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**Meet New WeCOACH Board Members; Huge Begins Term as Board President**

January 30, 2023 – The WeCOACH Board of Directors announced the addition of four new board members: Yolanda Bronston, Dr. Missy Price, Ann Walker, and Dr. Ingrid Wicker McCree, who begin their three-year terms this month.



Additionally, Samantha Huge, Executive Vice President of Collegiate Athletics for RealResponse, assumed the role of Board President, effective January 1. Tiffany D. Tucker, Deputy Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator at UNC-Wilmington, began her term as president-elect, and Teresa Gould, Pac-12 Conference Deputy Commissioner, transitions to past president. These leadership positions are one-year progressive terms.

“We are coming off an unprecedented year and the addition of these longtime professionals will help continue the upward trajectory. All four are current or former coaches representing several different sports and levels which will be key for advancing the WeCOACH mission to recruit, advance and retain women coaches in all sports and levels. Most importantly, they possess a big heart for positively impacting our growing community. I am very excited for our staff and membership to have the opportunity to work

closely with these new board members,” said Vanessa Fuchs, WeCOACH CEO.

Get to know your new Board members:



**Yolanda Bronston** has over 25 years of coaching experience at various levels from toddlers to the NCAA Division I level. “Coach Yo” played basketball for Central Connecticut State University and following graduation she returned to her alma mater as Assistant Coach at Blacksburg High School (VA), where she was a state champion in track & field and state finalist in basketball. While coaching, Yolanda pursued her MBA degree at Old Dominion University, which led to a coaching position at Norfolk State University. In 2021, Yolanda was the recipient of the WeCOACH High School Breaking Through Award, recognizing a woman coach who has shown exemplary courage, resilience, and leadership in navigating the coaching profession at the high school level. Currently, Coach Yo serves as the Accounting Manager & Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at St. Johns Country Day School in Orange Park, FL. In her five years at the helm, the Lady Spartans have reached the state playoffs each year and their first District Championship in 29 years.



**Dr. Missy Price** is the Vice President of Women's Soccer at the United Soccer League (USL). She brings more than 20 years of experience as a coach, instructor, consultant, author, and public speaker. She earned her PhD in Sport Psychology at the University of Virginia and played soccer collegiately at the University of Maryland. Dr. Price served as the Head Women's Soccer Coach at Wellesley College from 2016-2021. Prior to Wellesley, Price had coaching stops at the University of Nevada, University of Miami, University of Illinois and the University of Virginia. She is a two-time WeCOACH Academy graduate (WCA #35; A2 #1) and the first attendee to earn both the Judy Sweet and Cecile Reynaud Coaching Mastery Awards. As someone who holds numerous coaching licenses, Missy has also served as faculty at WCA, is past-president of the United Soccer Coaches, an advocate and outspoken member of the LGBTQ+ community, and most importantly, a mom.



**Ann Walker** has spent over 30 years in the world of coaching, administration, and the nonprofit sector. Walker began her career as a basketball coach and most recently served as the Director of Events and Communications for WeCOACH (2016-19). Prior to WeCOACH, Walker served two years (2014-16) as the Director of Athletics at Clark College and six years (2006-2012) as the Associate Athletic Director for Compliance and Internal Ops/SWA at Nova Southeastern University (NSU). While at NSU, Walker served as the South Region Chair of the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee and from 2008-2011, she served as the National Chair. In 2012, she was named the NCAA Division II Administrator of the Year by the Women Leaders in College Sports. Today, Ann is semi-retired and volunteers as a site rep for the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament while also carrying out her personal commitment to help grow women in leadership positions in coaching, teaching, and administration.



**Dr. Ingrid Wicker McCree** has an impressive and storied career as a higher education leader with more than 30 years in diverse roles. She made history in 2008 when she became the first female to serve as the Director of Athletics at North Carolina Central University (NCCU). Her experiences as a college student-athlete, coach, and administrator led to her success as one of the longest-tenured athletic directors in NCCU history. Ingrid is a member of four Halls of Fame as a student-athlete, coach, and administrator. Ingrid has also served in various leadership positions on local, regional and national boards, including the NCAA Division II Volleyball Committee and NCAA Division I Council. Ingrid is a John C. Maxwell Certified team member and holds certifications in DEIB, Workplace Conflict Resolution, and is a certified facilitator of the 360 Leadership Assessment by the Center for Creative Leadership. She earned her undergraduate degree in criminal justice from George Washington University, a master's degree in recreation resources administration, and a doctorate in higher education administration from North Carolina State University.

The WeCOACH Board of Directors will host its first meeting of the year on Thursday, February 2 at the NCAA National Office in Indianapolis. For a complete list of the WeCOACH Board of Directors, please click [here](#).

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## **About WeCOACH**

Founded in 2011, WeCOACH is a one-of-a-kind nonprofit dedicated to recruiting, advancing, and retaining women coaches in all sports and levels through year-round professional growth & leadership development programs. Prior to Title IX, over 90% of women's collegiate sports teams were coached by women. Today, 50 years later, data indicates that number has decreased to a stagnant 41% in all three NCAA Divisions, with only 7.3% women coaches of color. Five percent of women coach men's teams, and at the youth level, the data is hard to estimate, approximately less than 20% of teams are coached by women. As part of its year-long Title IX 50th Anniversary campaign, WeCOACH launched MOVE the NUMBERS to help change the landscape for women coaches and to impact history for the next 50 years. For more information, visit [wecoachsports.org/50th](http://wecoachsports.org/50th).