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NCAC Women's Basketball Special

**ALL-NCAC BASKETBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;
WOODWARD NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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CLEVELAND -- Denison senior wing **Emma Woodward (Thornville, OH/Lakewood)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2005 All-North Coast Athletic Conference women's basketball squad, announced today after voting by the conference's head coaches.

Woodward, who led the Big Red to a tie for second place, its best finish since 1997-98, makes her second consecutive appearance on the All-NCAC First Team. She was the conference's fifth-leading scorer at 14.6 points per game and was ranked in the top 10 in three other categories.

Ohio Wesleyan senior **Kelly Heil (Sylvania, OH/Southview)** becomes the fifth women's player in NCAC history to earn First Team All-NCAC honors all four seasons of her career. She finished first in the conference in rebounding (8.1 rpg) and was second in scoring (17.0). In addition to Woodward and Heil, Kenyon junior **Katy Zeanah (New Orleans, LA/Metairie Park)** was another repeat first-teamer. Bishop senior **Erica Brizendine (Grove City, OH/Grove City)** moved up after earning second team recognition in 2004. Rounding out the first team is Oberlin senior **Cristina Briboneria (Houston, TX/Bellaire)**, who was this season's NCAC leader in points (17.9 ppg), assists (3.23 apg) and three-pointers made (3.15 mpg). She was an honorable mention choice in 2004.

Kenyon freshman post **Anne Dugan (Dublin, OH/Watterson)** was voted Newcomer of the Year after she played a key role in the Ladies' first regular season championship since 1996-97.

Ladies' head coach **Suzanne Helfant** was voted Coach of the Year for the second time after she guided her squad to a 22-5 record and its first regular-season crown since 1996-97.

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2005 ALL-NCAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2004-05 season through balloting by the NCAC women's basketball coaches.

FIRST TEAM	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
Cristina Briboneria +	Oberlin	Sr.	G		17.9	5.2	3.2	Houston, TX/Bellaire
Erica Brizendine @!	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	P	6-0	16.3	8.0	1.7	Grove City, OH/Grove City
Kelly Heil #**%	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	W	5-10	17.0	8.2	2.0	Sylvania, OH/Southview
Emma Woodward %	Denison	Sr.	W	5-8	14.6	5.0	2.3	Thornville, OH/Lakewood
Katy Zeanah %	Kenyon	Jr.	F	5-10	11.0	7.0	1.5	New Orleans, LA/Metairie Park

Player of the Year: Emma Woodward, Denison

Newcomer of the Year: Anne Dugan, Kenyon

Coach of the Year: Suzanne Helfant, Kenyon

SECOND TEAM

Nicole Burford	Oberlin	Sr.	G/F	5-5	15.3	7.8	2.9	Toledo, OH/Rogers
Kathy Hittle	Wittenberg	So.	F	6-0	9.2	7.3	0.7	Noblesville, IN/Noblesville
Carly Loehrke	Wooster	So.	C	6-1	14.0	7.7	1.9	Kalamazoo, MI/Mattawan
Meredith McDonough^@!	Allegheny	Sr.	F	5-11	8.8	5.5	1.1	Pittsburgh, PA/Oakland Catholic
Kristen Sheffield !	Denison	So.	W	6-0	11.4	7.6	1.9	Dublin, OH/Dublin

HONORABLE MENTION

Cassie Bedard +	Hiram	So.	F	5-10	14.3	5.3	0.4	Mogadore, OH/Waterloo
Dana Halicki	Kenyon	Sr.	G	5-8	8.3	3.7	1.6	North Royalton, OH/Padua
Emilie Schmid	Wittenberg	Sr.	G	5-7	8.2	5.0	1.1	Canton, OH/Massillon Jackson
Courtney Steding \$	Allegheny	Jr.	F	5-9	8.1	6.0	2.3	McDonald, PA/Fort Cherry
Lisa Vanderkolk	Earlham	So.	F	5-11	8.5	7.5	0.9	Bluffton, IN/Bluffton

Key: % 1st team 2004; ! 2nd team 2004; + honorable mention 2004; # 1st team 2003; @ 2nd team 2003;

* 1st team 2002; \$ 2nd team 2003; ^ honorable mention 2002

(statistics through NCAC tournament)