

Ashland's Johnson named 2018 WBCA NCAA Division II Player of the Year

ATLANTA (March 18, 2018) – Jodi Johnson of Ashland University is the 2018 WBCA NCAA Division II Player of the Year and headlines the 2018 WBCA NCAA Division II Coaches' All-America team, announced by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association today.

Johnson led Ashland to its second-straight undefeated regular season. She averaged 19.3 points per game on 62.2 percent shooting from the field. She also added 5.4 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 3.8 steals per game. Her 60.9 percent from 3-point range was good enough for tops in the conference. The sophomore guard was the second-straight Ashland player to be named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year, joining her teammate Laina Snyder who received the honor last year.

The WBCA presents the Player of the Year award annually to the top player in five of the six WBCA membership divisions (NCAA Divisions II, and III, NAIA, junior/community college and high school). The Player of the Year and the 10-member Coaches' All-America team in each division are selected by a committee of WBCA member coaches in that division. The Wade Trophy is presented to the best player in NCAA Division I.

"The WBCA is pleased to name Jodi Johnson as the 2018 WBCA NCAA Division II Player of the Year," said Danielle Donehew, executive director of the WBCA. "Jodi has played an integral role in guiding her team to an extraordinary season and is very deserving of this distinguished honor. The WBCA applauds Jodi for her hard work, dedication and contributions to the game during the 2017-18 season."

Here are the 2018 WBCA NCAA Division II Coaches' All-Americans:

Name	Institution	Year	Position
Alisha Breen	Montana State University-Billings	Senior	Forward
Tess Bruffey	Lubbock Christian University	Senior	Forward
Jodi Johnson	Ashland University	Sophomore	Guard
Jessica Kelliher	Lewis University	Junior	Center
Laney Lewis	Ursuline College	Senior	Guard, Forward
Kelly Martin	Stonehill College	Senior	Guard
Haris Price	Carson-Newman University	Junior	Guard
Paige Redmond	University of Central Missouri	Junior	Guard
Chelsey Shumpert	Union University	Grad Student	Guard
Laina Snyder	Ashland University	Senior	Forward

"The 10 members of the 2018 WBCA NCAA Division II Coaches' All-America team are well deserving of this recognition, and the WBCA congratulates them for their accomplishments this season," said Donehew. "These young women have worked to elevate themselves and their teams to an elite level and through their exceptional talents on the basketball court, they have lifted the women's game."

Here are the student-athletes who received 2018 WBCA NCAA Division II Coaches' All-America honorable mention:

Name	Institution	Year	Position
Marissa Brown	West Liberty University	Junior	Center
Mikaela Burgess	Pittsburg State University	Senior	Guard
Andrea Daugherty	Ashland University	Senior	Forward
Princess Davis	Texas A&M University-Commerce	Senior	Guard
Natalie Diaz	Dominican University	Junior	Guard
Kristen Drogler	Caldwell University	Senior	Guard
Anja Fuchs-Robetin	Florida Southern College	Junior	Forward
Shaunice Fulmore	Francis Marion University	Junior	Guard, Forward
Camille Giardina	Florida Southern College	Junior	Guard
Mackenzie Hailey	Tarleton State University	Sophomore	Forward
Lexy Hightower	West Texas A&M University	Sophomore	Guard
Samantha Hyslip	Stonehill College	Senior	Forward, Center
Jenna Kaufman	Seton Hill University	Senior	Forward
Kylie Lorenzen	Southern New Hampshire University	Junior	Forward
Zoe March	Azusa Pacific University	Sophomore	Guard
Paris McLeod	Glenville State College	Senior	Guard
Jordan McPhee	Seattle Pacific University	Senior	Guard, Forward
Marta Miscenko	Wingate University	Senior	Center
Madi Mitchell	Valdosta State University	Senior	Forward
Melinda Murillo	University of Central Oklahoma	Senior	Guard
Logan O'Farrell	Augustana University	Senior	Guard
Shatara Parsons	California University of Pennsylvania	Senior	Forward
Miranda Ristau	Northern State University	Senior	Center
Ciara Rosten	Edinboro University	Senior	Forward
Dalayna Sampton	University of California-San Diego	Senior	Forward
Keidra Smith	Limestone College	Senior	Forward
Ivy Wallen	University of North Alabama	Sophomore	Guard
Hannah Wandersee	University of Alaska-Anchorage	Junior	Center
Dana Watts	American International College	Junior	Forward
Katie Webster	Tarleton State University	Junior	Forward
Mika Wester	Carson-Newman University	Junior	Forward
Brianna Wise	Texas A&M University-Commerce	Senior	Guard