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WBCA announces 'So You Want To Be A Coach' class of 2016

ATLANTA (March 1, 2016) - The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is pleased to announce the class for the 14th annual WBCA's "So You Want To Be A Coach" program. Each member will participate in the three-day workshop held April 1-3, 2016, in conjunction with the WBCA Convention in Indianapolis.

The objectives of the "So" program are to increase the understanding and application of skills necessary to secure coaching positions in women's basketball, increase the understanding and awareness of competencies necessary for success in coaching, introduce female basketball players to coaches and administrators, and raise awareness of the existing talent pool of female basketball players who have a passion and interest in coaching the game of women's basketball.

"The interest in the 'So You Want To Be A Coach' program has been very strong this year, and we are excited to continue equipping and guiding so many young, aspiring coaches," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "Each year, the WBCA family reinforces this important entry-level program and we expect to see these student-athletes develop into great leaders and ambassadors for the game of women's basketball."

Listed below is the 2016 class for the WBCA's "So You Want To Be A Coach" program:

Candidate	School	Candidate	School
Kelsey Adamski	Kalamazoo	Moran Lonning	Luther College
Dawnyelle Awa	Washington State	Paige Love	North Carolina-Asheville
Shatorria Baker	Lynn	Janae Lyde	North Alabama
Mistie Bass	Connecticut Sun (WNBA)	Miranda Maples	Eastern Kentucky
Ryann Bowser	Texas Tech	Bryahna Mason	North Carolina-Greensboro
Briana Bradford	New Haven	Josepha Mbouma	Elon
Briona Brown	Jacksonville	Sierra McDuffie	Felician College
RaShawn Calvert	Siena Heights	Katie Meador	Florida Gulf Coast
Kara Carlson	Concordia University (Mich.)	Tayra Melendez	Rhode Island
Shelbi Chandler	Cincinnati	Tiahana Mills	Canisius College
Ausha Cole	Montana State-Bozeman	Brene Moseley	Maryland
Alyssa Colla	Northern Michigan	Sydney Moss	Thomas More
Karlee Corvasce	Moravian College	Sadie Murren	Wayne State (Neb.)
Empress Davenport	Texas	Colleen O'Connell	Vassar College

Alexa Dawkins	Montana State-Bozeman	Chirrisse Bryce Owens	New Mexico
Imani Dixon	University of Saint Mary	Allison Paluchniak	Trinity Christian College
Emma Donahue	Drake	Chloe Pavlech	Maryland
Asia Dozier	South Carolina	Dana Peterson	Cabrini College
Chinwe Duru	Tulane	Ki-Ke Rafiu	Georgetown
Elizabeth Ferry	Maine-Farmington	Nicole Razor	Elon
Stephanie Fisher	Lake Superior State University	Mercedes Riggs	Duke
Aisha Foy	Radford	Lakin Roland	Dartmouth
Simonne Gage	Capital	Kelcie Rombach	St. Bonaventure
Irene Gari	Georgia Tech	Alison Sanders	Southeastern
Samantha Goldsmith	Lynchburg College	Tia Scott	Merrimack College
Natalie Greenwell	Morehead State	Lindsay Smith	Saint Ambrose
Kayleigh Guzek	Stevenson	Ashley Southern	Lipscomb
Lauren Hayden	University of New England	Kristina Startare	Cabrini College
Jordan Hiatt	Lenoir-Rhyne	Courtney Strain	Jacksonville State
Amber Howell	Armstrong State	Jordyn Swan	Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Chanise Jenkins	DePaul	Ataijah Taylor	Wake Forest
Erika Johnson	North Carolina	Brianna Taylor	Towson
Tierra Jones	Tulane	Brooklyn Taylor	Saint Francis
Miriam Justinger	Bowling Green	Jacquelyn Thompson	Montevallo
Kailey Kladivo	Wartburg	Aminah Williams	Washington
Alexis Lawrence	Missouri-St. Louis	April Wilsom	Purdue
Marion Lemonnier	West Georgia	Whitney Wyckoff	Yale
Lisa Loeffler	South Dakota		

“So” participants will learn about recruiting, the administrative side to coaching, how to get hired, skill development, the importance of knowing the rules, and how to balance work and life.

Qualified candidates must have exhausted their final year of basketball eligibility at a four-year institution or have graduated within the past year. In addition, the candidate’s head coach has to nominate them and must be an active WBCA member. Each participant is selected based on her academics, contributions to women’s basketball on and off the court, professional resume and a written recommendation from her head coach.

Sponsors for the “So” program are the WBCA and a grant provided by the NCAA.

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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 in all of its aspects as a sport for women and girls. For more information about the WBCA, please visit wbca.org.