

SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS

FSU's GPA Ranks In Top 25 Again

The Ferris State women's basketball team has achieved success in more ways than one under eighth-year head coach **Tracey Bloodworth-Fisk**.

The 2004-05 Bulldog squad was honored for having the nation's 14th-highest cumulative grade point average in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division II Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll list. It marks the sixth consecutive year Ferris has placed among the nation's top 25 academic teams.

The Bulldogs compiled a 3.432 grade point average in 2004-05. Drury (Mo.) posted a 3.802 team gpa en route to receiving first-place accolades for the second-straight year. FSU was one of four Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)-member institutions ranking in the top 25 along with second place Findlay (3.590), seventh-ranked Gannon (3.487) and Michigan Tech (3.446), which finished 12th overall.

The Bulldogs, who previously compiled the nation's highest gpa (3.534) in 1999-00, also finished 21st (3.313) in 2001-02 and were 20th (3.388) for the 2000-01 academic year. Ferris' 3.604 gpa in 2002-03 placed second and also represented the fifth-best figure among teams from both the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Divisions I, II and III levels along with those representing National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) institutions. FSU was 17th overall (3.384) in 2003-04.

The WBCA Top 25 Team Honor Roll list annually recognizes the nation's highest NCAA Divisions I, II, III, junior/community colleges and NAIA academic team programs based upon nominations submitted by WBCA-member head coaches. The gpa's were calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by each student-athlete on an institution's squad list in the given academic term by the total number of hours earned by the team. They were then rounded to the nearest thousandth of a point.

Five Bulldog players were honored individually as 2004-05 GLIAC Women's Basketball All-Academic Team selections. They included senior guard Lucie Cenkova, senior forward Sarah Duesing, senior forward/center Bridget Horwitz, junior forward Kelly McLaughlin and sophomore guard Kristin Reinhart (East Lansing). Horwitz also attained both 2004-05 ESPN *The Magazine* Academic All-District IV College Division First-Team recognition and Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) Athletic-Academic Honor Team kudos.

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

FORMER BULLDOG PLAYER FSU'S FIRST HONOREE

Former Bulldog women's basketball player Debbie Killips was awarded the school's first-ever National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Postgraduate Scholarship at the conclusion of the 2001-02 campaign.

A first-team 2001-02 Verizon Women's Basketball College Division Academic All-America selection, Killips received a one-time, non-renewable grant to continue her education in FSU's College of Optometry program. She was one of 11 student-athletes selected to receive the prestigious award.

To qualify for an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, a student-athlete must have an overall grade point average of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale). Eligibility was restricted to student-athletes at NCAA member institutions, who in their final year of competition, performed with distinction as a member of the varsity team in the sport for which they were nominated. The student-athlete must have behaved, both on and off the field, in a manner that brought credit to the student-athlete, the institution and intercollegiate athletics.

A three-time All-GLIAC pick, Killips received FSU's 2001-02 Most Valuable Player Award. She concluded her career as the school's all-time steals leader (322) and placed third in assists (429). She tallied 1,042 career points in a school-record 110 career outings (9.5 ppg) at FSU.



The 2004-05 Bulldogs (above) ranked 14th overall among the nation's top 25 academic teams.

**NCAA Division II
Great Lakes Region
Tournament
1999-00 & 2003-04**

**NCAA-II's Highest
Team Grade Point
Average
1999-2000**

**GLIAC Tournament
Quarterfinalists
2000-2005**

**WBCA Division II
Team Academic
Top 25 Honor Roll
1999-2005**

**GLIAC Tournament
Runner-Up
1999-00 & 2003-04**

