

Bone named to Naismith Women's College Player of the Year list

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Texas A&M junior post and former Dulles High School star Kelsey Bone has been named to the Naismith Women's College Basketball Player of the Year list.

The list, which is presented by the Atlanta Tipoff Club's Board of Selectors, is based upon a player's performances during this year's college basketball season. Bone, Kentucky's A'dia Mathies and Tennessee's Meighan Simmons are the only representatives from the SEC.

Bone leads the Southeastern Conference in field goal percentage (57.7) and rebounds per game (9.9) and ranks third in points per game (17.6). She has received three SEC Player of the Week honors this season. She is second in the SEC in double-doubles this season with 13, bringing her career total to 27 double-doubles.

At the end of March, the Naismith Trophy voting academy will narrow down the list of candidates to four finalists. The Naismith Women's College Player of the Year Award, presented by AT&T will be awarded to one female athlete on April 8, 2013, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Naismith Award has become the most prestigious award in all of college basketball, recognizing the Men's and Women's College Basketball Player of the Year, Men's and Women's College Coach of the Year, as well as awards for outstanding achievement in high school basketball, officiating, and contribution to the game.

Here is a look at the Top 30 Candidates for 2013 Women's Naismith Women's Player of the

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Year Award: They are: Alex Bentley-Penn State, Kelsey Bone-Texas A&M, Layshia Clarendon-California, Elena Delle Donne-Delaware, Skylar Diggins-Notre Dame, Stefanie Dolson-Connecticut, Aaryn Ellenberg-Oklahoma, Shante Evans-Hofstra, Kelly Faris-Connecticut, Angel Goodrich-Kansas, Chelsea Gray-Duke, Brittney Griner-Baylor, Bria Hartley-Connecticut, Tianna Hawkins-Maryland, Tayler Hill-Ohio State, Jordan Hooper-Nebraska, Maggie Lucas-Penn State, A'dia Mathies-Kentucky, Kayla McBride-Notre Dame, Lindsey Moore-Nebraska, Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis-Connecticut, Chiney Ogwumike-Stanford, Karisma Penn-Illinois, Niveen Rasheed-Princeton, Sugar Rodgers-Georgetown, Ebony Rowe-Middle Tennessee State, Meighan Simmons-Tennessee, Odyssey Sims-Baylor, Alyssa Thomas-Maryland, and Elizabeth Williams-Duke.