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**Welcome to Denver, NCAA Academy 2.0 Class #6!**

We are truly appreciative that you have returned to the Academy experience for another week of transformational learning! 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! I am thrilled to be by your side and your 19 classmates this week as we celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our NCAA Women Coaches Academy. You hold a special place in our WeCOACH Community being amongst the 2,100+ Academy graduates!

The vision for our Academies was to create a lifelong impact for women coaches and help **MOVE the NUMBERS** to support and increase women in coaching. Fifty-one WCA and five Academy 2.0 classes later, we know it’s making a real, positive difference in the personal and professional lives of our entire community of coaches. Data demonstrates women coaches who graduate from our Academies remain in the coaching profession at a higher rate than the national average.

We have intentionally selected the 20 of you with 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* two of my WeCOACH teammates, Whitney Showalter and Lizzy Ristano (WCA #22), for their tireless efforts to plan every detail of our 2023 Academy! Let Academy 2.0 Class #6 commence!

**WeTEACH. WeINSPIRE. WeMOTIVATE. WeLEAD.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa Fuchs".

Vanessa Fuchs  
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WeCOACH