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Women’s Basketball Coaches Association, National Association of Basketball Coaches and Allstate Announce Record 257 Nominees to Good Works Teams®

Fourth annual award honors college basketball student-athletes who are making a positive impact in their communities

INDIANAPOLIS – Dec. 2, 2015 – The Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and Allstate Insurance Company today announced an all-time high 257 total nominees for the 2016 Allstate WBCA and NABC Good Works Teams®. This distinguished award shines a spotlight on a select group of student-athletes who have shown dedication to service in their communities.

In its fourth year, the Allstate WBCA and NABC Good Works Teams® recognize players at all levels of college basketball who have made outstanding contributions in the areas of volunteerism and civic involvement. From establishing nonprofits that provide youth with the necessary tools to become leaders of tomorrow, to raising awareness around pertinent issues that could save lives, these student-athletes exhibit leadership skills both on and off the court.

“The 2016 Allstate NABC and WBCA Good Works Teams® nominees are truly inspirational and their stories of service are a great example of the impact young people can make by dedicating their time and energy to do good,” said Thomas Clarkson, president of the west territory for Allstate Insurance Company and a member of the 2016 NABC and WBCA Good Works Teams® selection panels. “For the fourth year, Allstate is honored to join the NABC and WBCA to recognize these student-athletes for their leadership off the court to help make a difference.”

The 103 WBCA nominees and the 154 NABC nominees were submitted by sports information directors and college basketball coaches across the country. From the nominations, special voting panels, headlined by former University of Tennessee basketball athlete, NCAA champion and WNBA legend Tamika Catchings, and former Duke University basketball athlete, two-time NCAA®



champion and seven-time NBA All-Star Grant Hill, will select two 10-member teams comprised of five student-athletes from the NCAA Division I level and five student-athletes from Divisions II, III and the NAIA. The final roster of 20 award recipients will be unveiled in February.

“The Allstate WBCA Good Works Team[®] is a nationally recognized award that continues to honor an impressive group of student-athletes who strive to better our society through service efforts. The WBCA family of coaches celebrates all the women’s and men’s basketball student-athletes who demonstrate a respect for the power of sports coupled with the responsibility to give back to others,” said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. “The WBCA is proud to partner with Allstate and commends the recognition of these remarkable student-athletes for their significant humanitarian contributions.”

Members of the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team[®] will be invited by Allstate, an official corporate partner of the NCAA, to the 2016 WBCA Convention and the 2016 NCAA Women’s Final Four[®] in Indianapolis, where they will participate in a community service project benefitting the city. Members of the Allstate NABC Good Works Team[®] will be recognized during the 2016 NABC Convention and at the 2016 NCAA Men’s Final Four[®] in Houston, and will also participate in a local volunteer project. Allstate is an official corporate partner of the WBCA, NABC and NCAA.

“Once again as we have a record number of nominees for the Allstate Good Works Teams, it’s very evident that our men’s and women’s student-athletes in college basketball are unselfish and unwavering in their commitment to service,” said Jim Haney, executive director of the NABC. “From global initiatives in third-world countries to feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless around their own communities, these young men and women are very deserving of the recognition that Allstate provides with this exemplary program.”

In addition to Clarkson, Catchings and Hill, the 2016 Allstate WBCA and NABC Good Works Team[®] selection panel members include: former college basketball student-athletes Alana Beard (Duke University), and Clark Kellogg (Ohio State University / CBS Sports); media members Carolyn Peck (ESPN), LaChina Robinson (ESPN/FOX), Seth Davis (Sports Illustrated/CBS) and Dana O’Neil (ESPN); former head coaches Marsha Sharp (Texas Tech University), Nell Fortner (Auburn University), Bobby Cremins (Georgia Institute of Tech/College of Charleston) and Seth Greenberg (Virginia Tech University); and current college basketball coach Coquese Washington (Penn State University).

Since 2008, Allstate has partnered with the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) as a sponsor of the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team[®], which shines a spotlight on the positive, off-the-field impact college football student-athletes have on their communities.

More information about the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team[®] and the Allstate NABC Good Works Team[®] is available at www.wbca.org and www.nabc.org.

The following student-athletes have been nominated for consideration to be named to the 2016 Allstate WBCA Good Works Team[®]:

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NCAA Division I

Arizona State University – Arnecia Hawkins
Boston College – Alexa Coulombe
Brown University – Ellise Sharpe
California State University, Bakersfield – Alyssa Shannon
Coastal Carolina University – Olivia Carlton
Colgate University – Randyll Butler
College of the Holy Cross – Raquel Scott
DePaul University – Chanise Jenkins
East Carolina University – DeVaughn Gray
Florida State University – Brittany Brown
Fordham University – Danielle Padovano
George Mason University – Taylor Brown
George Washington University – Alexis Chandler
Georgetown University – Ki-Ke Rafiu
Georgia Institute of Technology – Katarina Vuckovic
Hofstra University – Sydney Epps
Indiana State University – Rhagen Smith
Iowa State University – Nicole Blaskowsky
Kansas State University – Kelly Thomson
Lehigh University – Elizabeth Sharlow
Liberty University – Ashley Rininger
Marshall University – McKenzie Akers
Mississippi State University – Chinwe Okorie
Missouri State University – Kenzie Williams
Monmouth University – Sarah Olson
North Carolina State University – Ashley Eli
Northwestern University – Maggie Lyon
Oakland University – Elena Popkey
The Ohio State University – Cait Craft
Old Dominion University – Jennie Simms
Presbyterian College – Janie Miles
Purdue University – Hayden Hamby
Rice University – Alyssa Lang
Seattle University – Wilma Afunugo
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville – Gwen Adams
St. John's University – Sandra Udobi
Stephen F. Austin State University – LaNesha Middleton
Stony Brook University – Brittany Snow

Texas A&M University – Jordan Jones
Texas Christian University – Zahna Medley
Troy University – Ashley Beverly Kelley
U.S. Military Academy – Aimee Oertner
University of Alabama – Nikki Hegstetter
University of Arkansas – Melissa Wolff
University of California, Los Angeles – Kacy Swain
University of Georgia – Merritt Hempe
University of Houston – Jessieka Palmer
University of Illinois – Sarah Hartwell
University of Iowa – Ally Disterhoft
University of Kansas – Lauren Aldridge
University of Louisville – Cortnee Walton
University of Maine – Elizabeth Wood
University of Maryland Eastern Shore – Chalyse Taylor
University of Maryland, Baltimore County – Emily Russo
University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Rachel Theriot
University of Nevada – Julia Shelbourn
University of New Mexico – Bryce Owens
University of North Carolina - Asheville – Paige Love
University of North Carolina at Greensboro – India Timpton
University of Northern Iowa – Stephanie Davison
University of Oregon – Jillian Alleyne
University of South Carolina – Khadijah Sessions
University of Tennessee – Andraya Carter
University of Tennessee at Martin – Katie Schubert
University of Toledo – Michaela Rasmussen
University of Utah – Danielle Rodriguez
University of Virginia – Faith Randolph
University of Wisconsin-Madison – Nicole Bauman
Valparaiso University – Georgi Donchetz
Vanderbilt University – Kendall Shaw
Wake Forest University – Keri Fulp

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NCAA Divisions II, III and the NAIA

Ashland University – Andi Daugherty
Bethel University (Minn.) – Rachel Parupsky
Covenant College – Rachel Price
Dakota Wesleyan University – Chesney Nagel
Dominican University of California – Jessy Marshall
Drew University – Courtney Trzasko
Eastern Mennonite University – Jess Rheinheimer
Felician University – Eliana Scanlon
Gannon University – Brianna Brennan
Grove City College – Kathryn Erbelding
Lewis University – Jamie Johnson
Lindenwood University – Kassidy Gengenbacher
Loras College – Kaitlin Phillips
Loyola University – Shayne Charles
Nova Southeastern University – Alexis Murphy
Ohio Dominican University – Rachael Torey
Palm Beach Atlantic University – Taylor Buchanan
Pittsburg State University – Kylie Gafford

Queens University of Charlotte – Victoria Robinson
Rockhurst University – Lauren Meyers
St. Ambrose University – Deanna Busse
SUNY Old Westbury – Raven Pentz
Tarleton State University – Raven McGrath
University of Central Oklahoma – Jordan Ward
University of Nebraska at Kearney – Laramey Becker
Union College – Lydia Nash
Union University – Kelsey Risner
Wayne State University – Kristen Long
Westmont College – Karlie Storkson
Wheaton College (Mass.) – Rebecca Arnone
Whitworth University – KC McConnell
Wingate University – Janna Johnson

The following student-athletes have been nominated for consideration to be named to the 2016 Allstate NABC Good Works Team®:

NCAA Division I

Air Force Academy – Zach Moer
Alcorn State University – Marquis Vance
Arkansas State University – Josh Pierre
Auburn University – Jordon Granger
Austin Peay State University – Khalil Davis
Belmont University – Jeff Laidig
Bethune-Cookman University – Ricky Johnson
Brigham Young University – Kyle Collinsworth
Butler University – Kellen Dunham
California State University, Bakersfield – Kevin Mays
Central Connecticut State University – Brandon Peel
Central Michigan University – Chris Fowler

College of Charleston – Canyon Barry
Creighton University – Geoffrey Groselle
Davidson College – Nathan Ekwu
Drexel University – Rodney Williams
Duke University – Marshall Plumlee
Eastern Washington University – Venky Jois
Florida Atlantic University – Jackson Trapp
Florida State University – Devon Bookert
Fordham University – Mandell Thomas
Fresno State University – Marvelle Harris
Georgia Southern University – Devonte Boykins
High Point University – John Brown
Idaho State University – Ben Wilson
Indiana State University – Matt Van Scyoc
Iowa State University – Nazareth Mitrou-Long

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IUPUI – Marcellus Barksdale
La Salle University – Rohan Brown
Lehigh University – Devon Carter
Longwood University – Kanayo Obi-Rapu
Lyon College – Riley Jenkins
Mercer University – Jibri Bryan
Middle Tennessee State University – Reggie Upshaw
Missouri State University – Tyler McCullough
Morehead State University – Corban Collins
North Carolina A&T State University – Denzel Keyes
North Dakota State University – Chris Kading
Northeastern University – Zach Stahl
Northern Arizona University – Jordyn Martin
Northwestern State University – Jalan West
Oakland University – Max Hooper
Oklahoma State University – Phil Forte
Old Dominion University – Trey Freeman
Oral Roberts University – Obi Emegano
Oregon State University – Daniel Gomis
Pepperdine University – Stacy Davis
Presbyterian College – Will Adams
Purdue University – Rapheal Davis
Quinnipiac University (Conn.) – James Ford, Jr.
Rice University – Max Guercy
Rider University – Jimmie Taylor III
Rutgers University – Greg Lewis
Santa Clara University – Nate Kratch
Southern Methodist University – Semi Ojeleye
South Carolina State University – Darryl Palmer
Stephen F. Austin State University – Thomas Walkup
Texas Christian University – Michael Williams
Texas Tech University – Toddrick Gotcher
University of Alabama – Retin Obasohan
University of Arizona – Kaleb Tarczewski
University of Arkansas at Little Rock – Mareik Isom
University of California Berkeley – Stephen Domingo
University of California, Davis – Josh Fox

University of California, Irvine – Mamadou Ndiaye
University of California, Los Angeles – Bryce Alford
University of Detroit Mercy – Anton Wilson
University of Florida – Dorian Finney-Smith
University of Georgia – Yante Maten
University of Iowa – Mike Gesell
University of Kansas – Hunter Mickelson
University of Kentucky – Marcus Lee
University of Louisiana at Lafayette – Kasey Shepherd
University of Louisville – Trey Lewis
University of Maryland – Varun Ram
University of Maryland Eastern Shore – Derrico Peck
University of Massachusetts – Tyler Bergantino
University of Memphis – Shaq Goodwin
University of Michigan – Spike Albrecht
University of Nebraska – Shavon Shields
University of Nebraska Omaha – Kyler Erickson
University of New Mexico – Cullen Neal
University of North Carolina – Joel James
University of North Carolina at Greensboro – Jordy Kuiper
University of North Carolina at Wilmington – Craig Ponder
University of North Florida – Beau Beech
University of Oklahoma – Buddy Hield
University of Pittsburgh – James Robinson
University of South Carolina – Mindaugas Kacinas
University of Southern California – Samer Dhillon
University of Tennessee – Armani Moore
University of Texas at Arlington – Drew Charles
University of Texas – Demarcus Holland
University of Tulsa – Shaquille Harrison
University of Vermont – Trae Bell-Haynes
University of Virginia – Anthony Gill
University of Wisconsin – Nigel Hayes

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University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee – Justin Jordan
Utah State University – David Collette
Valparaiso University – Alec Peters
Vanderbilt University – Luke Kornet

Villanova University – Ryan Arcidiacono
Washington State University – Junior Longrus
West Virginia University – Devin Williams
Western Illinois University – Garret Covington
Western Kentucky University – Nigel Snipes

NCAA Divisions II, III and the NAIA

Alma College – DJ Beckman
Azusa Pacific University – LyDell Cardwell
Bard College – Harry Johnson
Barton College – Nick Ellison
Benedictine University – Michael Blaszczyk
Bluefield State College – Avery Holliday
California Baptist University – Jordan Giusti
California State University, East Bay – Alex Manu
Carson-Newman University – Sawyer Williams
Central College – Jordan Saddoris
Colorado College – James Lonergan
Columbia College (Mo.) – Zach Rockers
Delta State University – Jack Madgen
Dominican University of California – Christopher Schwartz-Edmisten
Eureka College – Michael Sain
Fitchburg State University – Kwame Lee
Florida Institute of Technology – Isaac Spence
Franklin & Marshall College – Lior Levy
Freed-Hardeman University – Isaiah Harrison
Fresno Pacific University – Roger Paul
Hope College – Ben Gardner
Hampden-Sydney College – Nick Chase
Indiana University East – Vasha Davis
Lake Superior State University – Michael Smutny

LeTourneau University – CJ Edwards
Lewis & Clark College – Jason Luhnnow
Louisiana State University – Alexandria – Austin Adams
Maine Maritime Academy – Zachary Radcliffe
Millsaps College – Rajan Hanstad
Merrimack College – Tyler Hunt
Messiah College – Joshua Clippinger
Pittsburg State University – Josiah Gustafson
Ripon College – Jordan Stiede
Roanoke College – Cameron Smith
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology – Tyler Duffy
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota – Mark Schumacher
Slippery Rock University – Jordan Grady
SUNY Plattsburgh – Kyle Richardson
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology – Philip Schanilec
Tarleton State University – Jakob Damstra
Thomas More College – Louis Walker III
University of the Ozarks – Josh Ferrell
University of West Alabama – Matt Hancock
University of West Florida – Justin Williams
University of Wisconsin-Platteville – Peyton River
Wayne State University – Michael Lewis
Westminster College (Pa.) – Jarret Vrabel
Young Harris College – C.J. Wilson

About the Women's Basketball Coaches Association

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 www.wbca.org.

About the National Association of Basketball Coaches

Located in Kansas City, Missouri, the NABC was founded in 1927 by Forrest “Phog” Allen, the legendary basketball coach at the University of Kansas. Allen, a student of James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, organized coaches into this collective group to serve as Guardians of the Game. The NABC currently has nearly 5,000 members consisting primarily of university and college men’s basketball coaches. All members of the NABC are expected to uphold the core values of being a Guardian of the Game by bringing attention to the positive aspects of the sport of basketball and the role coaches play in the academic and athletic lives of today’s student-athletes. The four core values of being a Guardian of the Game are advocacy, leadership, service and education. Additional information about the NABC, its programs and membership, can be found at www.nabc.org.

About the AFCA

The AFCA was founded in 1922 and currently has more than 11,000 members around the world ranging from the high school level to the professional ranks. According to its constitution, the AFCA was formed, in part, to “maintain the highest possible standards in football and in the coaching profession” and to “provide a forum for the discussion and study of all matters pertaining to football.”

About the NCAA

The NCAA is a membership-led nonprofit association of colleges and universities committed to supporting academic and athletic opportunities for more than 460,000 student-athletes at more than 1,000 member colleges and universities. Each year, more than 54,000 student-athletes compete in NCAA championships in Divisions I, II and III sports. Visit www.ncaa.org and www.ncaa.com for more details about the Association, its goals and members and corporate partnerships that help support programs for student-athletes.

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