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ARKANSAS TECH'S AMANDA GRAPPE NAMED ONE OF FIVE REGIONAL FINALISTS FOR WBCA DIVISION II STATE FARM COACHES' ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech's **Amanda Grappe** has been named one of five finalists from Region 5 for the 10-member WBCA Division II State Farm Coaches' All-America Team.

The 41 finalists were voted on by WBCA member coaches in each of the WBCA's eight award regions.

"What a nice honor for Amanda Grappe," Tech Women's Basketball Coach **Dave Wilbers** said. "She had an outstanding season for our basketball team and had an outstanding career as a Golden Sun. She is truly one of the all-time greats that have played in this tradition-rich program."

Grappe, who was named this year's GSC West Division Player of the Year and was also named a three-time All-GSC West Division selection, finished this season averaging 19.0 points and 8.1 rebounds per game, along with shooting 54 percent from the field, 42 percent from the 3-point line and 78 percent at the free throw line. She finished her Tech career as the program's 10th all-time leading scorer (1,738 points) and the program's fourth all-time leading rebounder (791 boards). In addition, she recorded 27 double-digit scoring games this season and had a team-best nine double-doubles and was named the GSC West Division Player of the Week three times. In her career, she had 94 career double-digit scoring efforts, 20 double-doubles and 29 games of scoring 20 or more points, including five career 30-plus point games.

Joining Grappe as Region 5 finalists are Delta State sophomore guard Sarita 'Bug' Cooper, West Georgia senior guard Dominic Cranford, the GSC East Division Player of the Year, West Georgia senior forward Ashley Huff and Nova Southeastern junior center Stephanie Sarosi.

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