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WeCOACH Completes 48th NCAA Women Coaches Academy and 4th Academy 2.0

June 28, 2019 – WeCOACH hosted the 48th session of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy and the 4th session of the NCAA Academy 2.0. The Academy 2.0 was developed to provide continued education to previous graduates of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy.

Forty-seven 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 were selected to partake in the master-learning NCAA Academy 2.0 program.

“I want to congratulate the 67 outstanding female coaches who recently graduated from our NCAA Women Coaches Academy and Academy 2.0. Their commitment to learn, share and engage with one another will be transformative in their career journeys. We are thankful for our partnership with the NCAA Office of Inclusion which supports these significantly impactful programs in helping retain and advance female coaches,” said Megan Kahn, executive director of WeCOACH.

One coach from each class was honored based on peer selection. Mariah Dunham, head women’s basketball coach at Finlandia University, was selected by her NCAA Women Coaches Academy class #48 peers as the WeCOACH Impact Award honoree. In Academy 2.0, the Cecile Reynaud Coaching Mastery Award honoree was E.A. Jackson, head women’s field hockey coach at Townson University.

The application period for the summer 2020 sessions will begin Fall 2019. 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 #48 participants

Yewande Balogun, University of Maryland, Assistant Coach, Soccer

Caitlin Bamberger, University of Findlay, Assistant Coach, Basketball

Anthea Barnett, UCLA, Assistant Coach, Rowing

Melissa Bigg, Tiffin University, Head Coach, Soccer

Melissa Brooks, Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham, Head Coach, Basketball

Sam Carlino, Princeton University, Volunteer Assistant Coach, Field Hockey

Hannah Chappell-Dick, University of Florida, Volunteer Assistant Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field

Michelle Cole, The Citadel, Assistant Coach, Volleyball

Kristin Cupido, Miami University of Ohio, Assistant Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field

Rachel Dowd, Ithaca College, Assistant Coach, Rowing

Mariah Dunham, Finlandia University, Head Coach, Basketball

Kacie Ehinger, Baldwin Wallace University, Head Coach, Volleyball

Amanda Fazio, University of Tennessee, Graduate Assistant Coach, Softball

Kendall Fearn, Indiana University, Associate Head Coach, Softball
Kristin Giotta, Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham, Head Coach, Soccer
Barbi Gonzalez, Providence College, Graduate Assistant Coach, Volleyball
Kayla Gordon, Denison University, Assistant Coach, Basketball
Karen Grygiel, Monmouth University, Head Coach, Bowling
Kimberly Harrell, Belhaven University, Head Coach, Soccer
Betsy Harris, Florida Southern College, Head Coach, Basketball
Betsy Harvey, Sacred Heart University, Assistant Coach, Softball
Samantha Hurley, Young Harris College, Head Coach, Lacrosse
Maura Johnston, Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Kerrin Kallmann, Molloy College, Graduate Assistant Coach, Volleyball
Rosie Kays, SUNY Cobleskill, Head Coach, Soccer
Danielle Kcholi, University of Texas at Dallas, Head Coach, Cross Country
Emily Kohan, Colorado State University, Assistant Coach, Volleyball
Julianne Kurke, Rollins College, Assistant Coach, Swimming
Patti Laufenberg, University of Wisconsin Platteville, Assistant Coach, Track & Field
Tracey Marshall, CUNY York College, Head Coach, Softball
Lianne McCluskey, Smith College, Graduate Assistant Coach, Swimming & Diving
Kendall Mulligan, Georgetown University, Head Coach, Rowing
Mia Olsen, Westfield State University, Graduate Assistant Coach, Field Hockey
Denisha Parks, Clark University, Head Coach, Basketball
Ashley Potvin-Fulford, University of New England, Head Coach, Rugby
Manya Puppione, Marymount University, Head Coach, Soccer
Emily Ryan, University of Wisconsin Platteville, Head Coach, Soccer
Liz Sack, Saint Joseph's University, Assistant Coach, Field Hockey
Emily Schmit, Cal State Monterey Bay, Head Coach, Water Polo
Amber Smith, University of Kentucky, Assistant Coach, Basketball
Sarah Steffan, Rollins College, Assistant Coach, Volleyball
Katie Stefl, George Washington University, Assistant Coach, Swimming & Diving
Mari Sundbo, Bucknell University, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Abbey Sutherland, University of Wisconsin Green Bay, Head Coach, Volleyball
Kelly Sykes, Carroll University, Assistant Coach, Softball
Mary, Theisen-Lappen, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Assistant Coach, Track & Field
Katie Thurstin, Stetson University, Head Coach, Rowing

NCAA Academy 2.0 class #4 participants

Katie Adams, University of Nebraska, Video & Administrative Coordinator, Basketball
Tania Armellino, Plattsburgh State University, Head Coach, Soccer
Hollie Bonewit-Cron, Miami University of Ohio, Head Coach, Swimming & Diving
Kara Cook, Penn State University, Director of Operations, Soccer
Kimberly Dale, University of California San Diego, Associate Head Coach, Rowing
Sinead Evans, Brandeis University, Head Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field

E. A. Jackson, Towson University, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Joelle Mafo, University of Mount Olive, Head Coach, Volleyball
Meredith Mahon, Tufts University, Assistant Coach, Softball
Shannon McHale, Florida Southern College, Assistant Coach, Lacrosse
Jamie Montgomery, University of Richmond, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Michelle Piantadosi-Lima, Eckerd College, Head Coach, Volleyball & Beach Volleyball
Leah Presley, King University, Head Coach, Soccer
Erica Rau, Oberlin College, Head Coach, Volleyball
Trish Riddell, Florida Southern College, Head Coach, Tennis
Liz Slupinski, SUNY Cobleskill, Head Coach, Softball
Jessica Spencer, Bentley University, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Nelle Stahura, Robert Morris University, Head Coach, Rowing
Melissa Stoll, Southern Connecticut State University, Head Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field
Mary Wallenbeck, Ithaca College, Assistant Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field

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.