



Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

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Shantrell Moss headline the SIAC Women's Basketball All Conference Regular Season Awards

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Birmingham, AL –The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference hosted its annual regular season basketball awards banquet, the preamble event to the oldest basketball tournament in NCAA history, tonight in Birmingham, AL at the Sheraton Hotel. Shantrell Moss of Clark Atlanta University led the Lady Panthers to their first ever top 25 ranking en route to the top honor of MVP for the regular season.



The annual awards banquet plays host to the 13 member institutions of the SIAC as they prepare for competition in the coming days. The awards banquet announced the accomplishments of the 1st and 2nd team all conference teams, All Academic Teams, Freshman of the Year, MVP, Coach of the Year and the 1st place team of the regular

season for both men and women.

Shantrell Moss, the 5'9 senior from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, led her Clark Atlanta Lady Panthers to a 2nd place finish within the conference and a 24-3 overall record this season. She also led the conference in scoring averaging 24.1 ppg en route to taking home the coveted Most Valuable Player award. Moss was joined by teammate Danielle Walker who took home second team honors.

Fort Valley State landed the most names on the list including Shikeya Tarpkins, Takesha Riggs, and freshman sensation Kendra Evans. Evans took home Freshman of the year honors after leading her team in total rebounds averaging 7.1 per game and 12 ppg game, third best on her team.

Others named to the first team included Albany State's Nakia Trice and Ashley Price of Benedict. Both Trice and Price averaged over 16 points per game. Jayshaun Bailey of Claflin, Ashley Orphey of Miles and Rishaundra Gartrell of Tuskegee rounded out the remaining 2nd team.

Kentucky State's Jessica Vaughn had the highest GPA of all the All Academic Team honorees. The junior, Elementary Education major had an overall GPA of 3.96. Latrice Watkins of Kentucky State, Alicia Barnes of Tuskegee both added a 3.89 to the list. Bryttany Gant made a consecutive visit to the team with her GPA of 3.84 and Cyntonia Jones of Miles rounded out the list with a 3.66.

Fort Valley State head coach Lonnie Bartley took home Coach of the Year honorees and received the coveted 1st place trophy for his teams domination of the SIAC. The Lady Wildcats went undefeated 22-0 in conference play and currently ranked in the top 25 nationally.

The SIAC Tournament begins play Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at Fair Park Arena. Tickets are still available and action begins at 10:00 am. For up to date information please visit www.thesiac.com and

www.siacbasketballtournament.com. The beginning of the tournament is also breast cancer awareness day with each of the SIAC Teams wearing Pink uniforms or Pink SIAC/Russell Athletic Shirts showing their support of the fight against this deadly disease.

2009 Women's All Conference Team

First Team

Name	School	Hgt	Class	Hometown
Nakia Trice	Albany State	5'8	SR	Macon, GA
Ashley Price	Benedict	5'6	JR	San Diego, CA
Shantrell Moss	Clark Atlanta	5'9	SR	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Shikeya Tarpkins	Fort Valley State	6'0	JR	Social Circle, GA
Takesha Riggs	Fort Valley State	5'7	JR	Homestead, FL

Second Team

Name	School	Hgt	Class	Hometown
Danielle Walker	Clark Atlanta	5'9	SR	Atlanta, GA
Jayshaun Bailey	Claflin	5'11	SR	Orangeburg, SC
Kendra Evans	Fort Valley State	5'11	FR	Greensboro, GA
Ashley Orphey	Miles	5'1	SO	Saperton, GA
Rishaundra Gartrell	Tuskegee	5'9	SR	Lithonia, GA

All Academic Team

Name	School	Class	GPA	Major
Jessica Vaughn	Kentucky State	JR	3.96	Elem. Education
Latrice Watkins	Kentucky State	JR	3.89	Elem. Education
Alicia Barnes	Tuskegee	JR	3.89	Psychology
Bryttany Gant	Lane	SR	3.84	Business
Cyntonia Jones	Miles	JR	3.66	Education

Superlatives

Freshman of the Year: Kendra Evans, Fort Valley State University

Most Valuable Player: Shantrell Moss, Clark Atlanta University

Coach of the Year: Lonnie Bartley, Fort Valley State University

1st Place: Fort Valley State University

2nd Place: Clark Atlanta University

3rd Place: Kentucky State University

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