

WBCA NCAA Division II Preseason Coaches' Poll — 10/27/2026

The WBCA NCAA Division II preseason Top 25 women's basketball coaches' poll, WITH TEAMS' RECORDS FROM LAST YEAR in parentheses, total points based on 25 for first place through one point for 25th, ranking in last year's final poll, and first-place votes received.

Rank	School (record)	Points	Last season's First-Place	
			final rank	Votes
1	Grand Valley State (36-1)	575	1	23
2	Colorado Mesa (37-2)	510	3	0
3	Alabama-Huntsville (32-6)	465	4	0
4	Indiana, PA (31-4)	453	2	0
5	Cal Poly Pomona (29-5)	451	5	0
6	Texas Woman's (31-2)	432	6	0
7	Minnesota State Mankato (29-3)	430	11	0
8	Winston-Salem State (28-4)	411	9	0
9	Lenoir-Rhyne (26-6)	329	18	0
10	Holy Family (30-5)	279	7	0
11	Bentley (23-5)	274	17	0
12	Gannon (29-5)	265	8	0
13	Carson-Newman (24-11)	262	15	0
14	Central Missouri (26-7)	211	RV	0
15t	Concordia-St. Paul (26-7)	178	22	0
15t	Daemen (26-4)	178	10	0
17	Glenville State (24-7)	159	NR	0
18	Ashland (14-13)	157	NR	0
19	Tampa (19-11)	153	NR	0
20	West Texas A&M (28-5)	152	13	0
21	Western Washington (25-8)	148	RV	0
22	Minnesota Duluth (23-9)	85	12	0
23	Columbus State (25-5)	82	23	0
24	Texas-Tyler (22-11)	81	NR	0
25	Missouri-St. Louis (25-6)	79	RV	0

Dropped Out: No. 14 Nova Southeastern (28-5); No. 16 Fort Hays State (25-6); No. 19 Lincoln Memorial (26-5); No. 20 Coker (26-7); No. 21 Northwood (28-6); No. 24 Ferris State (26-7); No. 25 Central Washington (25-7).

Others receiving votes: Miles (25-6) 76; Fort Hays State (25-6) 74; Nova Southeastern (28-5) 71; Central Washington (25-7) 57; Northwood (28-6) 54; Embry-Riddle (22-7) 44; Ferris State (26-7) 36; Lincoln Memorial (26-5) 35; Lubbock Christian (23-8) 35; Fayetteville State (21-6) 34; Harding (24-7) 33; Coker (26-7) 22; Edward Waters (23-6) 22; Missouri Southern State (20-10) 13; Fairmont State (21-9) 10; Lane (22-6) 9; Vanguard U. (25-6) 9; Augusta (21-10) 8; Southern Connecticut State (20-10) 4; Benedict (19-9) 4.

5 teams mentioned on only one ballot for a total of 28 combined points.

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