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Welcome to Denver, NCAA Women Coaches Academy Class #51!

We're baaaaaack in person and it feels so good! Welcome to the NCAA Women Coaches Academy! THANK YOU for taking the time to do something special for yourself and impactful for your career. And considering this is only month two for me at WeCOACH, I am thrilled to join you and your 44 classmates for my very first Academy experience!

This Academy is for YOU, created from the feedback of thousands of other women coach Academy graduates. We want you to discover new ideas, and new inspirations, be challenged and forge new lifelong relationships that will enrich your life and your career for years to come.

The 2090+ graduates of the previous 50 classes, continually tell us the NCAA Women Coaches Academy was a transformational experience personally and professionally, as well as providing them with a network of support and encouragement. We've welcomed a wide range of professional experience amongst our participants – from first-year assistant coaches to veteran coaches of 25+ years. We have had coaches from most NCAA sports, all three divisions, as well as international.

Whether you come into the Academy fired up about your career or at the other end of the spectrum—needing to reignite the flame, I encourage you to be fully present and open your heart and mind to new possibilities. Use the time to explore new thinking about your purpose, your "why", and your personal and career values. Be intentional to seek out conversations with those who come from different sports or divisions—the depth, empowerment & richness generated by integrating and engaging coaches from all sports levels is truly unmatched. Following each day there will be an optional networking happy hour to allow more time for authentic conversations and connections.

The bottom line is that we want you not only to stay in the game, but to love your life and your work! In this way, other women will want to follow in your footsteps and togetHER we will move the numbers in terms of supporting and increasing women in coaching.

In closing, please join me in <u>thanking</u> 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 WCA #51 commence!

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