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Alliance of Women Coaches Completes 43rd NCAA Women Coaches Academy and Inaugural Academy 2.0

December 5, 2017 - The Alliance of Women Coaches hosted the 43rd class of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy (WCA) and the inaugural class of Academy 2.0 last week at the Hilton Denver Inverness in Englewood, Colorado.



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Academy

Forty-eight female coaches of all experience levels and sports from NCAA Division I, II and III gathered for four days of non-sport-specific educational training at the NCAA WCA.

In response to a desire for additional growth opportunities from graduates of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy, the Alliance created Academy 2.0, a master class for WCA graduates. Class #1 of Academy 2.0 consisted of ten female coaches representing various sports across the country.

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“The NCAA Women Coaches Academy is the premier program offering education, resources and support that female coaches need to stay and advance in the coaching profession. Creating the Academy 2.0 has been a priority. We put an enormous amount of intentional effort into making 2.0 a unique, dynamic and collaborative learning opportunity,” said Alliance Executive Director Megan Kahn. “The 43rd class and inaugural 2.0 class confirms and validates that our work is important and impactful. These women are hungry for support and the Alliance is continually evolving to deliver them tools to be, and remain, successful.”

Corliss Fingers (Director of Strength and Conditioning at Bethune-Cookman University) and Leslie Payne (Head Cross Country/Track & Field Coach at Meredith College) were selected as the Judy Sweet Award winners for NCAA Women Coaches Academy Class #43. This award, named after Alliance co-founder Judy Sweet, recognizes two members at each Academy whose spirit and dedication to their own and to others’ personal and professional success has made an impact on their peers. The honor is granted via nomination by fellow classmates.

Missy Price (Head Soccer Coach at Wellesley College) was selected as the Cecile Reynaud Coaching Mastery Award winner for Academy 2.0 Class #1. This award, named after Alliance Board of Directors President Dr. Cecile Reynaud, recognizes a member of each Academy 2.0 who embodies the characteristics of Coach Reynaud: leadership, commitment to personal development and the advancement of others, and a deep care and respect for the game. This award is granted via nomination by fellow classmates.

Participants of the Academy 2.0 and NCAA Women Coaches Academy include:

Academy 2.0 Class #1

Amy Bush Herzer	University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Golf)
Lindsay Jackson	College of the Holy Cross (Field Hockey)
Conny Kirsch	University of Central Florida (Rowing)
Jennifer Klein	University of Southern California (Soccer)
Kirkland Lewis	Whitman College (Lacrosse)
Jennifer Patrick-Swift	St. Francis University (Softball)
Missy Price	Wellesley College (Soccer)
Kerri Scroope	University of the Pacific (Soccer)
Kiha Sutta	United States Air Force Academy (Soccer)
Stephanie Wheeler	University of Illinois (Wheelchair Basketball)

NCAA Women Coaches Academy Class #43

Danielle Baumgardner	Saint Louis University (Field Hockey)
Elizabeth Beville	Colorado Mesa University (Lacrosse)
Cathy Binder	University of Mary Washington (Cross Country, Track & Field)
Nikki Binetti	Illinois College (Volleyball)
Kerry Busby	Agnes Scott College (Softball)
Katie Cobb	Kenyon College (Soccer)
Elizabeth Daly	Hendrix College (Lacrosse)
Erin Doherty	Upper Iowa University (Lacrosse)
Corliss Fingers	Bethune-Cookman University (Strength & Conditioning)
Mary Frahm	Illinois Wesleyan University (Volleyball)
Erica Geremia	Washington and Lee University (Lacrosse)
Leah Glasgow	Colorado School of Mines (Softball)
Ellery Gould	Bowdoin College (Soccer)
Verniece Graham	Albany State University (Volleyball)
Kerry Hassall	University of Tulsa (Rowing)
Claudia Herpertz	University of Minnesota (Rowing)
Georgia Holland	Michigan State University (Field Hockey)
E.A. Jackson	Towson University (Field Hockey)
Jessica Kischko	Castleton University (Field Hockey)
Laura Larsen-Strecker	University of Texas (Rowing)
Adrienne Martelli	Northeastern University (Rowing)
Rachel McCarthy	Ohio University (Field Hockey)
Jamie McNeair-Reese	North Carolina Central University (Cross Country, Track & Field)
Ceri Miller	Wofford College (Lacrosse)
Rachel Moreland	Colorado College (Soccer)
Siri Mullinix	Clemson University (Soccer)

Cara Murphy	Colgate University (Rowing)
Allison Papenfuss	Indiana University (Strength & Conditioning)
Leslie Payne	Meredith College (Cross Country, Track & Field)
Tiffany Prats	University of South Florida (Golf)
Leah Presley	King University (Soccer)
Hannah Prince	Saint Joseph's University (Field Hockey)
Pamela Rendé	Arcadia University (Tennis)
Sheila Rinozzi	University of Louisville (Rowing)
Callan Rowe	Mercyhurst University (Water Polo)
Katelyn Roy	Centre College (Softball)
Gabrielle Rubenstein	Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (Tennis)
Lora Sarich	Manhattan College (Volleyball)
Rosanna Sguerra	Denison University (Volleyball)
Karen Shaddock	Williams College (Lacrosse)
Amanda Shimp	Virginia Tech University (Lacrosse)
Lauren Silva	Elmira College (Field Hockey)
Mattie Snow	Weber State University (Softball)
Melissa Steele	Florida Gulf Coast University (Swimming)
Anne Versprille	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Lacrosse)
Benay Weintraub	Smith College (Tennis)
Tristan Wilcox	University of Dayton (Softball)
Emily Witsaman	Upper Iowa University (Volleyball)

For more information on the Alliance of Women Coaches, the NCAA Women Coaches Academy, and Academy 2.0, visit www.gocoaches.org.

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