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## **2017-18 D2CCA ALL-WEST REGION WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS ANNOUNCED**

*Montana State Billings Alisha Breen Selected as Player of the Year*

After earning GNAC Player of the Year honors, Montana State Billings forward **Alisha Breen** has been selected 2017-18 D2CCA West Region Women's Basketball Player of the Year after leading the Yellowjackets to a GNAC championship and the third seed in the NCAA Division II West Regional Tournament.

Joining Breen as first team selections are **Roya Rustamzada** (Point Loma) **Dalayna Sampton** (UC San Diego), **Natalie Diaz** (Dominican), and **Abbigail Goodsell** (Azusa Pacific).

All five players on the first-team will now move on to a national vote and are eligible to earn a spot on the D2CCA All-America team, and Breen will also be eligible for National Player of the Year.

Headlining the second team is **Whitney Branham** (Chico State).

Branham on the second team are **Hannah Wandersee** (Alaska Anchorage), **Mikayla Williams** (UC San Diego), **Lexi Tubbs** (Northwest Nazarene), and **Sandra Ikeora** (Dominican).

In total, the PacWest landed four players on the all-region team, followed by the CCAA and GANC with three. The 2017-18 D2CCA All-West Regional Women's Basketball teams were nominated and voted upon by the region's sports information directors.

The Division II Conference Commissioners Association encourages and promotes Division II athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of higher education. The CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as they discuss views, policies and regulations that impact Division II intercollegiate athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to NCAA Division II member colleges and universities.

## **2017-18 D2CCA ALL-WEST REGION WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

**Player of the Year:** Alisha Breen, Montana State Billings

### **FIRST TEAM**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown (Previous institution)</b>
Alisha Breen	Montana State Billings	F	5-10	Sr.	Choteau, Mont. (Choteau HS)
Roya Rustamzada	Point Loma	F	5-11	Sr.	Temecula, Calif. (Great Oak)
Dalayna Sampton	UC San Diego	F	6-1	Sr.	Vallejo, Calif. (Florin/Hawai'i)
Natalie Diaz	Dominican	G	5-11	Jr.	Soquel, Calif. (Soquel HS)
Abbigail Goodsell	Azusa Pacific	G	5-7	Sr.	Yorba Linda, Calif. (Orange Lutheran HS)

**Second Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown (Previous institution)</b>
Whitney Branham	Chico State	G	5-7	Sr.	West Ranch, Calif. (West Ranch HS)
Hannah Wandersee	Alaska Anchorage	F	6-2	Jr.	Kodiak, Alaska (Kodiak HS)
Mikayla Williams	UC San Diego	F	6-1	So.	Meath Park, Sask., CAN (Great Oaks/CS Fullerton)
Lexi Tubbs	Northwest Nazarene	G	5-11	Sr.	Turlock, Calif. (Modesto Christian HS)
Sandra Ikeora	Dominican	F	5-11	Sr.	Valencia, Calif. (Valencia HS)