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Lions Women Finish Third in National Academic Top 25

HANCOCK, MI – The Finlandia University 2007-08 women’s basketball team finished third in the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) NCAA Division III Academic Top 25 for the 2007-08 season, the organization announced Tuesday.

The WBCA Academic Top 25 ranks schools in five divisions, from NCAA Division I to junior/community colleges. The rankings are based on the average GPA of the entire roster. Teams making the list of Academic Top 25 Team must obtain at least a 3.0 overall GPA.

The Lions, under head coach Curtis Wittenberg, finished with a 3.571 cumulative grade-point-average, sharing third place with Maryville University-St. Louis. Concordia University, Wisconsin, had the top Division III GPA at 3.637.

“This is a great accomplishment for the team,” said Coach Wittenberg. “These women strive to be the best on and off the court. I am so proud of our players for this accomplishment.”

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