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NTCA Announces 2009 Award Winners

Canton, MI---Vanderbilt's Josie Earnest was named the NCAA Bowler of the Year for the second consecutive year to highlight the annual pre-tournament banquet of the 2009 NCAA Bowling Championship.

The National Ten Pin Coaches Association (NTCA) announced the results of its voting for the All-America teams, Division Player of the Year winners, Rookies of the Year and Coach of the Year.

Joining Earnest as division Players of the Year are Kayla Jones of Kutztown, the D-II honoree, and Amanda Small of New Jersey City, the D-III winner.

All but one member of the 2009 first, second and third All-America teams are active with their teams in the NCAA Championship.

The first-team includes Earnest, Brittni Hamilton and Michelle Peloquin of top-rated Vanderbilt, Maria Rodriguez of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Cassie Leuthold of Nebraska and Erica Perez of Fairleigh Dickinson. There were six members of the first team due to a tie in the voting.

The second team includes Adriana Jaime and Angela Reynolds of Delaware State, Samantha Santoro of Arkansas State, Kayla Jones of Kutztown and Amanda Small of New Jersey City.

The All-America third-team includes Tracy Ganjoin and Sara Litteral of FDU, Kayln Washburn of Delaware State and Valerie Calberry and Danielle van der Meer of Nebraska.

Earnest, a junior, became the first in Division I since the Player of the Year Award began in 2005 to win twice. The Vandalia, Ill., native enjoyed a spectacular year, leading the nation with a 214 scoring average while winning three tournaments and finishing among the top 5 in seven of eight events.

Leuthold won three tournaments and finished in the top 6 in nine events while averaging 199.8, third highest in the nation. T

Perez was the Northeast Conference Player of the Year with a 199.2 average, placing in the top 10 in five of 12 tournaments.

Rodriguez was the MEAC Player of the Year, placing seven times in 13 events among the Top 10. She averaged 199.2 for the year.

Peloquin averaged 199.5 over 51 games and had Top 10 finishes in three of eight tournaments in 2009.

Vanderbilt's Hamilton was named the D-I Rookie of the Year after finishing second in the nation in scoring average at 201. She made her mark early in the season with back-to-back tournament wins at Arkansas State's Mid-Winter Classic and Central Missouri's Ozark Invitational.

For the first time in the awards history, Kutztown's Kayla Jones, won both Player and Rookie of the year honors. The Johnstown, PA native led her team with a 194 average and a high game of 275 to set a school record. She was the Northeast Conference Rookie of the Year and twice was the league's Player of the Week.

New Jersey City's Amanda Small won Division-III Player of the Year finishing in the top 10 in 4 events and averaging 194.5 in 55 games.

New Jersey City's Jennifer Daunno was the D-III Rookie of the Year averaging 190.4 in 49 games and finishing in the top 10 in 2 events.

Kim Terrell of Delaware State was voted the Division I "Coach of the Year" after taking her upstart team and winning the MEAC Championship, schools highest ranking ever and their first appearance in the NCAA Championship field. Central Missouri's Ron Holmes was the Division II top coach while New Jersey City's Frank Parisi was the Division III winner.

2009 All-Americans and NTCA Award Winners

First Team

Josie Earnest, Vanderbilt
Maria Rodriguez, Maryland-Eastern Shore
Michelle Peloquin, Vanderbilt
Brittini Hamilton, Vanderbilt
Cassie Leuthold, Nebraska
Erica Perez, Fairleigh Dickinson

Second Team

Amanda Small, New Jersey City
Kayla Jones, Kutztown
Adriana Jaime, Delaware State
Angela Reynolds, Delaware State
Samantha Santoro, Arkansas State

Third Team

Danielle van der Meer, Nebraska
Sara Litteral, FDU
Kayln Washburn, Delaware State
Valarie Calberry, Nebraska

Tracy Ganjoin, FDU

Honorable Mention

Kimberly Roe, Bethune Cookman
Samantha Morrison, Arkansas State
Kristina Frahm, Maryland Eastern Shore
Nicole Djerewski, New Jersey City
Jazmyne Hefflefinder, Delaware State
Alyssa Surges, Central Missouri
Steph Ray, Kutztown
Jenn Marmo, New Jersey City
Melanie Decarlo, Alabama A & M
Ashley Blakely, Jackson State

Division I Player of Year – Josie Earnest, Vanderbilt
Division II Player of Year – Kayla Jones, Kutztown
Division III Player of Year – Amanda Small, New Jersey City

Division I Rookie of Year – Brittnei Hamilton, Vanderbilt
Division II Rookie of Year – Kayla Jones, Kutztown
Division III Rookie of Year – Jennifer Daunno, New Jersey City

Division I Coach of the Year – Kim Terrell, Delaware State
Division II Coach of the Year – Ron Holmes, Central Missouri
Division III Coach of the Year – Frank Parisi, New Jersey City