

National Fastpitch Coaches Association

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Inaugural Schutt Sports/NFCA Division II National Player of the Year Watch List Announced

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. – The National Fastpitch Coaches Association is proud to announce that 50 student-athletes from across the country have been selected to the watch list for the inaugural Schutt Sports/NFCA Division II National Player of the Year award.

Behind the collaboration between the NFCA and the NCAA Division II Head Coaches Committee, and the generosity of Schutt Sports, the award was created to honor the outstanding athletic achievement among softball student-athletes throughout Division II.

This inaugural group consists of 30 seniors, 13 juniors and seven sophomores that represent 37 programs from 18 different conferences across the country. Nine programs garnered multiple candidates, including Caldwell, out of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC), boasting five selections. Defending national champion and Lone Star Conference representative West Texas A&M picked up three nominations, while seven more institutions had two apiece.

The Great Lakes Valley Conference paced the way with five of its schools and seven student-athletes. The Lone Star and Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) each had four programs with seven and five student-athletes, respectively. The Pacific West Conference and California Collegiate Athletic Association followed with three, while the ECC, Heartland Conference, Northeast-10 Conference and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference garnered two apiece.

The Top 25 finalists for the 2015 Schutt Sports/NFCA Division II National Player of the Year award will be announced on April 8. While an athlete does not have to be on watch list to be considered for the Top 25, the winner will come from the 25 finalists. The Top 10 finalists will be announced on April 30 and the Top 3 on May 13 or 14 with the 2015 Division II National Player of the Year revealed on May 26.

About the NFCA

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) is the professional growth organization for fastpitch softball coaches for all competitive levels of play. Founded in the early 1980s by collegiate softball coaches, today the organization also includes high school coaches, travel ball/club coaches and individuals who support the sport. Founded by coaches for coaches, the Association is built on strong values and continually instills within its members a deep sense of responsibility for developing programs that enrich the lives of all those involved.

In addition, the Association provides educational training; encourages sportsmanship and high standards of competition; promotes the sport both nationally and internationally; identifies and pursues issues relevant to the fastpitch coaching profession and provides a forum to discuss those issues; honors excellence through awards programs for coaches and players, and keeps members informed of current coaching techniques, equipment innovations and fastpitch news.

Courtney Albritton	Valdosta State	Sr.	OF
Ashton Bell	Lubbock Christian	Jr.	OF/P
Kaylee Brunson	Central Oklahoma	Sr.	OF
Alyssa Calderon	Caldwell	Sr.	C
Nicole Chavez	Dixie State	Sr.	2B
Lindsey Clarkson	Cal State Monterey Bay	Jr.	P
Shea Coats	Oklahoma Christian	So.	P
Allie Cranfill	West Texas A&M	Sr.	1B
MacKenzi Dorsam	Southern Indiana	Sr.	C/IF
Darian Dunn	Angelo State	Jr.	IF/OF
Alyson Dzierzynski	Long Island Post	Sr.	C
Renee Erwin	West Texas A&M	Sr.	OF
Morgan Foley	Indianapolis	Jr.	P
Ally Foster	Bellarmino	Jr.	P/OF
Megan Fryday	Caldwell	Sr.	SS
Tiffany Gillaspay	Missouri Western	Sr.	1B
Stephanie Goodwin	Emporia State	Sr.	OF
Kaylynn Harmon	Metro State	Sr.	2B
Rita Hokianga	West Texas A&M	Sr.	P
Tiffany Hollingsworth	Humboldt State	So.	2B
Andrea Klipsch	Truman State	Sr.	2B
Kristen Knorr	Caldwell	Sr.	3B
Makayla Kovac	Colorado Mesa	Jr.	SS
Ali Maloof	Southern New Hampshire	Sr.	P
Krista Mann	California Baptist	So.	SS
Caitlin McCready	Caldwell	Jr.	OF
Taylor Menhart	Ashland	Sr.	OF
Alexis Mercer	Armstrong State	Sr.	SS
Savannah Miller	California Baptist	Sr.	C
Breanna Morris	California (Pa.)	Sr.	SS
Julia Morrow	Tampa	Sr.	P
Jessica Neidigh	Anderson	Sr.	2B
Nicole Nobbe	Cal State San Bernardino	Sr.	SS
Hannah Perryman	Missouri-St. Louis	Jr.	P
Scarlett Powers	Bellarmino	Sr.	C
Brielle Reign	Caldwell	Jr.	1B
Cori Reinhardt	Cal State Monterey Bay	Fr.	P/IF
Coley Ries	Minnesota State Mankato	So.	P
Monique Roberge	Queens (N.Y.)	Sr.	IF/P
McKenzie Rynard	Pittsburg State	Sr.	DP
Alex Sagl	California (Pa.)	Jr.	P
Kendra Sancet	Texas Woman's	Sr.	1B
Nicki Sprague	Azusa Pacific	So.	3B
Jenelle Trautmann	Augustana	Sr.	P/UT
Carley Tysinger	Catawba	Jr.	P
Kenedy Urbany	Angelo State	So.	P
Katelyn Vinson	Midwestern State	Jr.	OF
Casey Williamson	Indianapolis	Sr.	OF
Shelby Yung	Pace	So.	OF
Taylor Zordel	Emporia State	Sr.	SS