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Horton, Givens Both Headed to Cleveland

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee seniors [Krystle Horton](#) and [Chrissy Givens](#) are both headed to Cleveland, Ohio, this weekend to take part in activities surrounding the NCAA Final Four. Both players will be attending a coaching clinic and Givens has been invited to the WNBA Pre-Draft Camp.

The Women's Basketball Coaches Association is hosting the Fifth Annual Nike's "So You Want To Be A Coach" clinic. Horton and Givens are both scheduled to attend the three-day clinic that takes place Friday-Sunday and features panel discussions and teaching sessions from coaches around the country.

The "So You Want To Be A Coach" Program was designed to increase the amount of minorities in the coaching profession by providing a workshop based on educational and professional principles to help those interested in the field.

The coaching lessons shared with these participants will assist in identifying, recruiting and retaining minority women in the profession of coaching. At this year's workshop, the participants will have the opportunity to meet and learn from some high level professionals such as Rutgers head coach C. Vivian Stringer, Oregon State head coach LaVonda Wagner, St. Louis head coach Shimmy Gray-Miller, Executive Director of the Black Coaches Association Floyd Keith, and many others.

For qualification, the potential candidate must have exhausted her final year of basketball eligibility at a four-year institution OR have graduated within the past year. In addition, the candidate's head coach had to nominate them and must be an active WBCA member. Each participant is selected based on their academics, contributions to women's basketball on and off the court, professional resume and a written recommendation from their head coach.

Players scheduled to attend include: Kendra Agee - Wright State University; Ashley Awkward - University of Mississippi; Kristina Baugh - Providence College; Cobie Carlisle - Jacksonville State; Kezia Conyers Appalachian State; Cheri' Craddock - Washington; Lesley Dickinson - James Madison; Lani Edmonds - Ashland University; Valonne Givens - Bethune-Cookman College; Megan Griffith - Columbia University; Erica Hallman - Kansas; Cameo Hicks - Washington; Jennifer Hoffman - Siena Heights University; Elizabeth Honegger - Bowling Green; Tanya James - University at Albany; Angela Jones - Washington; Branden Lippy - Millersville (PA) University; Alexandra Mallen - California Lutheran University; Diana Martinez - St. Andrews Presbyterian College; Tandem Mays - Tulsa; Keunta Miles - Central Florida; Jada Mincy - University of Mississippi; Carrie Moore - Western Michigan; Sequoya Moore - Howard University; Tracy Naidas - Lenoir-Rhyne College; Krystion Obie - Charlotte; Jessica Oram - Oberlin College; Karita Overstreet - Mississippi Valley State; Armintie Price - University of Mississippi; Joya Puryear - Oakland University; Stephanie Raymond - Northern Illinois; Kelcey Roegiers-Jensen - Georgia State;; Courtney Smiley - Howard University; Alexandra Street - Chowan University; Brittany Sumpter - Johnson C. Smith University; Destanie Sykes - Oklahoma State; Krystal Taylor - Valparaiso; Shamarah Thomas - Wilberforce University; Catherria Turner - Oklahoma State; Jennifer Villarin - Martin Methodist College; Alexandra Webster - Wisconsin-Green Bay; Christen West - Mississippi Valley State; Vemitra White - West Georgia; Crystal Wiley - Central Michigan; Chasity Williams - Lincoln Memorial; Ikea Witt - University of Hartford.


Before the coaches clinic, Givens will take part in the WNBA Pre-Draft Camp.

Top women's basketball prospects from around the world will gather for the WNBA's Pre-Draft Camp at Cleveland State University on March 30-31. The camp offers coaches and general managers from all 13 WNBA teams an opportunity to evaluate the top young players in advance of the 2007 WNBA Draft presented by adidas set to take place in Cleveland on April 4. The prospects will showcase their skills and compete against one another in drills, half-court scenarios and full court scrimmages during three on-court sessions.

League-appointed personnel will conduct player physical examinations on Thursday, March 29, followed by two on-court sessions scheduled for Friday, March 30 (8:30 - 11:30 a.m., 6:30 - 9 p.m.) and one for the morning of Saturday, March 31 (8-11 a.m.).

The 2007 WNBA Draft presented by adidas will begin at 1 p.m. ET at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland pm April 4. ESPN2 will provide exclusive first-round coverage of the Draft with continued coverage of the second and third rounds on ESPNU and NBA TV. In addition, WNBA.com will cover all three rounds, providing complete analysis and comprehensive information on all 13 teams' selections.



Senior Krystle Horton (above) along with senior Chrissy Givens will both be participating in the Fifth Annual Nike's "So You Want To Be A Coach" clinic this weekend in Cleveland. Givens has also been invited to the WNBA Pre-Draft Camp starting Thursday in Cleveland. (Joe Robbins) 

Players invited to the pre-draft camp include: Meredith Alexis - James Madison; Ashley Awkward - Mississippi; Alison Bales - Duke; Amanda Brown - Penn State; Cori Chambers - Georgia; Jessica Davenport - Ohio State; Adrienne Davie - Arkansas State; Dee Davis - Vanderbilt; Nare Diawara - Virginia Tech; Jessica Dickson - South Florida; Alisha Dill - Coastal Carolina; Shay Doron - Maryland; Katie Gearlds - Purdue; [Chrissy Givens](#) - Middle Tennessee; Gillian Goring; Carmen Guzman - UAB; Kamesha Hairston - Temple; Lindsay Harding - Duke; Kiera Hardy - Nebraska; Cameo Hicks - Washington; Stephanie Higgs - Georgia Tech; Tiffany Jackson - Texas; Yolanda Jones - Louisiana-Lafayette; Ivory Latta - North Carolina; Camille Little - North Carolina; Victoria Lucas-Perry - Michigan State; Lachelle Lyles - Southeast Missouri; Lyndsey Medders - Iowa State; Carrie Moore - Western Michigan; Bernice Moser - Baylor; Eshaya Murphy - Southern Cal; Lauren Neaves - Rice; Kristin Newlin - Stanford; Christina Quaye - Marquette; Noelle Quinn - UCLA; Armintie Price - Mississippi; Stephanie Raymond - Northern Illinois; Kathrin Ress - Boston College; Eetisha Riddle - Missouri; Jillian Robbins - Tulsa; Leah Rush - Oklahoma; Rudy Sims - Arkansas State; Brooke Smith - Stanford; Tyresa Smith - Delaware; Sidney Spencer - Tennessee; Renee Taylor - Miami (FL); Carla Thomas - Vanderbilt; Megan Vogel - South Dakota State; Terra Wallace - UT-Arlington; Antoinette Wells - Wichita State; Emily Westerberg - Arizona State.

In addition to the WNBA's Pre-Draft Camp on March 30-31 and Draft on April 4, Cleveland will host the NCAA Women's Final Four on April 1 and 3 at Quicken Loans Arena as well as the Women's Basketball Coaches Association National Convention.

The WNBA will tip off its second decade of play in 2007 and will feature a record number of national telecasts. Comprehensive coverage of the WNBA regular season will include 91 national telecasts on ABC, ESPN2 and NBA TV. The season will begin on May 19 when the defending champion Detroit Shock hosts the Sacramento Monarchs in a rematch of last year's WNBA Finals. The WNBA All-Star Game will be played at Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. on July 15 at 3:30 pm ET with live coverage on ABC.

In 2006, the WNBA concluded its historic 10th season with an action-packed WNBA Playoffs. The 2006 WNBA Finals capped a playoff run in which the WNBA saw significant increases in attendance and viewership. The Finals, which aired live on ESPN2, saw the Detroit Shock top the Sacramento Monarchs in the first WNBA Finals match-up ever to go to a fifth and deciding game.

For more information on the WNBA, please visit WNBA.com.

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