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Welcome to Denver, NCAA Academy 2.0 Class #5!

We're baaaaaack in person, and it feels so good! THANK YOU for taking the time to do something special for yourself and impactful for your career. Your profession requires you to be "on" nearly 365 days a year, constantly focused on supporting and developing the young people around you. Now, it's your turn to give time and presence to yourself! And I am thrilled to cap off month two at WeCOACH by joining you and your 17 classmates for my very first Academy experience!

The vision for our Academies was to create a lifelong impact for women coaches and help move the numbers in terms of supporting and increasing women in coaching. Fifty WCA and four Academy 2.0 classes later, we know it's making a real, positive difference in the personal and professional lives of you and your entire community of coaches. Women coaches who graduate from our Academies remain in the coaching profession at a higher rate.

One of the most common pieces of feedback we receive is, "*I want to come back to the Academy*". And thus, NCAA Academy 2.0 was born to provide an opportunity to expand on the growth and leadership development that occurred during your WCA experience.

We have intentionally selected the 18 of you for a reason and a purpose. We have crafted the next three days to challenge you, empower you, and allow you to create lasting connections with other coaches, faculty, and staff who hopefully will enrich your life and your career for years to come.

We hope this program will continue to strengthen your career path to remain and advance in the profession. And for you to give back to future generations who hope to follow in your footsteps.

In closing, please join me in *thanking* Jan Whitbeck, WeCOACH Senior Director of Events & Branding, for her tireless efforts to plan every detail of what will be an incredible three-day growth & leadership experience! Let Academy 2.0 Class #5 commence!

Thank you for being here. Let's make it a fantastic three days filled with learning, laughter and lots of memories!

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