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WeCOACH Hosts Academy 2.0 & NCAA Women Coaches Academy Sessions

December 4, 2018 – WeCOACH hosted the 2nd class of Academy 2.0 and the 46th class of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy (WCA) last week at the Hilton Denver Inverness in Englewood, Colorado. Forty-five female coaches of all experience levels and sports from NCAA Division I, II and III were selected to participate in the NCAA Women Coaches Academy, while fourteen were selected to partake in the master-learning Academy 2.0 program.

Academy 2.0 was developed last year as a continuation of the skills and strategies learned during the WCA and is available to those coaches who have participated in the WCA a minimum of eighteen-months earlier.

One coach from each class is honored based on peer selection. Samantha Eustace, head women's lacrosse coach at Mercer University, was selected by her NCAA Women Coaches Academy peers as the WeCOACH Impact Award honoree. In Academy 2.0, the Cecile Reynaud Coaching Mastery Award honoree was Jamila Johnson, head women's golf coach at University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

NCAA Women Coaches Academy class #46 participants

Josie Barnes, Vanderbilt University, Associate Head Coach, Bowling

Betsy Bayliss, Seattle University, Assistant Coach, Rowing

Egan Berne, Colgate University, Assistant Coach, Rowing

Anna Braun, Agnes Scott College, Head Coach, Volleyball

Ali Brems, Truman State University, Assistant Coach, Softball

Amy Burgess, University of Arkansas Little Rock, Head Coach, Swimming & Diving

Maddy Carpenter, College of the Holy Cross, Assistant Coach, Field Hockey

Francesca Carrullo, University of Dayton, Assistant Coach, Softball

Kelliner Croushore, Occidental College, Assistant Coach, Softball

Natalie Deacon, University of Lynchburg, Assistant Coach, Soccer

Nichole DePaul-Miller, Upper Iowa University, Head Coach, Bowling

Jessie DeZiel, University of Illinois, Assistant Coach, Gymnastics

Erin Dinan, Ithaca College, Head Coach, Cross Country

Brittany Duncan, Northern Kentucky University, Assistant Coach, Softball

Samantha Eustace, Mercer University, Head Coach, Lacrosse

Kelyn Freedman, George Washington University, Assistant Coach, Lacrosse

Kristen Gillis, Moravian College, Head Coach, Field Hockey

Kayla Grover, Salem State University, Assistant Coach, Soccer

Kali Harmon, Southern Utah University, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Chelsea Hennan, Sonoma State University, Head Coach, Water Polo
Chrissy Holm, University of Minnesota, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Lizzy Johnson, University of Pennsylvania, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Jocelyn Keller, Carleton College, Head Coach, Soccer
Alexandra Kiss, Fresno State University, Assistant Coach, Water Polo
Katie Lane, University of Pennsylvania, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Kathy Les, University of Connecticut, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Heidi Lewis, Catholic University of America, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Dana Lyon, United States Air Force Academy, Assistant Coach, Track & Field
Paige Madara, Grinnell College, Head Coach, Tennis
Elizabeth Morrison, Trinity College, Assistant Coach, Field Hockey
Lara-Jane Que, Bowdoin College, Assistant Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field
Jessica Richardson, Southern Utah University, Graduate Assistant Coach, Basketball
Allison Rubnitz, Seton Hall University, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Mikinzee Salo, St. Catherine University, Assistant Coach, Tennis
Meredith Spencer-Blaetz, Stevens Institute of Technology, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Olivia Staff, University of Tulsa, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Rachael Sushner, St. Olaf College, Head Coach, Soccer
Jennifer Swieton, Central Michigan University, Head Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field
Alyssa Waite, San Diego State University, Assistant Coach, Golf
Kristen Washburn, College of William & Mary, Volunteer Assistant Coach, Soccer
Brittany Whatley, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Assistant Coach, Golf
Elizabeth Wilson, Utah State University, Director of Operations, Cross Country, Track & Field
Ilona Wilson, Colorado College, Assistant Coach, Tennis
Hayley Wirth, Grinnell College, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Meredith Witherell, Knox College, Head Coach, Tennis

Academy 2.0 class #2 participants

Brittany Adell, Colgate University, Head Coach, Rowing
Valerie Armstrong, Midwestern State University, Head Coach, Volleyball
Laura Burnett-Kurie, Gustavus Adolphus College, Head Coach, Soccer
Roslynn Ellis, University of Iowa, Assistant Coach, Field Hockey
Lynn Farquhar, Saint Joseph's University, Head Coach, Field Hockey
JoAnne Ferguson, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, Head Coach, Softball
Jessica Giglio, Fresno State University, Head Coach, Lacrosse
Brittney Harvey, Trine University, Assistant Coach, Softball
Jamila Johnson, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Head Coach, Golf
Rose Lucidi, SUNY Canton, Head Coach, Soccer
Jenny Park, Seattle University, Head Coach, Rowing
JJ Payette, Stetson University, Assistant Coach, Softball
Amanda Reckamp, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Head Coach, Softball
Justine Tydings, University of Wyoming, Director of Operations, Soccer

The application period for the summer 2019 sessions will begin in mid-January. More information on Academy 2.0 and the NCAA Women Coaches Academy can be viewed on the WeCOACH website (wecoachsports.org).

About WeCOACH

Founded in 2011, WeCOACH is the premier membership organization committed to recruiting, advancing, and retaining women coaches across all sports and levels. Previously known as the Alliance of Women Coaches, the organization reimagined their brand in August 2018. By providing a supportive and unified network, educational resources, and access to in-person and digital programming opportunities, WeCOACH is changing the landscape for women in coaching.

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