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WeCOACH Hosts NCAA Women Coaches Academy and Academy 2.0 Programs

June 10, 2019 – WeCOACH hosted the 47th session of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy and the 3rd session of the NCAA Academy 2.0, but the first one to fall within its restructured partnership with the NCAA. The Academy 2.0 was developed to provide continued education to previous graduates of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy.

Fifty-four 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 twenty-two were selected to partake in the master-learning NCAA Academy 2.0 program.

“The NCAA office of inclusion congratulates the 76 outstanding female coaches who recently graduated from the NCAA Women Coaches Academy and the NCAA Academy 2.0. WeCOACH executive director, Megan Kahn, her tremendous team, and an array of talented presenters provided a transformative learning and networking experience that will empower female coaches to persist and succeed in coaching,” said Amy Wilson, NCAA managing director of inclusion.

One coach from each class was honored based on peer selection. Anya Covington, assistant women’s basketball coach at University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, was selected by her NCAA Women Coaches Academy class #47 peers as the WeCOACH Impact Award honoree. In Academy 2.0, the Cecile Reynaud Coaching Mastery Award honoree was Lyndse Hokanson, assistant women’s soccer coach at Georgetown University.

The application period for the summer 2020 sessions will begin in mid-January. The 2020 programs will be held May 27-30 and June 24-27 in Denver, Colorado. More information on the NCAA Women Coaches Academy and the NCAA Academy 2.0 can be found on the WeCOACH website (wecoachsports.org).

NCAA Women Coaches Academy class #47 participants

Alexandra Anghelescu, Penn State University, Assistant Coach, Tennis

Kali Boatwright, Eckerd College, Assistant Coach, Volleyball

Jeannette Boudway, Smith College, Head Coach, Soccer

Paige Cassady, Albany State University, Assistant Coach, Softball

Anya Covington, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Assistant Coach, Basketball

Allison Daley, Canisius College, Head Coach, Lacrosse

Corrine Drost, College of William & Mary, Assistant Coach, Lacrosse

Molly Duesterhaus, Millikin University, Head Coach, Swimming

Taylor Dyer, Lehigh University, Associate Head Coach, Field Hockey

Megan Dzikas, Saint Leo University, Assistant Coach, Basketball

Victoria Emoff, Trine University, Assistant Coach, Ice Hockey

Lisa Francisco, Bucknell University, Head Coach, Golf
Kaitlynn Fratz, University of Maryland, Assistant Coach, Basketball
Candace Fuller, University of California Riverside, Assistant Coach, Track & Field
Elizabeth Gainer, University of Charleston, Head Coach, Lacrosse
Katherine Gerzabek, Syracuse University, Assistant Coach, Field Hockey
Meghan Gill, Davidson College, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Emily Girasole, Earlham College, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Jaime Gluesing, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Assistant Coach, Basketball
Alicia Gorman, Carnegie Mellon University, Head Coach, Diving
Kortny Hall, Southern Utah University, Head Coach, Softball
Whitney Henderson, Montana State University, Assistant Coach, Track & Field
Gabrielle Houston, University of California Santa Cruz, Head Coach, Volleyball
Leigh Howard, Marist College, Head Coach, Soccer
Cody Hunsicker, Washington College, Assistant Coach, Field Hockey
Kyla King, Emory & Henry College, Head Coach, Volleyball
Lindsay Kuhle, University of Denver, Head Coach, Golf
Caitlyn Lawrence, Smith College, Head Coach, Tennis
Ashley Lawson, Southeast Missouri State University, Head Coach, Gymnastics
Colleen Leonard, Kalamazoo College, Assistant Coach, Volleyball
Valerie Lohr, Allegheny College, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Casey Jo MacPherson, University of Missouri, Assistant Coach, Gymnastics
Tiara Malcom, Florida International University, Head Coach, Basketball
Ariana Martinez, Pepperdine University, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Kortnie Maxoutopoulis, Mississippi State University, Assistant Coach, Golf
Stefanie May, SUNY Maritime College, Head Coach, Soccer
Kaytianna McMillan, Oregon State University, Volunteer Assistant Coach, Gymnastics
Kylin Muñoz, Utah Valley University, Assistant Coach, Volleyball
Lauren Nadler, University of California Santa Cruz, Head Coach, Soccer
Elizabeth Norton, Boston University, Assistant Coach, Ice Hockey
Abby Ostrom, Trinity College, Assistant Coach, Ice Hockey
Christa Pfeninger, Texas Woman's University, Assistant Coach, Softball
Riley Piechnick, Bucknell University, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Carrie Racsumberger, Daemen College, Head Coach, Bowling
Krystina Sarff, University of Oklahoma, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Carol Schoenecker, Robert Morris University, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Monica Scott, Centre College, Head Coach, Lacrosse
Natalie Sweeney, Transylvania University, Assistant Coach, Basketball
Anna, Temple, University of California Davis, Head Coach, Golf
Valerie Townsend, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, Head Coach, Volleyball
Brandi Vega, University of Oklahoma, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Dayna White, Molloy College, Assistant Coach, Softball
Revonda Whitley, Claflin University, Head Coach, Basketball
Keri Wong, Tulane University, Assistant Coach, Tennis

NCAA Academy 2.0 class #3 participants

Heidi Axtell, SUNY Cortland, Head Coach, Soccer

Ashley Botham, Purdue University Fort Wayne, Head Coach, Track & Field

Maru Brito, Tulane University, Head Coach, Tennis

Kimberly Chavers, Old Dominion University, Assistant Coach, Rowing

Allison Coomey, Penn State University, Assistant Coach, Ice Hockey

Julia Duffy, Merrimack College, Head Coach, Lacrosse

Jennifer Green, University of Iowa, Assistant Coach, Gymnastics

Lyndse Hokanson, Georgetown University, Assistant Coach, Soccer

Amy Horst, Loyola University Maryland, Head Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field

Laura-Ann Lane, Gwynedd Mercy University, Head Coach, Field Hockey

Kelly Lawrence, Boston University, Associate Head Coach, Soccer

Ginger Lemm, Mississippi State University, Head Coach, Golf

Danielle Lowe, University of Findlay, Head Coach, Softball

Erin McGaffigan, Alfred University, Head Coach, Lacrosse

Colleen Murphy, United States Air Force Academy, Head Coach, Swimming

Shannon Neely Noel, Fordham University, Associate Head Coach, Soccer

Allison Papenfuss, Bowling Green State University, Strength Coach

Harley Roller, Albany State University, Head Coach, Softball

Ricki Rothbauer-Stubbs, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Head Coach, Softball

Keri Sanchez, University of Texas, Assistant Coach, Soccer

Liz Smith, Michigan State University, Assistant Coach, Rowing

Tara Zollinger, Shippensburg University, Head Coach, Field Hockey

About WeCOACH

Founded in 2011, WeCOACH has become 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 reinvigorated its brand in August 2018. By providing a supportive and unified network, educational programs and resources, and access to in-person and digital resources, WeCOACH is changing the landscape for female coaches.