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WBCA, Alliance of Women Coaches announce 2018 ‘So You Want To Be A Coach’ participants

ATLANTA (January 22, 2018) — The Women’s Basketball Coaches Association, in partnership with the Alliance of Women Coaches, is pleased to announce the class for the 16th annual “So You Want To Be A Coach” program. Each member will participate in the three-day workshop with speakers provided by the Alliance on March 28-30 in conjunction with the WBCA Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

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.

“ ‘So You Want To Be A Coach’ is the longest-running education program the WBCA offers, and it remains as popular with member coaches and student-athletes today as it was when it began 15 years ago,” said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. “ ‘So’ is the entry point for women’s basketball players who want to coach. Because of their participation in it, more than 400 former college women’s basketball players are currently working as coaches or in some role in our sport. Our new partnership with the Alliance will enable us to make this already successful program even better.”

“The WBCA has set the bar high for the ‘So’ program,” said Megan Kahn, executive director of the Alliance of Women Coaches. “Joining in partnership, the Alliance is excited to help pave a way for these student-athletes to continue to be involved in the game of basketball. We look forward to welcoming, educating and inspiring these aspiring coaches.”

Here are the members of the 2018 “So You Want To Be A Coach” program class:

Name	Institution
Dyandria Anderson	University of Florida
Ashley Barker	Marietta College
Khadijah Berger	Temple University
Halie Bergman	University of Nevada
Camden Boehner	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Quanetria Bolton	University of Alabama
Kari Borowiak	Concordia University (MI)
Jay-Ann Bravo-Harriott	University of Toledo
Ja'Da Brayboy	University of North Carolina - Asheville
Molly Brown	University of Southern Mississippi
Brandi Buie	Jacksonville University

Shaylen Burnett	Elon University
LeTisha Caldwell	Cincinnati Christian University
Laura Castaldo	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Jasmine Cincore	University of Nebraska
Emily Clemens	Western Illinois University
Caitland Considine	Coker College
Remy Davenport	Truman State University
Jenny DeGraaf	University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Jasmine Demers	Buena Vista University
Jillian Dunston	University of Michigan
Jennifer Dynis	University of Illinois
Amanda Fioravanti	Saint Joseph's University
Maggie Flynn	Flagler College
Danielle Franklin	Valparaiso University
Adashia Franklyn	Saint Joseph's University
Taylor Gleason	Oakland University
Tiara Goode	Coppin State University
Brittany Greene	University of Southern Mississippi
Shelby Holmes	Eastern Nazarene College
Cassidy Joyner	Lenoir-Rhyne University
Jordan Korinek	Kent State University
Mackenzie Latt	Davidson College
Hannah Lepaio	Newberry College
Laney Lewis	Ursuline College
Samantha Lisikatos	State University College at Oneonta
Adebisi Mabodu	University of North Texas
Kelsey McClure	University of West Georgia
Lulu McKinney	Texas A&M University
Camille McPherson	Moravian College
Jalisa Mitchell	Harris Stowe State University
Kolby Morgan	Tulane University
Brooke Orcutt	Case Western Reserve University
Abby Owings	Thomas More College
Charnelle Reed	Lewis University
Chantel Roberts	Chowan University
Brianna Rowe	Concordia University (MI)
Allison Spaschak	Ithaca College
Madeline Staples	University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Ni'ya Styles	University of Mount Olive
Amani Tatum	Manhattan College
Naqaiyyah Teague	Jacksonville University
Sheana Vega	Liberty University

Anna Walther	Roger Williams University
Monterika Warren	Bethune Cookman University
Aries Washington	University of Missouri - Kansas City
Dominique Williams	University of California - Los Angeles
Emily Wood	University of Nebraska
Bre Zanders	Lindenwood University
Camille Zimmerman	Columbia University
Kat Wright	University of Arizona
Danielle Williams	University of Michigan

“So” participants are provided with professional development and career networking opportunities. They will learn about the administrative side of coaching, recruiting, how to get hired, skill development, the importance of knowing the rules, and how to balance work and life.

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

The WBCA “So” program has graduated 814 participants in its 15-year history. Of these, 54 percent (not counting the 2017 class) are currently working in women’s or girls’ basketball at various levels of the profession. A total of 53 “So” alumni are head women’s or girls’ basketball coaches — five in NCAA Division I, three in NCAA Division II, 11 in NCAA Division III, one in the NAIA, four on the two-year college level, and 29 on the high school level.

Visit www.WBCA.org for more information on the “So” program.

About the WBCA

Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association is the professional association for coaches of women's and girls' basketball at all levels of competition. The WBCA offers educational resources that coaches need to help make themselves better leaders, teachers and mentors to their players; provides opportunities for coaches to connect with peers in the profession; serves as the unifying voice of a diverse community of coaches to the organizations that control the game; and celebrates those coaches, players and other individuals who excel each year and contribute to the advancement of the sport. Visit www.WBCA.org for more details about the Association.

About the Alliance of Women Coaches

The Alliance of Women Coaches was founded in 2011 and has become the premier organization that empowers the community of women coaches, across all sports and levels, with the education and resources they need to stay and advance in the profession. By providing a supportive network, inspiration and knowledge, and access to in-person and digital platforms, the Alliance is changing the landscape for women in coaching. For more information on the Alliance of Women Coaches, visit www.gocoaches.org.

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