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WGCA COACHES POLL PRESEASON RANKINGS ANNOUNCED

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (September 4, 2018) – The Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) has announced the results of the WGCA Coaches Poll preseason rankings.

In Division I, UCLA received nine first place votes to open the season at No. 1, while NCAA runner-up University of Alabama received 12 first-place votes to finish one point behind at No. 2. Rounding out the top five are the University of Arkansas, who received one first-place vote, followed by Stanford University and Duke University, who advanced to match play at last year's NCAA Championships.

Opening at No. 1 in Division II is reigning NCAA Champion University of Indianapolis, who received 12 of a possible 15 first-place votes. Rounding out the top three are Nova Southeastern University and Dallas Baptist University, who placed fourth and third, respectively, at last year's NCAA Championships. Last year's fifth-place finisher Barry University sits at No. 4, while Florida Southern claims the No. 5 spot.

In Division III, defending NCAA Champion Claremont-Mudd-Scripps shares the No. 1 spot with Williams College, with the two teams earning eight and five first-place votes, respectively. Last year's third place finisher George Fox University received one first-place vote to open the season at No. 3, while New York University and Whitman College sit at No. 4 and No. 5, respectively.

DIVISION I WGCA COACHES POLL

Rank	University (First Place Votes)	Points
1	UCLA (9)	521
2	University of Alabama (12)	520
3	University of Arkansas (1)	502
4	Stanford University	467
5	Duke University	432
6	University of Southern California	414
7	University of Arizona	410
8	University of Texas	379
9	University of South Carolina	312
10	Arizona State University	301
11	Northwestern University	290
12	University of Florida	289
13	Kent State University	277
14	Furman University	260
15	Florida State University	254
16	University of Washington	212
17	Wake Forest University	208
18	Michigan State University	160

19	Oklahoma State University	150
20	Baylor University	123
21	Auburn University	122
22	Clemson University	85
23	University of Colorado	59
24	University of Oklahoma	57
25	Vanderbilt University	49
Others Receiving Votes: University of Louisville (46); University of North Carolina (43); University of Illinois (30); University of Miami (25); University of Georgia (23); Purdue University (22); The Ohio State University (19); University of Virginia (19); University of Houston (16); University of Nevada, Las Vegas (12); Houston Baptist University (10); University of Evansville (7); University of Oregon (7); University of Michigan (5); University of Mississippi (5); San Diego State University (4); Iowa State University (3); North Carolina State University (1)		

DIVISION II WGCA COACHES POLL

Rank	University (First Place Votes)	Points
1	University of Indianapolis (12)	370
2	Nova Southeastern University (1)	351
3	Dallas Baptist University (2)	348
4	Barry University	340
5	Florida Southern College	289
6	Saint Leo University	283
7	Lynn University	274
8	Rollins College	268
9	West Texas A&M University	224
10	Grand Valley State University	209
11	Flagler College	208
12	St. Mary's University (Texas)	202
13	Tarleton State University	200
14	University of Missouri-St. Louis	185
15	Lee University	159
16	Midwestern State University	120
17	Wingate University	115
18	St. Edward's University	101
19	Florida Institute of Technology	97
20	Lenoir Rhyne University	89
21	Arkansas Tech University	83
22	California State University, Monterey Bay	72
23	Augustana University (South Dakota)	61
24	Limestone College	43
25	University of West Georgia	42

Others Receiving Votes: University of Central Oklahoma (32); University of Findlay (21); Lindenwood University (16); University of Tampa (12); Sonoma State University (10); Texas A&M University - Commerce (10); Henderson State University (7); Southwestern Oklahoma State University (7); Lincoln Memorial University (6); University of North Carolina at Pembroke (5); University of West Florida (4); Northeastern State University (3); Ashland University (2); Carson-Newman University (2); Oklahoma Christian University (2); Rogers State University (1); Simon Fraser University (1); Young Harris College (1)

DIVISION III WGCA COACHES POLL

Rank	University (First Place Votes)	Points
T1	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (8)	339
T1	Williams College (5)	339
3	George Fox University (1)	323
4	New York University	311
5	Whitman College	276
6	Methodist University	258
7	Carnegie Mellon University	253
8	Washington University in St. Louis	241
9	Carleton College	237
10	Berry College	232
11	DePauw University	199
12	Southwestern University	155
13	Huntingdon College	146
14	Pomona/Pitzer	134
15	Illinois Wesleyan University	108
16	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	104
17	Wittenberg University	102
18	Washington and Lee University	98
19	Rhodes College	94
20	Sewanee: The University of the South	89
21	Middlebury College	81
22	Amherst College	79
23	Centre College	70
24	Gustavus Adolphus College	45
25	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater	44

Others Receiving Votes: California Lutheran University (26); Transylvania University (25); University of Redlands (20); University of St. Thomas (17); Saint Mary's College, IN (14); Wartburg College (12); Washington & Jefferson College (11); Grinnell College (8); Trinity University, TX (8); Bridgewater College (7); Gettysburg College (7); Oglethorpe University (6); University of Texas at Dallas (6); Birmingham Southern College (4); St. Catherine University (4); College of St. Benedict (3); Drew University (2); Hope College (1); Ithaca College (1); University of Wisconsin-Stout (1)

About the Women's Golf Coaches Association

The Women's Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches. The WGCA was formed to encourage the

playing of college golf for women in correlation with a general objective of education and in accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition. Today, the WGCA represents over 600 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

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