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Alliance of Women Coaches Completes 44th NCAA Women Coaches Academy

June 7, 2018 - The Alliance of Women Coaches hosted the 44th class of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy (WCA) from May 30-June 2 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 continues to provide the necessary and needed education, development and support to female coaches,” said Alliance Executive Director Megan Kahn. “The transformative experience and unique environment allows women coaches to connect across all three divisions and sports. We are thankful

for the partnership of the NCAA and their investment in the lives and careers of these coaches.”

The coaches participated in full group and small breakout sessions on leadership, diversity, team culture, communication, career advancement, Title IX and history of women in sport, and work-life balance to name a few.

“The NCAA Office of Inclusion thanks the Alliance of Women Coaches, our outstanding partners who provided a meaningful and life-changing professional development opportunity for female coaches in Denver last week,” stated Amy Wilson, the NCAA Director of Inclusion. “The Academy Class of 44 is a group of amazing, talented women who formed a network and gained knowledge that will support their efforts to persist and to succeed in the coaching profession.”

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.

University of California Berkeley Head Field Hockey Coach, Shellie Onstead, and Azusa Pacific University Head Women’s Water Polo Coach, Julie Snodgrass, were selected as the Judy Sweet Award winners for Class #44. The award, named after Alliance co-founder Judy Sweet, recognizes two members at each WCA 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 #44

Indira Avila, CUNY York College, Head Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field
Amber Barker, Albany State University, Head Coach, Softball
Amy Berbery, Indiana University, Head Coach, Soccer

Emily Boerger, Merrimack College, Assistant Coach, Lacrosse
Amy Briggs, Central College, Assistant Coach, Basketball
Nicole Buchholz, George Washington University, Assistant Coach, Volleyball
Jennifer Charles, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Assistant Coach, Volleyball
Robin Confer, University of North Florida, Head Coach, Soccer
Alex Covington, Millikin University, Head Coach, Tennis
Traci Dahl, Cal Poly Pomona, Associate Head Coach, Volleyball
Michelle Dasso, University of Notre Dame, Assistant Coach, Tennis
Ashley Dell, University of Iowa, Assistant Coach, Swimming
Teresa DiPerna, Dominican University of California, Head Coach, Cross Country
Casi Donelan-Dobbins, Bard College, Head Coach, Basketball
Kelly Evans, Harvard University, Assistant Coach, Rowing
Tammy Farnum, Michigan State University, Associate Head Coach, Soccer
Ann Farrier, Southern Connecticut State University, Assistant Coach, Field Hockey
Lisa Ferrero, Towson University, Head Coach, Golf
Keva Godfrey, Agnes Scott College, Head Coach, Tennis
Lyndse Hokanson, Georgetown University, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Ashley Holmes, Augsburg University, Assistant Coach, Ice Hockey
Trang Huynh, Northern Illinois University, Graduate Assistant Coach, Tennis
Whitney Johnson, Delaware State University, Head Coach, Volleyball
Akasha Kasper, Limestone College, Assistant Coach, Lacrosse
Nikki Kelsey-Huffman, Northern Arizona University, Head Coach, Diving
Sara Kettelkamp, UC Colorado Springs, Assistant Coach, Cross Country, Track & Field
Hollie Loud, University of North Alabama, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Natalie Marlowe, University of Texas at Dallas, Assistant Coach, Basketball
Amy Marron, St. John's University, Assistant Coach, Soccer
Alice McCall, Florida Atlantic University, Assistant Coach, Swimming
Moe Melhart, Cal State Monterey Bay, Head Coach, Volleyball
Taylor Mendez, University of Mary, Graduate Assistant Coach, Softball
Shellie Onstead, University of California Berkeley, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Jenna Peanasky, Iowa State University, Assistant Coach, Strength & Conditioning
Elizabeth Pike, Shenandoah University, Head Coach, Soccer
Caroline Powers, Michigan State University, Assistant Coach, Golf
Kelsy Ross, Bates College, Head Coach, Soccer
Ariana Ruela, Rutgers University–Newark, Head Coach, Soccer
Liza Ruetten, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Head Coach, Golf
Juliana Santos, Dominican University of California, Head Coach, Softball
Haley Schoolfield, Texas Christian University, Head Coach, Equestrian
Danielle Shelburne, Stetson University, Head Coach, Golf
Cori Smith, Utah State University, Director of Operations, Basketball
Julie Snodgrass, Azusa Pacific University, Head Coach, Water Polo
Julie Swiney, Slippery Rock University, Head Coach, Field Hockey
Ashley Walker, Mississippi Valley State University, Head Coach, Basketball
Beth Ann Wilson, Marymount University, Head Coach, Volleyball
Heather Young, Clemson University, Assistant Coach, Golf

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