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Alliance of Women Coaches Completes 41st NCAA Women Coaches Academy

June 6, 2017 - The Alliance of Women Coaches hosted the 41st class of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy (WCA) from May 31-June 3 at the Hilton Denver Inverness in Englewood, Colorado. Forty-seven female coaches of all experience levels and sports from NCAA Division I, II and III gathered for four days of non-sport-specific educational training.



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“The NCAA Women Coaches Academy is the premier program offering education, resources and the support that female coaches need to stay and advance in the coaching profession,” said Alliance Executive Director Megan Kahn. “The feedback we continually receive is that this program is ‘life-changing’ – the 41st class of the WCA proved to be just

that. The week is powerfully transformative on so many levels and uniquely connects female coaches across all NCAA divisions and sports. On behalf of the Alliance staff, Board and community of coaches, we are forever grateful for the partnership of the NCAA in their support of female coaches.”

The NCAA Women Coaches Academy was held in conjunction with the Women Leaders in College Sports program, the NCAA Institute for Administrators Advancement. The two organizations held a joint session bringing female coaches and administrators together for focused dialogue, learning and networking.

Carroll University Head Softball Coach, Amy Gradecki, and University of Memphis Head Volleyball Coach, April Jauregui, were selected as the Judy Sweet Award winners for Class #41. This award, named after Alliance co-founder Judy Sweet, recognizes two members at each Academy whose spirit and dedication to their own and to others’ personal and professional success has made an impact on their peers. The honor is granted via nomination by fellow classmates.

NCAA Women Coaches Academy Class #41

Anahit Aladzhanyan	Occidental College (Basketball)
Kate Anderson	University of New Hampshire (Skiing)
Suzanne Behme	University of Rochester (Lacrosse)
Nora Boerger	Lenoir Rhyne University (Lacrosse)
Samantha Borawski	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (Softball)
Ange Bradley	Syracuse University (Field Hockey)
Sarah Brady	Iona College (Soccer)
Jacey Brooks	Bowling Green State University (Basketball)
Michele Canning	New York University (Soccer)

Johanna Clair	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges (Softball)
Eden Denney	Central College (Volleyball)
Melissa Devore	Limestone College (Basketball)
Colleen Doherty	Quinnipiac University (Rugby)
Olga Elkin	Iowa State University (Tennis)
Kaitlyn Ferguson	Penn State University (Swimming)
Juli Fulks	Transylvania University (Basketball)
Amy Gradecki	Carroll University (Softball)
Mary Gunn	Southeast Missouri State University (Tennis)
Cassandra Haase	Newbury College (Lacrosse)
Kelsey Hinton	College of William & Mary (Gymnastics)
April Jauregui	University of Memphis (Volleyball)
Ashley Kaufman	Washington and Lee University (Soccer)
Kim Kearney	North Carolina A&T State University (Bowling)
Amy Kiah	Wofford College (Soccer)
Jessica Klein	Iowa State University (Volleyball)
Amy Kolowsky	Appalachian State University (Soccer)
Kristin Kunzman	University of Virginia's College at Wise (Basketball)
Yvette Lewis	Norfolk State University (Track & Field)
Emily Mansur	Hofstra University (Volleyball)
Taylor Marshall	Florida Institute of Technology (Lacrosse)
Laurie Mayernik	St. Thomas Aquinas College (Field Hockey)
Kate McArthur	Millikin University (Soccer)
Kelly McNiff	University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (Basketball)
Athena Miller	Dartmouth College (Swimming & Diving)
Jashell Mitchell	North Carolina Central University (Football)
Gabrielle Moore	Jackson State University (Tennis)
Jaresha Obey	University of the District of Columbia (Basketball)
Jill Pace	Pomona-Pitzer Colleges (Basketball)
Ashley Petak	Regis University (Volleyball)
Chelsea Popplewell	Colorado State University (Diving)
Lara Preacco	Florida Atlantic University (Swimming)
Tanya Roberts	formerly, University of Rhode Island (Soccer)
Harley Roller-Kashman	Albany State University (Softball)
Julia Steier	Huntingdon College (Lacrosse)
Bailey Thornton	Agnes Scott College (Volleyball)
Emily Wang	Eastern Illinois University (Tennis)
Brianne Weaver	Bowdoin College (Soccer)

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