardship Working Group
- Next Generation Institute Selection Committee
- "So You Want To Be A Coach" Selection Committee

Conference Captains

- NCAA Division I Conference Captains
- NCAA Division II Connectors (in partnership with NCAA)
- NCAA Division III Conference Captains

Awards Selection Committees

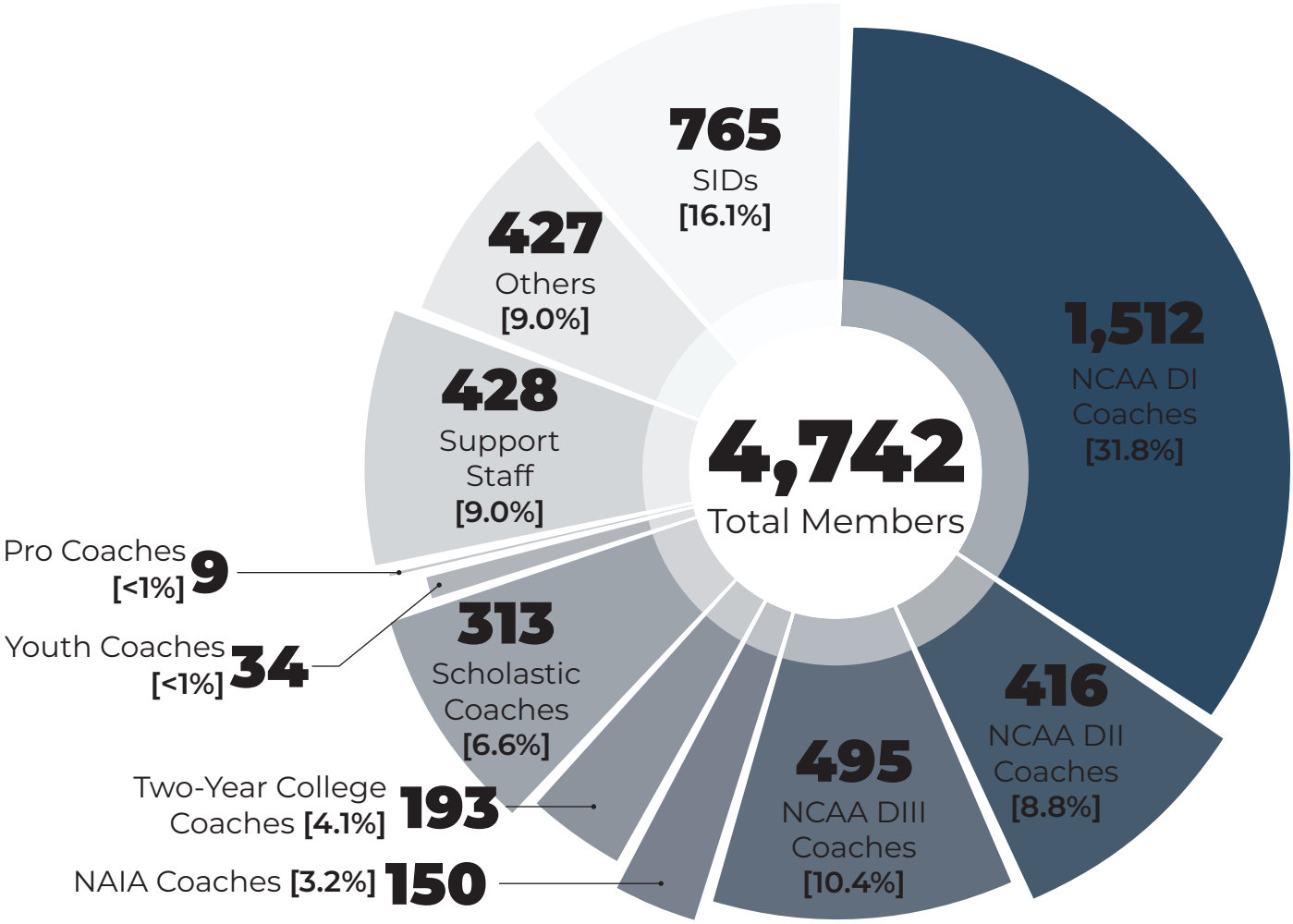
- NCAA Division I Awards Committee
- NCAA Division II Awards Committee
- NCAA Division III Awards Committee
- NAIA Awards Committee
- Two-Year College Awards Committee
- High School Awards Committee
- Assistant Coach of the Year Selection Committee

Poll Committees

- NCAA Division I Poll Committee
- NCAA Division II Poll Committee
- NCAA Division III Poll Committee

MEMBERS

WBCA membership during the 2025-26 association year was 4,742. Membership is composed of active coaches at the professional, collegiate, scholastic and non-scholastic youth levels, as well as administrators, non-coach staff, sports information directors, inactive and retired coaches, and supporters of the profession and the sport.



NOTE: Coaches include directors of basketball operations. Scholastic coaches include high school, junior high school, middle school and elementary school. Youth coaches include AAU and club. Support staff includes ADs, SWAs, videographers, grad assistants, managers, etc. Others includes international, inactive, retired coaches; business, strategic partners; athletes, fans, media, etc. SIDs include sports information directors who are registered for membership by their institution's head coach.

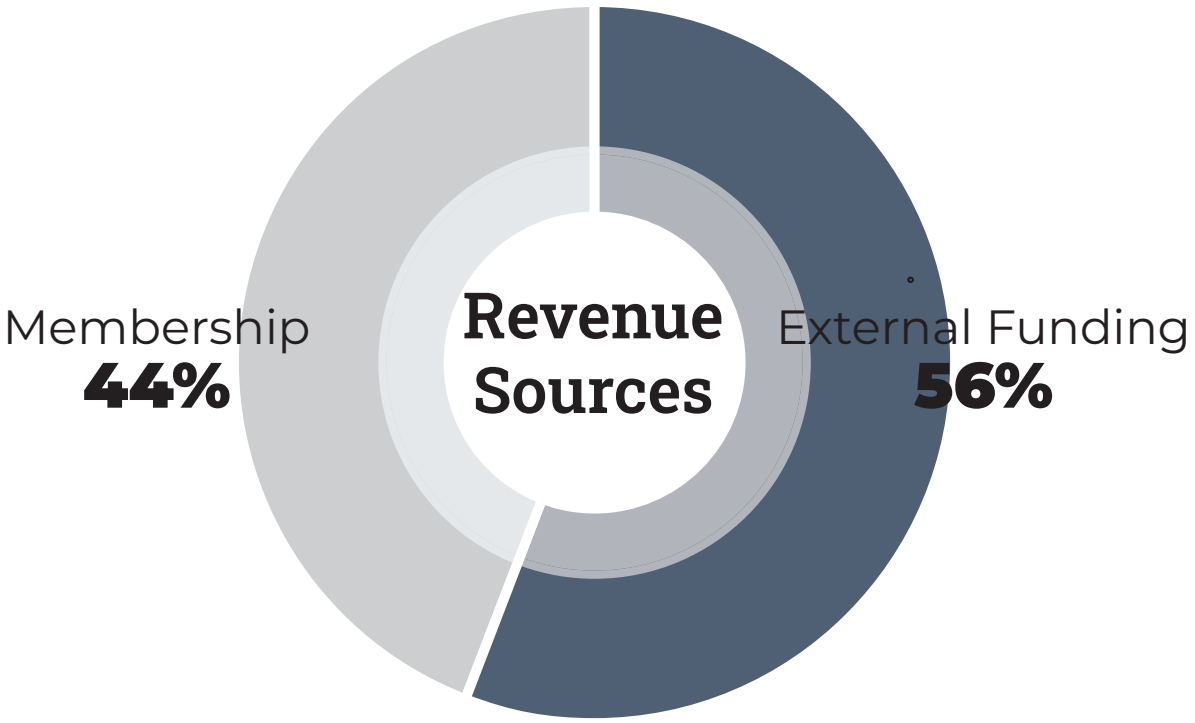
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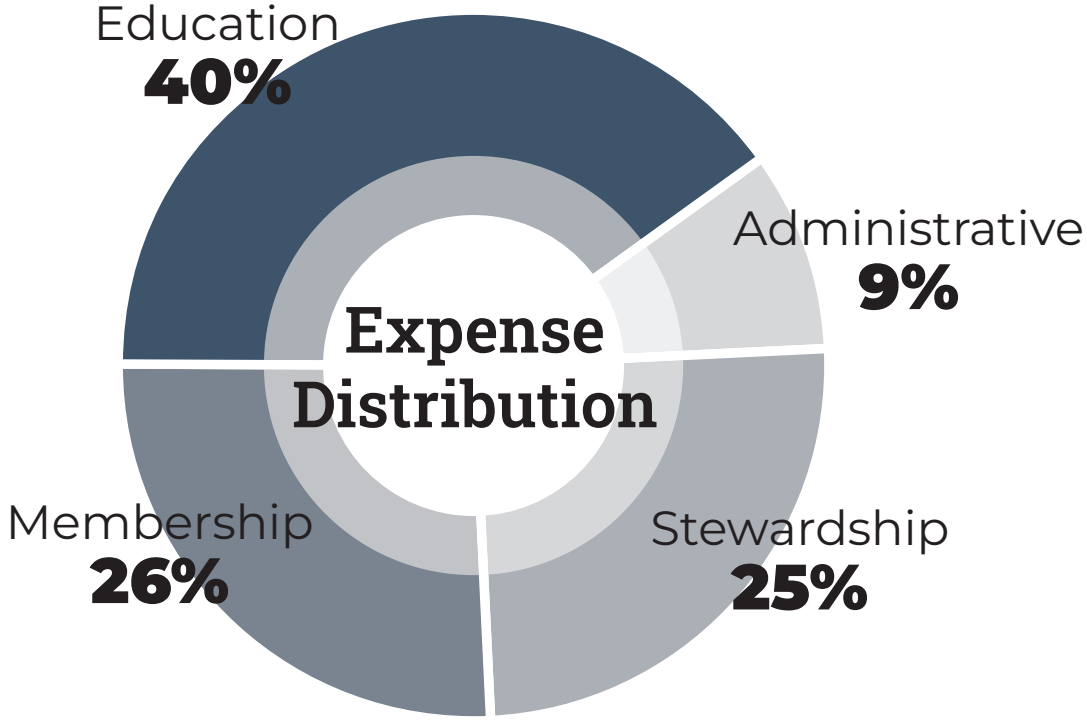
Year	Members	Year	Members
2025-26	4,742	2020-21*	3,243
2024-25	4,558	2019-20	4,252
2023-24	4,062	2018-19	4,613
2022-23	3,833	2017-18	4,273
2021-22*	3,547	2016-17	4,226

*–pandemic year

FINANCES

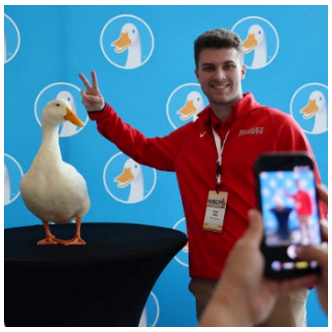
The association generates revenue through several vehicles. These include membership dues, convention registration fees, exhibitor fees and commissions, corporate sponsorships, broadcasts and philanthropic gifts.





EVENTS

2026 WBCA CONVENTION










WBCA CONVENTION PHOENIX • 2026

Over 2,500 members gathered in Phoenix for four days of connecting, networking, meeting with sponsors and exhibitors, idea sharing, business meetings, and over 30 hours of programming and on-court demonstrations. The convention is the largest annual gathering of coaches of women's and girls' basketball. Don't forget to mark your calendars for April 1-4, 2027, and join your peers in Columbus, Ohio. Columbus has always rolled out the red carpet for the WBCA Convention and they are excited to host you in 2027.






EVENTS

2025 WBCA SHOWCASE



Iowa's Layla Hays (12) defends against Baylor's Kayla Nelms (8) during the feature game of the 2025 WBCA Showcase. The No. 23 Hawkeyes defeated the No. 14 Bears, 57-52. Below, a casually dressed Mickey Mouse makes his appearance at the event.

The 2025 WBCA State Farm Showcase was held Nov. 20-23 at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida..

Baylor, Davidson, Iowa and Miami participated in a four-team MTE on Nov. 20 and 22. Central Missouri and West Florida played a Division II non-conference game on Nov. 21. Missouri and Washington State faced off in a Division I non-conference game on Nov. 23.

Thursday's matchups between Davidson and Miami followed by No. 14 Baylor and No. 23 Iowa were both televised live on ESPN2. All other games were streamed live on the ESPN app.



2025 SCOREBOARD

Thursday, Nov. 20

Iowa 57
Baylor 52

Davidson 58
Miami 66

Friday, Nov. 21

Central Missouri 85
West Florida 62

Saturday, Nov. 22

Davidson 72
Baylor 74

Miami 61
Iowa 64

Sunday, Nov. 23

Missouri 71
Washington State 54

EVENTS
2025 WBCA CHALLENGE



North Carolina head coach Courtney Banghart (left) and UCLA head coach Cori Close, the WBCA's two most recent past presidents, squared off in the inaugural WBCA Challenge in Las Vegas. UCLA won, 78-60.

The inaugural WBCA Challenge, the association's second venture into the competitive space, was played Nov. 13 and 15, 2025, at Michelob ULTRA Arena in Las Vegas.

The Challenge featured a top-10 matchup between No. 4 UCLA and No. 8 North Carolina. UCLA, the eventual national champion, defeated North Carolina, 78-60. Fairfield and South Florida also participated in the event.

The UCLA-North Carolina game was televised on ESPN2. The Fairfield-USF game was televised on ESPNU. All other games were streamed on the ESPN app.

WBCA CHALLENGE LAS VEGAS

2025 SCOREBOARD

Thursday, Nov. 13

UCLA 78, North Carolina 60
Fairfield 80, South Florida 72

Saturday, Nov. 15

North Carolina 82, Fairfield 68
UCLA 94, South Florida 61

EVENTS
2026 NCAA DIVISION III ALL-STAR GAME



The 2026 NCAA Division III Women's Collegiate All-Stars.

2026 All-Star Team Rosters

Team Crutchfield

Zoey Buchan, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Bri Frongillo, Emerson College
Stephanie Jean-Baptiste, SUNY Brockport
McKenzie Matheny, Randolph-Macon College
Liv Monturo, Messiah University
Makenna Mummert, Elizabethtown College
Keimarya Rivera, Oglethorpe University
Maija Rice, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Mary Schleusner, Washington and Lee University
Abigail Snyder, Southern Virginia University
Coach: Anne Crutchfield, former head coach, Emory & Henry University

Team Shibles

Ava Bardic, Illinois Wesleyan University
Helana Chadwick, McMurry University
Caleigh Edwards, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges
Anna Fernandez, Calvin University
Natalie Gricius, Carroll University
Riley Hevelow, Lebanon Valley College
Janna Holley, California Lutheran University
Kayla Mackel, Colorado College
Samaree Perkins, Capital University
Julia Roth, Susquehanna University
Coach: Adrienne Shibles, former head coach, Bowdoin College

Team Crutchfield defeated Team Shibles, 93-74, in the 2026 NCAA Division III Women's Collegiate All-Star Game presented by the WBCA on March 21, 2026. The all-star game preceded the NCAA Division III National Championship Game at the Cregger Center on the campus of Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.

Bri Frongillo of Emerson and Keimarya Rivera of Oglethorpe led Team Crutchfield with 14 points apiece. Also scoring in double figures for Team Crutchfield were Stephanie Jean-Baptiste of SUNY-Brockport with 11 points and Live Monturo of Messiah, Maija Rice of UW-Stevens Point and Mary Schleusner of Washington & Lee with 10 points each.

Anna Fernandez of Calvin and Natalie Gricius of Carroll led Team Shibles in scoring, both with 11 points each. Also scoring in double figures for Team Shibles was Samaree Perkins of Capital with 10 points.

ACTIONS
PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

ADVOCACY AND GOVERNANCE
THE VOICE AND THE SOURCE

The WBCA continued to inform its members on the issues that matter most to the coaching profession and the sport of women's basketball, and to successfully advocate on the membership's behalf — once again demonstrating that a united voice is a strong voice and one to which the NCAA and similar governing bodies listens and reacts. The association accomplishes this through a variety of means.



- The WBCA conducts business meetings in every membership division as part of the WBCA Convention each year. During these meetings, members in the respective divisions receive updates on and have an opportunity to discuss matters of concern to them.
- Conference captains in NCAA Divisions I and III serve as conduits by which the WBCA distributes information to and solicits feedback from member coaches in those respective divisions on a variety of issues from playing rules to NCAA legislative proposals to WBCA initiatives. One head coach in each conference in each division is selected by their conference office or peers to serve in this capacity. Conference captains meet by videoconference four times during the academic year. DI captains meet a fifth time in the summer. The WBCA participates in the NCAA Division II Coach Connectors program, which is conducted by the NCAA, to engage similarly with members in Division II.
- The WBCA maintains a clear channel of communication with its members through "WBCA.org," the association's official website; "Quick Hits," a monthly e-bulletin that is emailed to all members; numerous email reminders on a variety of matters throughout the year; and posts on its various social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, X).
- The WBCA solicits input and feedback directly from members through online surveys so that it can better inform decisionmakers on how coaches feel about certain matters.
- The WBCA also offers members access to complimentary legal consultations with Coaches, Inc., and year-round educational programs from CCHA Law on legal issues facing the industry.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WBCA NGI NEXT GENERATION INSTITUTE

Established 2023

The Next Generation Institute welcomed a 33-member class to the two-day program held during the 2026 WBCA Convention in Phoenix. Launched in 2023, NGI is the association's newest educational program. NGI is for experienced associate/assistant coaches who aspire to become a head coach at the NCAA Division I, II or III levels. The program consists of a curriculum that focuses on the CEO attributes a modern-day head coach needs to lead a program and be a problem-solver in today's ever-changing landscape of higher education and the enterprise of intercollegiate athletics.

A class of 64 completed the "So You Want To Be A Coach" program during the 2026 WBCA Convention in Phoneix. In its 23-year history, more than 1,300 graduating senior college women's basketball players have completed the WBCA's longest-running education program. The "So" program increases the understanding and application of skills necessary to secure coaching positions in women's basketball, increases the understanding and awareness of competencies necessary for success in coaching, introduces women's basketball players to coaches and administrators, and raises awareness of the existing talent pool of women's basketball players who have a passion and interest in coaching the game.

WBCA SO YOU WANT TO BE A COACH

Established 2003

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CONT'D)

The WBCA dropped seven new episodes of *Gamechangers* — a podcast created by the WBCA Assistant Coaches Committee and dedicated to the groundbreaking shifts in the sport. Each episode highlights a gamechanger—coaches, visionaries, and leaders who have made a lasting impact on the game. Hosted by WBCA coaches, Gamechangers dives deep into the stories behind the transformative moments shaping the sport and provides insights and inspiration from the people driving change in the sport. Listen and subscribe at Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Soundcloud or on the WBCA website at WBCA.org/wbca-podcast.

GAME CHANGERS
A WBCA PODCAST

Established 2025

MENTORING



Established 2015

Peer Mentoring

Launched during the 2015-16 membership year, the WBCA Peer Mentoring Program is a traditional, small-group mentoring program designed to bring coaches and staffs together during the basketball season to share ideas, confront challenges and learn from each other's experiences. The program provides a structured platform — monthly conference calls — for organic, open conversation between experienced coaches (who serve as mentors) and those who have recently began their coaching journeys (mentees).

2025-26 Association Year Participation

- Mentors: **50**
- Mentees: **182**
- Total participants: **232**

Mentor Madness Session

First held during the 2016 WBCA Convention, Mentor Madness is an in-person, fast-paced, small-group mentoring session. Participants rotate from table to table for 20-minute mini sessions during which they discuss pertinent issues with a variety of head coaches. The experience helps to build everyone's professional network and opens the door to a convention full of brainstorming and sharing.

2026 Convention Participation

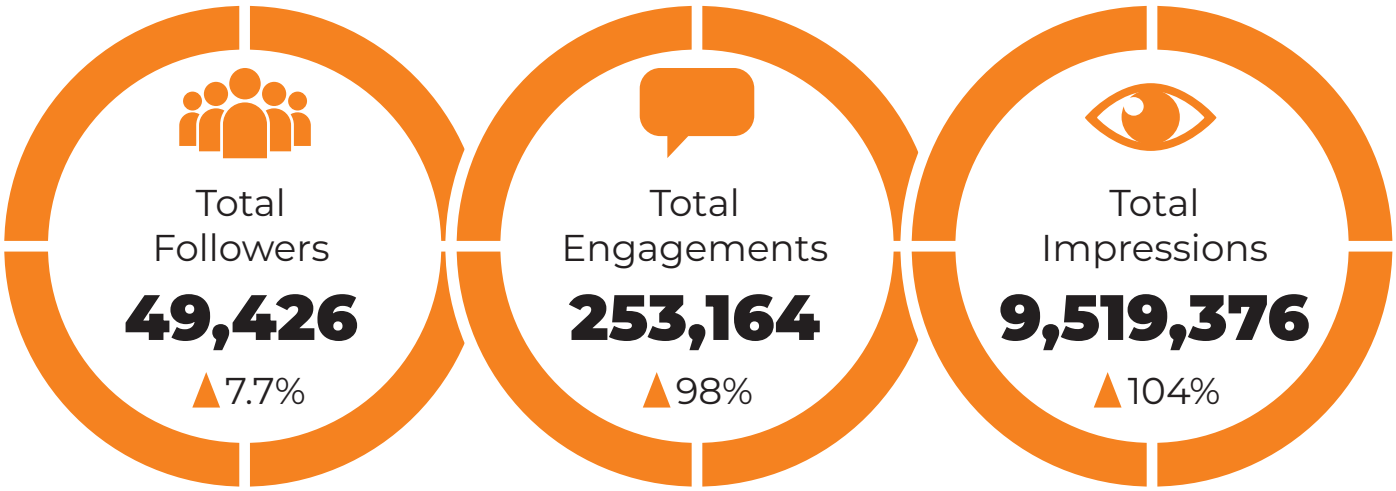
- Mentors: **39**
- Participants: **183**
- Total participants: **222**

WBCA CONVENTION
PHOENIX • 2026

MENTOR MADNESS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Total followers, engagements, and impressions across the three main social media platforms all grew again during the 2025–26 association year. Overall followers rose to **49,426** (+7.7%), engagements climbed to **253,164** (+98%), and impressions reached a record **9.52 million** (+104%). The overall engagement rate was **2.7%**, which remains within the healthy industry benchmark of 1–5%. This demonstrates that WBCA content continues to resonate with audiences, strengthening brand visibility, deepening credibility, and fostering meaningful relationships with our community.



WBCA gained over **3,500** new followers across all platforms this year, with Instagram leading growth at nearly **1,930**.

Engagements rose **98%** with an overall engagement rate of **2.7%**, solidly within industry benchmarks.

Total impressions climbed to **9.5 million**, a **104%** increase, expanding WBCA's visibility across the basketball community.

FACEBOOK

Followers
8,034
Engagements
73,060
Engagement Rate
3.5%
Video Views
234,670
Impressions
2,109,790

INSTAGRAM

Followers
9,552
Engagements
78,568
Engagement Rate
1.4%
Instagram Reel Video Views
230,643
Impressions
5,539,266

X

Followers
29,210
Engagements
100,554
Engagement Rate
5.4%
Video Views
100,501
Impressions
1,857,648

SOURCE: Sprout Social and Meta Business Suite

AWARDS

The WBCA continues to operate the most extensive recognition program of any coaches association presenting 17 different awards or honors to more than 700 individuals and teams each year.

2026 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



UCLA head coach Cori Close raises the WBCA Coaches' Trophy crystal ball after the Bruins won their first NCAA Division I national championship. UCLA women's basketball previously won the 1978 AIAW National Large College Baskeball Championship.

NCAA Division II
School: Grand Valley State University
Head Coach: Mike Williams

NCAA Division III
School: Denison University
Head Coach: Maureen "Mo" Hirt

NAIA
School: Marian University (Indiana)
Head Coach: Suntana Anderson

NCCAA Division I
School: College of the Ozarks
Head Coach: Becky Mullis

NCCAA Division II
School: Crown College
Head Coach: David Pederson

USCAA Division I
School: Bloomfield College
Head Coach: Anthony Green

USCAA Division II
School: Central Maine Community College
Head Coach: Andrew Morong

NJCAA Division I
School: Eastern Arizona College
Head Coach: Angelica de Paulo

NJCAA Division II
School: Pima Community College
Head Coach: Todd Holthaus

NJCAA Division III
School: Minnesota West Community & Technical College
Head Coach: Rosalie Hayenga-Hostikka

AWARDS
ASSOCIATION-WIDE

BETTY F. JAYNES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

C. Vivian Stringer has one of the most recognizable names in college basketball. She built an illustrious legacy highlighted by countless unforgettable moments through a tireless work ethic and desire for excellence. A pioneer, visionary and leader during her 50 years of success in the sport, Stringer compiled a career record of 1055-426, which ranks sixth all-time among NCAA women's basketball coaching victories.

Stringer transformed three programs into national title contenders. She guided teams to 28 of the 40 NCAA tournaments, including 10-straight from 2003 to 2012. She was the first coach in men's or women's basketball history to take three different schools to the Final Four (Cheyney in 1982, Iowa in 1993, and Rutgers in 2000 and 2007).

Stringer also tested herself in the international arena. Under her leadership, U.S. national teams won a silver medal in the 1984 World University Games in Kobe, Japan; a gold medal in the 1989 FIBA World Championship for Women Americas Qualifier in Sao Paulo, Brazil; and a bronze medal in the 1991 Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba. She was an assistant coach with the gold-medal winning 2004 U.S. Olympic Team in Athens, Greece.

Stringer was one of 12 coaches who met in July 1981 during the Olympic Trials in Syracuse, New York, to discuss the formation of a professional association for coaches of women's basketball and agreed to form the WBCA. She remained an active member of the association she helped found through her retirement from coaching in 2022.

"C. Vivian Stringer is a pioneer and giant in our game. She represents so many ideals on which our game stands today," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "Vivian is a competitor. She is meticulous. She has a deep passion for her student-athletes and has fully answered her calling to use basketball as her platform to transform lives.

"She is the prominent example for our Black coaches, and her success has inspired future generations of coaches and student-athletes. She is a founding pillar of the WBCA, and our association is thankful for her many contributions on the court and as a leader to her peers. I am also grateful to have worked with Vivian and for all she has taught me."

Stringer has been inducted into 12 halls of fame, including the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001, the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame and the Sport in Society Hall of Fame in 2005, the University of Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame and International Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 2006, and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009. She won numerous coach of the year awards throughout her career, including being named WBCA NCAA Division I Coach of the Year by her peers in 1988 and 1993. The WBCA also presented her with the Carol Eckman Award in 1993.



C. VIVIAN STRINGER
Retired Coach (Cheyney State, Iowa, Rutgers)

A native of Edenborn, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Slippery Rock University, Stringer and the late William D. Stringer have three children — David, Janine and Justin — and two grandchildren — Dayton and Ryker.

"I am honored to receive the Betty F. Jaynes Lifetime Achievement Award from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association," said Stringer. "I was one of 12 college women's basketball coaches who met in July 1981 and agreed to form the WBCA. Now, 45 years later, I am grateful to be recognized in this manner by the association of coaches that I helped found.

"I had the great fortune to coach the sport I love for over 50 years, to mentor hundreds of young women who played for me, to teach them to respect themselves and each other, and to set them on their own journeys to success. That is my lifetime achievement because that — more than the victories, more than the championships, more than anything else — is what it means to be coach."

AWARDS

ASSOCIATION-WIDE

CAROL ECKMAN INTEGRITY IN COACHING AWARD



MARK CAMPBELL
Head Coach/Union University

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR



KRISTIN HUGHES
Director of Athletics/Smith College

MEL GREENBERG NATIONAL MEDIA AWARD



RICK NIXON
NCAA administrator (retired)

MEL GREENBERG REGIONAL MEDIA AWARD



JEFF METCALFE
Sportswriter

AWARDS

ASSOCIATION-WIDE (cont'd)



Rachel Balzer, Longwood University
Octavia Barnes, Texas State University
Maggie Berigan, McDaniel College
Daejah Bernard, Arizona State University
Victor Chavarin, Sierra Pacific High School
Cydni Cole, Roanoke College
Paige Corkins, American University
Sydney-Anne Cottrell, University of Alabama
Princess Davis, University of North Texas
Kathleen Doyle, DePaul University
Armando Dunn, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Alex Frazier, University of Denver
Elizabeth Fruendt, University of Missouri
Alexa Golden, Kent State University
Shayna Gore, Youngstown State University
Janelle Harrison, United States Military Academy West Point
Jordynn Hernandez, University of Colorado
Terran Hoyt, Oklahoma State University
Christine Mabry, Dickinson College
Katelyn McCann, Bowdoin College
Hannah McGlone, Winona State University
Mannie Robinson, Illinois State University
Ty Rozier, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Caleb Samson, Syracuse University
Kietta Saunders, Indiana State University
Sydney Shelton, Lipscomb University
Brooke Swift, Johns Hopkins University
Emry Tsitouris, Lenoir-Rhyne University
Madi Wallace, Evangel University
Meagan Woodward, Eastern Oklahoma State
Megan Yawman, Carnegie Mellon University
Shelby Zoeckler, Cleveland State University

AWARDS

ASSOCIATION-WIDE (cont'd)



The WBCA Victory Club recognizes member head coaches who reach milestones of 200, 300, 400, 500 or more career victories on a single level of competition (club, high school, college, pro) during the season just ended. Victories at different levels of competition cannot be combined. Victory Club honorees receive a plaque commemorating their milestone. Member head coaches are encouraged to submit or ask their sports communications professional (SID) to submit on their behalf their Victory Club milestones at WBCA.org/awards/victory-club.

Here are the 2025-26 Victory Club honorees. The date listed is the date the milestone was achieved.

1000 wins
Dave Stricklin, Umpqua Community College, 1/19/2026

800 wins
Mark Campbell, Union University, 3/13/26
Bill Fennelly, Iowa State University, 3/19/2025
Gina Johnson, San Joaquin Delta College, 1/16/2026
Mike Miller, Messiah University, 2/2/2026

700 wins
Jim Brown, Jackson County High School, 1/10/2026
Russ Davis, Vanguard University, 12/4/2025
Brian Niemuth, Simpson College, 12/30/2025
Fred Richter, DeSales University, 2/27/2026
David Smalley, University of Rio Grande, 2/27/2025
Lisa Stone, Washington University (St. Louis), 2/15/2026

600 wins
Steve DiPatri, Wildwood Catholic Academy, 12/21/2025
Jeannie Hebert-Truax, Wasilla High School, 2/1/2025
Robin Pingeton, University of Wisconsin, 3/22/2026
Jim Scheible, University of Rochester, 1/18/2026

500 wins
Keith Boucher, Keene State College, 1/21/2026
Tricia Cullop, University of Miami, 1/1/2026
Rick Insell, Middle Tennessee State, 1/23/2026
Kevin McGuff, Ohio State University, 2/5/2026
Kevin Pederson, Coastal Carolina University, 12/29/25
Kerry Phayre, Assumption University, 12/13/2025
Chanda Rigby, Troy University, 1/28/2026
Dawn Staley, South Carolina, 2/14/2026
Jeff Walz, University of Louisville, 14/2026

400 wins
Courtney Banghart, University of North Carolina, 2/12/2026
Brian Crichlow, Mt. San Antonio College, 11/12/2025
Kellie Harper, University of Missouri, 11/29/2025
Kellie Kennedy, Loyola University New Orleans, 1/31/2026
Felisha Legette-Jack, Syracuse University, 11/4/2025
Carrie Lohr, Wayne State University, 12/9/2025
Rick Pietri, Jacksonville State University, 1/25/2025
Brady Sallee, Ball State University, 3/15/2025

300 wins
Shawn Reed, Tabor College, 1/21/2026
Jennie Baranczyk, University of Oklahoma, 11/30/2025
Lisa Fortier, Gonzaga University, 1/2/2026
Mike Mincey, Carson-Newman University, 1/21/2026
Stephanie Yelton, University of West Florida, 3/1/2025
Brad Fischer, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 1/7/2026
Jordan Olufson, Webster University, 11/19/2025
Leigh Marshall, Palomar Community College, 3/1/2025

200 wins
Mike McGuire, Radford University, 12/18/2025
Veronica Nolt, Elizabethtown College, 2/21/2026
Casey Thousand, Northern Michigan University, 2/14/2026

AWARDS

NCAA DIVISION I

COACH OF THE YEAR



SHEA RALPH
Vanderbilt University

Spalding Maggie Dixon
ROOKIE COACH OF THE YEAR



KATIE KUESTER
United States Military Academy West Point

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR
presented by Aflac



KEVIN DEMILLE
Vanderbilt University

COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Cori Close, University of California, Los Angeles
Jan Jensen, University of Iowa
Mark Kellogg, West Virginia University
Kara Lawson, Duke University
Shea Ralph, Vanderbilt University
Lindsay Smith-Edmonds, Rice University
Dawn Staley, University of South Carolina
Carly Thibault-DuDonis, Fairfield University

AWARDS

NCAA DIVISION I (cont'd)

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



HANNAH HIDALGO
University of Notre Dame

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
presented by adidas



JAZZY DAVIDSON
University of Southern California

WADE TROPHY



SARAH STRONG
University of Connecticut

COACHES' ALL-AMERICA

Lauren Betts, University of California, Los Angeles
Mikayla Blakes, Vanderbilt University
Madison Booker, University of Texas
Jaloni Cambridge, Ohio State University
Joyce Edwards, University of South Carolina
Azzi Fudd, University of Connecticut
Hannah Hidalgo, University of Notre Dame
Raven Johnson, University of South Carolina
Olivia Miles, Texas Christian University
Sarah Strong, University of Connecticut

AWARDS

NCAA DIVISION I (cont'd)

HONORABLE MENTION
COACHES' ALL-AMERICA

Raegan Beers, University of Oklahoma
Zoe Brooks, North Carolina State University
Aaliyah Chavez, University of Oklahoma
Shay Ciezki, Indiana University
Audi Crooks, Iowa State University
Jaliya Davis, University of Kansas
Maggie Doogan, University of Richmond
Gabby Elliott, Arizona State University
Toby Fournier, Duke University
Micah Gray, Oklahoma State University
Rori Harmon, University of Texas
Jordan Harrison, West Virginia University
Ava Heiden, University of Iowa
Uche Izoje, Syracuse University
Ashlon Jackson, Duke University
Flau'jae Johnson, Louisiana State University
Kymora Johnson, University of Virginia
Ta'Niya Latson, University of South Carolina
Darianna Littlepage-Buggs, Baylor University
Taina Mair, Duke University
Bailey Maupin, Texas Tech University
Liv McGill, University of Florida
Cotie McMahon, University of Mississippi
Brooklyn Meyer, South Dakota State University
Mia Moore, Clemson University
S'Mya Nichols, University of Kansas
Oluchi Okananwa, University of Maryland
Olivia Olson, University of Michigan
Khamil Pierre, North Carolina State University
Kiki Rice, University of California, Los Angeles
Taliah Scott, Baylor University
Sayvia Sellers, University of Washington
Hannah Stuelke, University of Iowa
Marta Suarez, Texas Christian University
Syla Swords, University of Michigan
Riley Weiss, Columbia University
Carleigh Wenzel, Virginia Tech
Jada Williams, Iowa State University

ACADEMIC TOP 25
TEAM HONOR ROLL

Rank, Institution, Head Coach, Team GPA

1. Green Bay, Kayla Karius, 3.965
2. North Dakota St., Jory Collins, 3.926
3. UAlbany, Colleen Mullen, 3.826
4. Youngstown St., Melissa Jackson, 3.820
5. Chattanooga, Deandra Schirmer, 3.807
6. Western Ill., JD Gravina, 3.785
7. Maine, Amy Vachon, 3.777
8. Texas Tech, Krista Gerlich, 3.769
9. South Dakota St., Aaron Johnston, 3.762
10. Washington St., Kamie Ethridge, 3.759
11. Montana St., Tricia Binford, 3.757
12. South Dakota, Carrie Eighmey, 3.754
13. Iowa State, Bill Fennelly, 3.749
14. Saint Peter's, Jennifer Leedham, 3.741
15. Eastern Wash., Joddie Gleason, 3.735
16. Cincinnati, Katrina Merriweather, 3.714
17. Drake, Allison Pohlman, 3.707
18. Milwaukee, Kyle Rechlicz, 3.699
19. Fairfield, Carly Thibault-DuDonis, 3.698
20. Cleveland St., Chris Kielsmeier, 3.693
21. Utah Valley, Dan Nielson, 3.677
22. Middle Tenn., Rick Insell, 3.674
T23. Toledo, Ginny Boggess, 3.664
T23. Lipscomb, Lauren Sumski, 3.664
T25. Davidson, Gayle Fulks, 3.651
T25. Kansas, Brandon Schneider, 3.651

SPECIAL MENTION

Northern Ky., Jeff Hans, 3.650
Portland, Michael Meek, 3.648
American, Kelly Killion, 3.647
Virginia Tech, Megan Duffy, 3.643
BYU, Lee Cummard, 3.639
Rice, Lindsay Edmonds, 3.634
Drexel, Amy Mallon, 3.628
Illinois, Shauna Green, 3.624
Boise St., Gordy Presnell, 3.623
Saint Joseph's, Cindy Griffin, 3.618
Louisiana Tech, Brooke Stoehr, 3.615
George Mason, Vanessa Blair-Lewis, 3.612
Wisconsin, Robin Pingeton, 3.611

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ACADEMIC TOP 25
SPECIAL MENTION

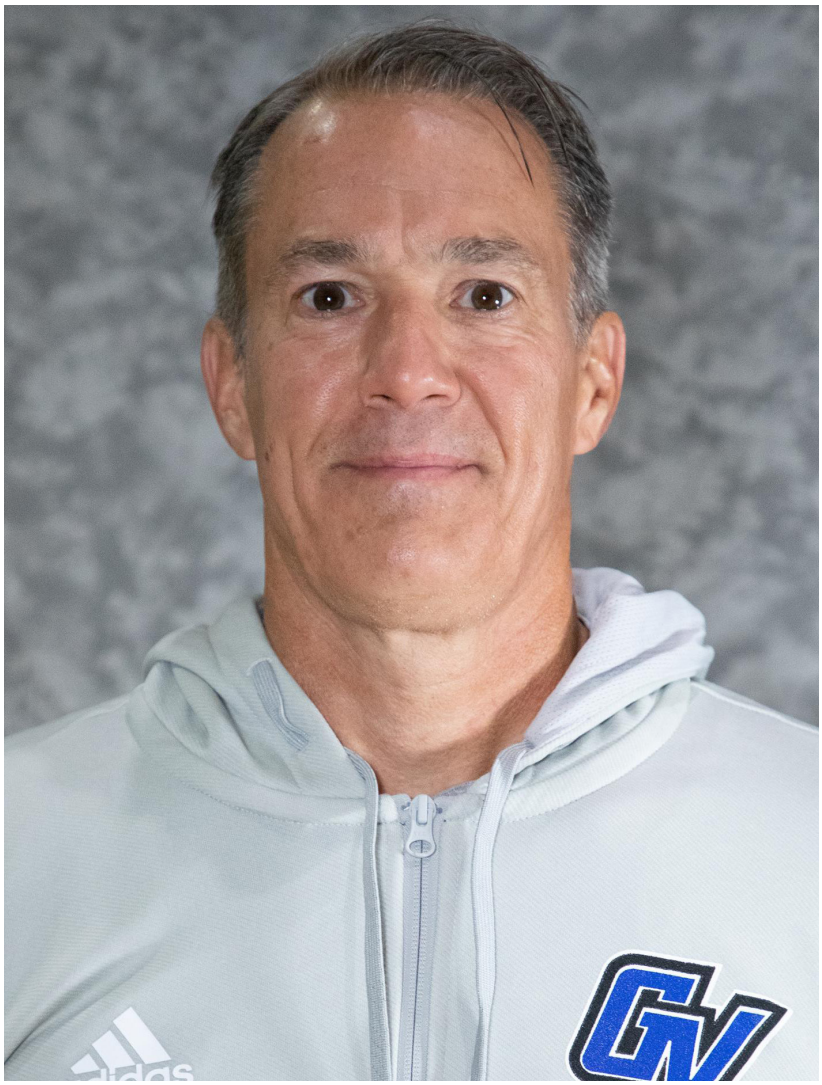
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UCLA, Cori Close, 3.610
ETSU, Brenda Mock Brown, 3.606
UNI, Tanya Warren, 3.606
Stonehill, Trisha Brown, 3.605
Kent St., Fran Recchia, 3.602
SIUE, Samantha Smith, 3.599
Abilene Christian, Julie Goodenough, 3.597
Marshall, Juli Fulks, 3.597
Purdue Fort Wayne, Maria Marchesano, 3.590
Wright St., Kari Hoffman, 3.588
Evansville, Robyn Scherr, 3.586
Eastern Mich., Sahar Nusseibeh, 3.585
Tennessee Tech, Kim Rosamond, 3.583
Wichita St., Terry Nooner, 3.581
Lafayette, Kia Damon-Olsen, 3.580
Villanova, Denise Dillon, 3.580
Minnesota, Dawn Plitzuweit, 3.577
Iona, Angelika Szumilo, 3.574
Marist, Erin Doughty, 3.572
Gardner-Webb, Terri Williams, 3.571
Northern Colo., Kristen Mattio, 3.568
Dayton, Tamika Jeter, 3.553
Missouri, Kellie Harper, 3.553
Rhode Island, Tammi Reiss, 3.549
Bowling Green, Fred Chmiel, 3.548
Santa Clara, Loree Payne, 3.548
DePaul, Jill M. Pizzotti, 3.545
NJIT, Mike Lane, 3.537
Wyoming, Heather Ezell, 3.534
North Texas, Jason Burton, 3.528
Ga. Southern, Hana Haden, 3.527
NIU, Jacey Brooks, 3.526
East Texas A&M, Valerie King, 3.525
Michigan St., Robyn Fralick, 3.523
Wake Forest, Megan Gebbia, 3.522
Arizona St., Molly Miller, 3.518
St. Bonaventure, Jim Crowley, 3.516
Loyola Maryland, Danielle O'Banion, 3.514
UC Santa Barbara, Renee Jimenez, 3.508
Manhattan, Heather Vulin, 3.506
South Carolina, Dawn Staley, 3.506
West Georgia, Joanna Reitz, 3.502
Lehigh, Addie Micir, 3.500
Temple, Diane Richardson, 3.494
Longwood, Erika Lang-Montgomery, 3.493
Colorado St., Ryun Williams, 3.492
East Carolina, Kimberly McNeill, 3.484
Florida St., Brooke Wyckoff, 3.481
Texas, Vic Schaefer, 3.479
Detroit Mercy, Kiefer Haffey, 3.476
UAB, Randy Norton, 3.474
Fla. Atlantic, LeAnn Freeland, 3.469
UC Irvine, Tamara Inoue, 3.456
Creighton, Jim Flanery, 3.453
Oregon St., Scott Rueck, 3.450
Liberty, Alexis Sherard, 3.443
North Carolina, Courtney Banghart, 3.442
Kentucky, Kenny Brooks, 3.436
St. John's, Joe Tartamella, 3.430
Princeton, Carla Berube, 3.428
South Fla., Michele Woods-Baxter, 3.428
Nebraska, Amy Williams, 3.426
Utah, Gavin Petersen, 3.421
Sacred Heart, Jessica Mannetti, 3.421
Ohio St., Kevin McGuff, 3.406
Bradley, Kate Popovec-Goss, 3.402
Tulsa, Angie Nelp, 3.393
Louisville, Jeff Walz, 3.374
Notre Dame, Niele Ivey, 3.373
Penn, Mike McLaughlin, 3.371
Harvard, Carrie Moore, 3.370
South Alabama, Yolisha Jackson, 3.365
Duke, Kara Lawson, 3.354
Hofstra, Danielle Santos Atkinson, 3.350
Marquette, Cara Consuegra, 3.349
Stony Brook, Joy McCorvey, 3.339
Columbia, Megan Griffith, 3.334
Washington, Tina Langley, 3.331
UT Martin, Kevin McMillan, 3.330
Vanderbilt, Shea Ralph, 3.328
Akron, Ryan Gensler, 3.323
Southeastern La., Jeffrey Dow, 3.306
Belmont, Bart Brooks, 3.301
Xavier, Billi Chambers, 3.298
Seton Hall, Anthony Bozzella, 3.297
Tennessee, Kim Caldwell, 3.285
Yale, Dalila Eshe, 3.269
Rider, Jackie Hartzell, 3.259
Elon, Charlotte Smith, 3.257
Charlotte, Tomekia Reed, 3.247
California, Charmin Smith, 3.244
Rutgers, Coquese Washington, 3.243
Portland St., Karlie Burris, 3.234
UNC Asheville, Tynesha Lewis, 3.233
Southern California, Lindsay Gottlieb, 3.212
West Virginia, Mark Kellogg, 3.183
Baylor, Nicki Collen, 3.178
Mississippi, Yolett McPhee-McCuin, 3.176
Iowa, Jan Jensen, 3.171
Georgetown, Darnell Haney, 3.039

AWARDS

NCAA DIVISION II

COACH OF THE YEAR



MIKE WILLIAMS
Grand Valley State University

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR
presented by Aflac



AMY SANDER
Minnesota State University, Mankato

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



NATALIE BREMER
Minnesota State University, Mankato

COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Danelle Bishop, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Eric Jackson Jr., Edward Waters University
Beth Jillson, Texas Woman's University
Tierra Terry, Winston-Salem State University
Emilee Thiesse, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Emry Tsitouris, Lenoir-Rhyne University
Carolyn White, Bentley University
Mike Williams, Grand Valley State University

AWARDS

NCAA DIVISION II (cont'd)

COACHES' ALL-AMERICA

Natalie Bremer, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Asher Cai, Central Washington University
Taylor Hinkle, Holy Family University
Olivia Lee, Union University
Sydney Nelson, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Olivia Reed Thyne, Colorado Mesa University
Reese Schaaf, University of Central Missouri
Paige VanStee, Grand Valley State University
Talexa Weeter, Fort Hays State University
Lili Wilken, University of Alabama in Huntsville

HONORABLE MENTION

Nevaeh Asiasi, California State University, Los Angeles
Kennedy Chappell, Lubbock Christian University
Bri Claxon, Gannon University
Kamil Collier, Lincoln Memorial University
Kiara Croskey, Francis Marion University
Emma Egan, Eckerd College
Aaliyah El, Lenoir-Rhyne University
Gabby Elliott, Texas Woman's University
Madeline Evans, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Tatum Forbes, Saint Anselm College
Sydney Gomes, Florida Southern College
Olivia Hodges, Western Washington University
Mia Kalich, Seton Hill University
Erin Kaufman, Malone University
Bergan Kinnebrew, University of Mary
Averee Kleinhans, Texas Woman's University
Ieva Korzane, Eckerd College
Grace Lesko, Mercy University
Brooke Loewe, Fort Hays State University
Amyah Moore-Allen, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Niya Morgen, Bentley University
Caroline Mullins, University of Virginia College at Wise
Izzy Navarro, Point Loma Nazarene University
Mara Rieder, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Abbie Smith, Concord University
Maeve St. John, Northwood University
Rheyna Steinauer, Southern Connecticut State University
Taylor Thompson, Wayne State University
Shawnteanna Tillman, Coker University
Nyshae' Weaver, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

ACADEMIC TOP 25

TEAM HONOR ROLL

Rank, Institution, Head Coach, Team GPA

1. Mercy, Scott Lagas, 3.853
2. Fla. Southern, Megan Dzikas, 3.849
3. Embry-Riddle (FL), Lisa Wilson, 3.841
4. Northwestern Okla., Tasha Diesselhorst, 3.826
5. East Stroudsburg, Liz Flooks, 3.825
6. Southwest Minn. St., Tom Webb, 3.811
7. Colorado Mesa, Taylor Wagner, 3.797
8. Goldey-Beacom, Bethann Burke, 3.790
9. Fort Hays St., Talia Kahrs, 3.787
10. Harding, Tim Kirby, 3.776
11. Lubbock Christian, Steve Gomez, 3.775
12. Northwood, Autumn Hunter, 3.772
13. Maryville, Brita Hand, 3.770
14. Southern N.H., Karen Pinkos, 3.759
15. MSU Moorhead, Karla Nelson, 3.757
16. Gannon, Cleve Wright, 3.755
T17. Northern Mich., Casey Thousand, 3.752
T17. Point Loma, Charity Elliott, 3.752
19. Upper Iowa, Justin Maass, 3.740
20. Sioux Falls, Travis Traphagen, 3.732
21. Northern St., Paula Krueger, 3.730
22. Ouachita Baptist, Nick Long, 3.729
23. St. Cloud St., Lori Fish, 3.726
24. McKendree, Kari Kerkhoff, 3.724
25. Malone, Selana Ickes, 3.716

SPECIAL MENTION

Central Mo., Dave Slifer, 3.710
Post, Courtney Burns, 3.705
Texas Woman's, Beth Jillson, 3.703
Lee, Marty Rowe, 3.686
Mont. St. Billings, Kevin Woodin, 3.683
Northwest Mo. St., Austin Meyer, 3.680
Tampa, Tom Jessee, 3.678
Barry, Allison Bustamante, 3.674
Kutztown, Janet Malouf, 3.673
Cal Poly Pomona, Danelle Bishop, 3.669
Georgian Court, Jazz Perazic, 3.667
Ferris St., Kurt Westendorp, 3.661
Eckerd, Paul Honsinger, 3.661
Rockhurst, Larry Park, 3.655
Chaminade, J. Travis Brewster, 3.653

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NCAA DIVISION II (cont'd)

ACADEMIC TOP 25
SPECIAL MENTION

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Ill. Springfield, Olivia Birt, 3.651
Carson-Newman, Mike Mincey, 3.643
Ashland, Kari Pickens, 3.640
UVA Wise, Jamie Cluesman, 3.638
Davenport, Shonda Sanders, 3.628
Winona St., Ana Wurtz, 3.628
Menlo, Shannon Spataro, 3.617
Truman St., Theo Dean, 3.616
Tex. A&M-Kingsville, Michael Madrid, 3.615
Black Hills St., Kelly Kruger, 3.597
Wis.-Parkside, Jen Conely, 3.596
West Liberty, Kyle Cooper, 3.591
Fairmont St., Stephanie Anderson, 3.587
Chestnut Hill, Megan Fox, 3.585
Pace, Carrie Seymour, 3.579
Saginaw Valley, Jenny Pruett, 3.577
D'Youville, Kelly Broderick, 3.572
Drury, Kaci Bailey, 3.568
St. Mary's (TX), Valerie Huizar, 3.551
Edinboro, Callie Wheeler, 3.549
USC Aiken, Brittany Batts, 3.546
Bentley, Carolyn White, 3.532
Wayne St. (MI), Carrie Lohr, 3.528
Bridgeport, James Howard, 3.521
Minnesota St., Emilee Thiesse, 3.513
Mary, Rick Neumann, 3.510
Shepherd, Julie Kaufman, 3.506
Cal St. East Bay, Jenny Thigpin, 3.482
Okla. Baptist, Bo Overton, 3.461
Kentucky St., Amani Williams, 3.460
Wingate, Ann Hancock, 3.422
Newman, Amy Briggs, 3.408
Mount Olive, Joey Higginbotham, 3.407
UC Merced, Kellie Bernard, 3.404
Assumption, Kerry Phayre, 3.403
Cal St. Monterey Bay, Sarah Hopkins-Chery, 3.363
Hillsdale, Brianna Brennan, 3.329
Cal State LA, Torino Johnson, 3.308
Union, Mark Campbell, 3.269
Emory & Henry, Jaclyn Dickens, 3.255
Cal St. San Marcos, Jana Pearson, 3.191
Valdosta St., Chandler Merkerson, 3.189
Augusta, Celeste Stewart, 3.039

WBCA-D2CIDA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The WBCA and the NCAA Division II Sports Information Directors Association (D2CIDA) partner to present the WBCA-D2CIDA Player of the Week award.

Nov. 18, 2025 – Caroline Mullins, 5-10, Sophomore, UVA Wise
Nov. 25, 2025 – Olivia Hodges, Senior, Western Washington
Dec. 3, 2025 – Natalie Bremer, 5-11, Senior, Minnesota State
Dec. 9, 2025 – Bridie McCann, 5-6, Junior, Nova Southeastern
Dec. 16, 2025 – Kiley Dyrlund, 6-0, Senior, Walsh
Jan. 6, 2026 – Erin Whalen, 5-10, Valdosta State
Jan. 13, 2026 – Aliyah Hawkins, 5-7, Fr., King
Jan. 20, 2026 – Eliana Sheplee, 5-10, R-Fr., Embry-Riddle
Jan. 27, 2026 – Heidi Robinson, 5-9, Sr., Ouachita Baptist
Feb. 3, 2026 – Reese Schaaf, 5-11, Sr., Central Missouri
Feb. 10, 2026 – Bergan Kinnebrew, 5-11, Jr., UMary
Feb. 17, 2026 – Izzy Moore, 5-10, Sr., Northern State
Feb. 24, 2026 – Kira Bass, Northwestern Oklahoma State

AWARDS
NCAA DIVISION III

COACH OF THE YEAR



MEG BARBER
New York University

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR
presented by Aflac



ANNIE BARRETT
New York University

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



CAROLINE PEPER
New York University

COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Meg Barber, New York University
Michelle Bilek, University of Chicago
Kelly Dunne, Nazareth University
Brittney Kemp, Washington and Lee University
Brad Fischer, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Lynn Hersey, Smith College
Maureen Hirt, Denison University
Alison Montgomery, Bates College
Benjamin O'Brien, University of Scranton
Kendra Whitehead, Hardin-Simmons University

AWARDS

NCAA DIVISION III (cont'd)

COACHES' ALL-AMERICA

Natalie Bruns, New York University
Kacie Carollo, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Tova Gelb, Vassar College
Lauren Huber, Illinois Wesleyan University
Sydney Jones, Bowdoin College
Ally Landau, Smith College
Belle Pellecchia, New York University
Kasey Schipfer, Ohio Wesleyan University
Mary Schleusner, Washington & Lee University
Zoë Tomlinson, Colorado College

HONORABLE MENTION

Alayna Arnolie, Gettysburg College
Korin Baker, Whitman College
Carolae Barton, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Grace Bezold, Hanover College
Jessica Brooks, Washington University in St. Louis
Elsa Daulerio, Bates College
Heaven Figueroa, Lehman College
Haley Franklin, Millsaps College
Bri Frongillo, Emerson College
Arianna Gerig, Williams College
Terese Greene, Shenandoah University
Abby Gress, University of Rochester
Natalie Gricius, Carroll University
Reese Harden, Messiah University
Lilly Hedge, Western New England University
Kate Herlihy, Rowan University
Emily Holland , McMurry University
Chinwe Irondi, Ursinus College
Catherine Kagey , Randolph-Macon College
Emma Kniefel, Gustavus Adolphus College
Rhe Nae Leach, Whittier College
McKenzie Matheny, Randolph-Macon College
Summer McNulty, Elizabethtown College
Madison Medbury , Rhode Island College
Kailee Mulkey, Texas Lutheran University
Alexa Mustafaj, Middlebury College
Bri O'Connor, Capital University
Catherine Or, Carnegie Mellon University
Caroline Peper, New York University
Olivia Rangel, Carroll University
Mackenzie Reigle, State University of New York at Geneseo
Caely Ressler, Baldwin Wallace University
Anna Scoblick, Catholic University
Raegan Sorensen, University of Wisconsin-Stout
Alexa Thomson, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Sidney Tomasso, St John Fisher University
Kayce Vaile, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Olivia Vick, Trinity College (CT)
Sidney Wagner, Trine University
Carly Whiteside, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

ACADEMIC TOP 25

TEAM HONOR ROLL

Rank, Institution, Head Coach, Team GPA

1. Neb. Wesleyan, Sydney Golladay, 3.897
2. Hamline, Joshua Hersch, 3.847
3. MIT, Lucia Robinson-Griggs, 3.846
4. Saint Benedict, Mike Durbin, 3.842
T5. St. Catherine, Donald Mulhern, 3.826
T5. Dubuque, Madeline Jansen, 3.826
7. SUNY Canton, Chris Klassen, 3.821
8. Albion, Doreen Carden, 3.815
9. Colorado Col., Katherine Auguste, 3.793
10. Emerson, Bill Gould, 3.784
11. Guilford, Sarah Mathews, 3.783
12. Messiah, Mike Miller, 3.782
13. Carthage, Megan Jones, 3.780
14. Shenandoah, Melissa Smeltzer-Kraft, 3.778
15. Gustavus Adolphus, Laurie Kelly, 3.777
16. Hardin-Simmons, Kendra Whitehead, 3.774
17. Smith, Lynn Hersey, 3.771
18. Thiel, Jessica Vormelker, 3.766
19. Baldwin Wallace, Cheri Harrer, 3.765
20. St. John Fisher, Sarah Cartmill, 3.764
21. Middlebury, KJ Krasco, 3.758
22. Wis.-Eau Claire, Tonja Englund, 3.757
23. Wis.-Stevens Point, Matt Hockett, 3.743
T24. Hope, Brian Morehouse, 3.738
T24. Trine, Andrew Rang, 3.738

SPECIAL MENTION

Mount Union, Suzy Venet Pietz, 3.737
Dickinson, Aby Diop, 3.737
Wis.-Oshkosh, Brad Fischer, 3.736
Chicago, Michelle Gardner-Bilek, 3.729
Bowdoin, Megan Phelps, 3.727
Johns Hopkins, Rodney Rogan, 3.721
Wash. & Lee, Brittney Kemp, 3.721
Wartburg, Bob Amsberry, 3.721
Williams, Pat Manning, 3.718
Trinity, Maria Williamson, 3.709
WashU, Lisa Stone, 3.708
Redlands, Rich Murphy, 3.705
Huelsman, Mark Huelsman, 3.704
Cedar Crest, Jason Rhine, 3.700
Widener, Alisa Kintner, 3.695

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NCAA DIVISION III (cont'd)

ACADEMIC TOP 25
SPECIAL MENTION

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Concordia-M'head, Kim Wagers, 3.691
Manhattanville, Kate Vlahakis, 3.689
Benedictine, Oliver Wiseman, 3.688
Buena Vista, Kylee Boettcher, 3.688
Houghton, Phil Pellegrino, 3.683
CWRU, Jennifer Reimer, 3.677
Husson, Kissy Walker, 3.674
NYU, Meg Barber, 3.673
Elizabethtown, Veronica Nolt, 3.672
Otterbein, Diana Noles, 3.671
SUNY Plattsburgh, Ben Sarraf, 3.669
Susquehanna, Gabrielle Holko, 3.662
Carnegie Mellon, Kathy McConnell-Miller, 3.662
Marywood, Tara Macciocco, 3.660
UW-Stout, Samantha Clayton, 3.647
Wis.-River Falls, Shelby Lyman, 3.646
Ohio Wesleyan, Cody Hartzler, 3.644
Oberlin, Stephany Dunmyer, 3.642
Occidental, Anahit Aladzhanyan, 3.641
Waynesburg, Sam Jones, 3.638
La Verne, Anthony Mason, 3.637
John Carroll, Elizabeth Andrews, 3.634
St. Norbert, Amanda Perry, 3.632
Lawrence, Riley Woldt, 3.627
Elmira, Thad Phillips, 3.625
William Paterson, Erin Monahan, 3.622
Illinois Wesleyan, Mia Smith, 3.620
Luther, Amanda Bailey, 3.618
Simpson, Brian Niemuth, 3.611
Manchester, Josh Dzurick, 3.608
Chatham, David Saur, 3.605
Bryn Mawr, Carla Coleman, 3.601
Utica, Allison Coleman, 3.599
Macalester, AD Donovan, 3.597
Claremont-M-S, Chanel Murchison, 3.596
Penn College, Britni Mohney, 3.589
Denison, Maureen Hirt, 3.589
Wis.-Platteville, Kelly McNiff, 3.589
SUNY Brockport, Corinne Jones, 3.585
Bard, Alaina Walker, 3.583
Moravian, Mary Beth Spirk, 3.580
Calvin, Mark Christner, 3.578
Suffolk, Ed Leyden, 3.577
Stevens, Megan Haughey, 3.575
Penn St. Harrisburg, Ross Patrick, 3.573
RIT, Melissa Kuberka, 3.571
Emory, Misha Jackson, 3.571
Randolph-Macon, Lindsey Burke, 3.570
Gallaudet, Stephanie Stevens, 3.567
Chris. Newport, Bill Broderick, 3.563
Kenyon, Mary Corbett, 3.563
UMN-Morris, Tim Grove, 3.556
Yeshiva, Orri Cohen, 3.542
Alfred, Michael Moskowitz, 3.541
Caltech, Madison Quan, 3.54
Hunter, John Garrett, 3.534
Bethany Lutheran, Emma Purfeerst, 3.532
Salisbury, Aprile Guy, 3.531
DePauw, Kristin Huffman, 3.531
Marietta, Jenna Andersen, 3.531
Lakeland, Ashley Lona, 3.530
Arcadia, Diane Decker, 3.529
Edgewood, Kole Vivian, 3.528
Buffalo St., Scott Foster, 3.520
Wooster, Olivia Besancon, 3.513
Catholic, Matt Donohue, 3.509
Chapman, Carol Jue, 3.502
Marian (WI), Josh Ward, 3.502
Ursinus, Bobbi Morgan, 3.498
Regis, Samantha Crough, 3.494
Mary Washington, Deena Applebury, 3.489
Rochester, James Scheible, 3.482
Roger Williams, Kelly Thompson, 3.481
Anderson (IN), Jon Gin, 3.479
Colby-Sawyer, Tim Viola, 3.471
Westminster, Rosanne Scott, 3.465
McDaniel, Christin Gowan, 3.458
Rhode Island Col., Jenna Cosgrove, 3.451
Lehman, Eric Harrison, 3.451
Principia, Ramiro Dominguez, 3.444
Franklin & Marshall, Brianna Spector, 3.429
Illinois Tech, Carissa Sain, 3.426
Gettysburg, Nate Davis, 3.425
Eastern Conn. St., Mandy King, 3.423
Kalamazoo, Ryan Clark, 3.422
Ozarks, Seth McDowell, 3.421
Babson, Kate Barnosky, 3.415
Immaculata, Brittany Whalen, 3.411
Webster, Jordan Olufson, 3.405
St. Mary's (MD), LaTanya Collins, 3.401
Coe, Kayla Waskow, 3.400
Mt. St. Mary (NY), Marion Dietz, 3.393
Capital, Camille McPherson, 3.390
Central (IA), Justin Weiland, 3.366
DeSales, Fred Richter, 3.364
Willamette, Peg Swadener, 3.320
Stevenson, Jackie Boswell, 3.318
Mount Aloysius, Brian Giesler, 3.281
Hendrix, Wes Sullivan, 3.259
Gordon, Carter Shaw, 3.218
Keuka, Paige Emborsky, 3.211
Millsaps, Jeffery Wilbur, 3.189
UMPI, Mark Knight, 3.188

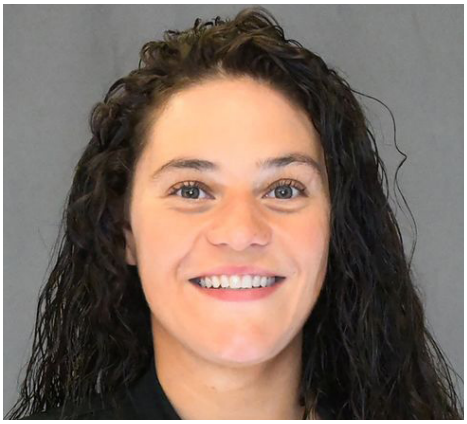
NAIA AWARDS

COACH OF THE YEAR



LAUREN GLENN
Olivet Nazarene University

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR
presented by Aflac



TERRAN DUNCAN
Lindsey Wilson University

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



ABBEY MCNALLY
Marian University (Indiana)

COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Jessica Case, Hope International University
Joshua Epperson, Southeastern University
Lauren Glenn, Olivet Nazarene University
David Smalley, University of Rio Grande
Michael Sons, Nelson University
Madi Wallace, Evangel University

AWARDS

NAIA (cont'd)

COACHES' ALL-AMERICA

Mikee Buchanan, Bethel University (Tennessee)
Semaj Clark, Milligan University
Taylor Covington, Indiana Institute of Technology
Marlee Grinstead, University of Rio Grande
Micah Hart, Bethel University (Tennessee)
Abbey McNally, Marian University (Indiana)
Alissa O'Dell, Loyola University New Orleans
Tatum Schmerbach, Oregon Institute of Technology
Heaven Shockley, Evangel University
Paige Shockley, Rocky Mountain College

HONORABLE MENTION

Willa Albrecht, Carroll College
Sitara Byrd, Lewis-Clark State College
Ashley Dickey, University of Tennessee Southern
Carson Dillard, Evangel University
Taylor Farris, Indiana University East
Grace Field, Southeastern University
Cassidy Hambelton, Evangel University
Whitney Hay, Campbellsville University
Zoe Kennedy, Clarke University
Ashtyn Klusmeyer, Columbia College (Missouri)
Emma Pedroza, Lourdes University
Tayton Smith, Tabor College
Ruthie Smith, Faulkner University
Emily Till, Arizona Christian University
Kaycie Warfel, Taylor University
Ashtyn Wobig, Northwestern College
Abigail Wolter, St. Ambrose University

ACADEMIC TOP 25

TEAM HONOR ROLL

Rank, Institution, Head Coach, Team GPA

1. Bethel (TN), Chris Nelson, 3.829
2. Hastings, Jina Douglas, 3.811
3. Tabor, Shawn Reed, 3.808
4. Southeastern, Joshua Epperson, 3.800
5. Grace, Dan Davis, 3.774
6. Grand View, Jasmine Stohr, 3.746
7. John Brown, Sydni Webb, 3.730
8. Lewis-Clark St., Caelyn Orlandi, 3.716
9. Indiana Tech, Jessica Biggs, 3.712
10. Ottawa (KS), Hunter Bondurant, 3.695
11. Carroll, Rachelle Sayers, 3.693
12. Taylor, Cassie Wiseman, 3.678
13. Culver-Stockton, Janette Burgin, 3.651
14. Indiana Kokomo, Lisa Pflueger, 3.649
15. Wayland Baptist, Jordan Vessels, 3.646
16. Providence (MT), William Himmelberg, 3.626
17. Embry-Riddle (AZ), Michael Trujillo, 3.616
18. Okla. Panhandle St., Maria Belt, 3.607
19. Central Methodist, Dustyn Yung, 3.601
20. Northwestern (IA), Chris Yaw, 3.598
21. Southern Ore., Carlotta Kloppenburg-Pruitt, 3.587
22. Columbia Col., Matthew Moore, 3.576
23. Pikeville, Clifton Williams, 3.452
24. Peru St., Mike Sybrant, 3.444
25. Truett McConnell, Tiek Fields, 3.404

SPECIAL MENTION

Hope International, Jessica Case, 3.352
Indiana East, Shawn Chaffin, 3.349
Our Lady of the Lake, Ryan Showman, 3.271
Shawnee St., DeWayne Burroughs, 3.122

AWARDS

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE

COACH OF THE YEAR



RUSS JACKSON
Daytona State College

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR
presented by Aflac



BETH TVEDT
Northland Community & Technical College

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



JADA GRAVES
New Mexico Junior College

COACHES' ALL-AMERICA

Ja'niya Broome, South Georgia Technical College
Mable Doumbia, Arizona Western College
Anonda Ford, Johnson County Community College
Jada Graves, New Mexico Junior College
Terryauna Griffin, Walters State Community College
Taliyah McFerson, Mt. San Antonio College
Katrina Schutz, Minnesota West Community & Technical College
Meredith Venner, Miami-Dade College
Amaya Williams, Lamar Community College
Aaliyah Youngblood, San Joaquin Delta College

AWARDS

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE (cont'd)

HONORABLE MENTION
COACHES' ALL-AMERICA

Mia Adams, Johnson County Community College
Mariam Alowonle, Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Sara Basaran, Collin County Community College
Madison Bob, Kilgore College
Cecilia Burruel, Cochise Community College
Jazmyne Bynum, Miami-Dade College
Mckenzie Dahl, Northland Community & Technical College
Breanna Dwyer, Central Maine Community College
Marissa Elizalde, Butte College
Esmeralda Enriquez, Eastern Arizona College
Cassidy Gladney, Pensacola State College
Malika Goutay, Cochise Community College
Ja'sani Green, Kilgore College
Jazmine Hansely, Odessa College
Hunter Hartsgrove, Central Maine Community College
Christaesha Jackson, Cypress College
Malaya Jones, Trinity Valley Community College
Maniya Kirksey, Northeast Mississippi Community College
Zainab Olalekan, Clarendon College
Jade Reese, Northland Community & Technical College
Armanda Sindalawa, Clarendon College
Jada Tupou, Folsom Lake College
Jaeden Williams, Daytona State College
Ana Zesati, Lamar Community College

ACADEMIC TOP 25
TEAM HONOR ROLL

Rank, Institution, Head Coach, Team GPA

1. Trinity Valley, Precious Ivy, 3.777
2. Colby, Darin Spence, 3.730
3. Folsom Lake, Ali Mollet, 3.659
4. Angelina, Addie Lees, 3.621
5. Minnesota West, Rosalie Hayenga, 3.581
6. Southern Nevada, Daniel Savage, 3.577
7. Northern Okla.-Enid, Michael Dominguez, 3.562
8. New Mexico JC, Austin Mefford, 3.548
9. Northeast Miss., Brian Middleton, 3.443
10. Taft, Romeo Lagmay, 3.406
11. Cypress, Brittany Imaku, 3.348
12. Southwestern Ore., Heather Weber, 3.329
13. San Joaquin Delta, Gina Johnon, 3.307
14. Lassen, Darren Turpin Jr., 3.271
15. Johnson County, Ben Conrad, 3.257
16. Iowa Western, Zach Loll, 3.216
17. Bakersfield, Grant Bingham, 3.127
18. Sacramento City, Caleb Theodore, 3.097

There were only 18 institutions eligible for ranking in the two-year college division.

AWARDS

HIGH SCHOOL

COACH OF THE YEAR



SUE PHILLIPS
Archbishop Mitty High School (San Jose, California)

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR
presented by Aflac



CELENA MILLER
Denver East High School (Colorado)

HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE-IN DAY

Each year the WBCA indentifies one day during its convention — typically Saturday — on which it offers scholastic coaches located within the host state a one-day-only pass at a reduced fee to drive in, attend and experience the convention.

The fee also includes a WBCA membership for the remainder of the current academic year (through Aug. 31 of that year) which allows scholastic coaches who take advantage of the opportunity to access the WBCA's expansive online library of X's and O's videos, plays and drills, and leadership training.

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