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## ALL-TCCC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ANNOUNCED

- **Nichols' MaryLynn Skarzenski Honored as Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, and Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year**
- **Salve Regina's Lindsey Shorey Named Rookie of the Year**
- **Nichols' Natalie Soffen Recognized as Coach of the Year**
- **Gordon College and Wentworth Institute of Technology Share Team Sportsmanship Award**

A total of 13 different institutions from The Commonwealth Coast Conference were represented on the 2008-09 All-TCCC Women's Basketball Team and the list of major individual award winners, it was announced today by Commissioner Gregg M. Kaye. In addition to the all-conference team, Nichols College senior **MaryLynn Skarzenski** received three major individual awards, capturing TCCC Player of the Year, TCCC Defensive Player of the Year and TCCC Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year, Salve Regina University freshman **Lindsey Shorey** was named TCCC Rookie of the Year, Nichols College's **Natalie Soffen** was named TCCC Coach of the Year, and **Gordon College** and **Wentworth Institute of Technology** shared the Team Sportsmanship Award.

Voting for the All-TCCC team and each of the major awards was conducted among TCCC women's basketball coaches.

Joining Skarzenski on the first team were **Nicole Duchesne** (Endicott), **Terri Duffy** (Colby-Sawyer), **Alli Gamache** (University of New England) and **Allegra Lovoy** (Salve Regina).

Second team selections included **Kailah Al-Darraji** (Western New England), **Jessie Page** (Regis), **Erin Phillips** (Salve Regina), **Christine Tucker** (Eastern Nazarene) and **Ashley Vitale** (Endicott).

Earning honorable mention were Shorey, **Carrie Bunnell** (Univ. of New England), **Ashley Hutton** (New England College), **Kim Mariotti** (Regis), **Jessica Nelson** (Nichols), **Emma Pasquale** (Colby-Sawyer), **Christina Sancinoto** (Curry) and **Kirsten Vallone** (Wentworth).

Skarzenski, a senior guard from Woodbridge, N.J., contributes in virtually every way for a talented Nichols team that posted a 12-1 mark in conference play and earned the number one seed in the upcoming TCCC Tournament. The leader of the Bison, Skarzenski averages a team-high 12.5 points per game in conference-only play and stands second on the squad with 6.4 rebounds per game, both of which rank among the TCCC top-15. Skarzenski is also tied for the league lead with 3.4 steals per game, ranks second with 5.7 assists per game, and stands eighth in three-point field goal percentage at .370. She leads all TCCC players with a 2.36 assist-to-turnover ratio in all games played, which ranks seventh in NCAA Division III. A dean's list selection with high honors every semester she has been at Nichols, Skarzenski carries a 3.78 GPA as a mathematics major and psychology minor. She is a member of Zeta Alpha Phi Honor Society and has also been selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American Colleges*.

Shorey, a freshman center from Ashland, Mass., has been a force on both ends of the floor for Salve Regina. Paying immediate dividends for the Seahawks, the newcomer ranks third on Salve Regina with 12.9 points per game in conference-only action, a mark that leads all TCCC freshmen and stands 14th overall in the conference. Shorey ranks second among all TCCC players in two major categories, as she sports a .589 conference-only field goal percentage and 2.92 blocked shots per game during TCCC play.

In her second season at Nichols, Soffen has guided the Bison to a 22-3 overall record, including a 12-1 mark against TCCC competition, establishing a program record for wins in a season. Nichols, the number one seed in the upcoming TCCC Championship, assembled a 21-game winning streak at one point, and was ranked as high as eighth in the NCAA Division III northeast region poll.

# 2008-09 ALL-TCCC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

## FIRST TEAM

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Student-Athlete</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Class</b>
G	Nicole Duchesne	Endicott	Senior
F	Terri Duffy	Colby-Sawyer	Junior
G	Alli Gamache	Univ. of New England	Senior
G	Allegra Lovoy	Salve Regina	Senior
G	MaryLynn Skarzenski	Nichols	Senior

## SECOND TEAM

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Student-Athlete</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Class</b>
G	Kailah Al-Darraj	Western New England	Junior
G	Jessie Page	Regis	Junior
F	Erin Phillips	Salve Regina	Sophomore
G	Christine Tucker	Eastern Nazarene	Junior
F	Ashley Vitale	Endicott	Sophomore

## HONORABLE MENTION

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Student-Athlete</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Class</b>
G	Carrie Bunnell	Univ. of New England	Sophomore
G	Ashley Hutton	New England College	Senior
F	Kim Mariotti	Regis	Senior
F	Jessica Nelson	Nichols	Sophomore
F	Emma Pasquale	Colby-Sawyer	Senior
G	Christina Sancinito	Curry	Senior
C	Lindsay Shorey	Salve Regina	Freshman
F	Kirsten Vallone	Wentworth	Sophomore

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

<b>PLAYER OF THE YEAR</b>	MaryLynn Skarzenski, Nichols
<b>DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR</b>	MaryLynn Skarzenski, Nichols
<b>ROOKIE OF THE YEAR</b>	Lindsay Shorey, Salve Regina
<b>SENIOR SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR</b>	MaryLynn Skarzenski, Nichols
<b>COACH OF THE YEAR</b>	Natalie Soffen, Nichols
<b>TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD</b>	Gordon College Wentworth Institute of Technology