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MEDIA VOTES CALIFORNIA AS PAC-12 FAVORITE IN PRESEASON POLL

SAN FRANCISCO - In a polling of media who cover Pac-12 women's basketball, CALIFORNIA was voted the preseason favorite to win the league crown in 2014-15. The Golden Bears, who received nine first-place votes and collected 194 points, edged out STANFORD, who was second in the polling with 190 points and seven first-place votes. OREGON STATE was third, receiving one first-place vote and 162 points.

It is the first time since 1999 that STANFORD was not picked No. 1 in the preseason by the media. The polling dates back to at least 1998 (based on available records). It is also the first time Cal has been selected first and is the highest the Beavers have ever placed in the media polling.

Earning a spot on the preseason all-conference team were a pair of Golden Bears in **Brittany Boyd** (Berkeley, Calif.) and **Reshanda Gray** (Los Angeles). Joining them are WASHINGTON's **Jazmine Davis** (San Jose, Calif.) and Stanford's **Amber Orrange** (Houston, Texas). OREGON's **Jillian Alleyne** (Fontana, Calif.) was the only non-senior voted to the five-player squad.

It is the second-straight year two Golden Bears have been selected to the preseason squad. Boyd was on the media preseason team last year after leading Cal to its first-ever NCAA Women's Final Four in 2013, after tying for the program's first-ever Pac-12 regular-season crown. Last year, she averaged 14.7 points per game while leading the Conference with 5.97 assists per game. Gray had a career season last year, averaging 16.8 ppg and 8.8 rpg. The duo led the Bears to a third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance under head coach **Lindsay Gottlieb**.

Davis' selection to the preseason squad this season is her third straight. A staple in the Huskies' lineup since arriving on campus, she is attempting to earn a spot on the All-Pac-12 team for the fourth-straight year, which would make her the first-ever Husky to achieve that feat. In 2012, she was the first Husky to be voted the Pac-12 Freshman of the Year by the league's coaches since 1988.

Alleyne and Orrange are first-time honorees on the all-preseason team. Alleyne was the nation's rebounding leader last year, averaging 16.2 rpg. She helped the Ducks return to the postseason for the first time since 2010, advancing to the second round of the WNIT. Oregon will have a new head coach at the helm, with **Kelly Graves** taking over this season.

Orrange also had a strong 2013-14 campaign. She was the team's second-leading scorer at 10.3 ppg, but also directed the offense, averaging 4.5 apg, while helping the Cardinal to its sixth NCAA Women's Final Four in seven years.

UCLA was fourth in the polling with 144 points, followed by WASHINGTON (126) and ARIZONA STATE (111). The Bruins welcome the No. 1 recruiting class in the nation this year, while ASU is looking to build on a successful campaign that saw the Sun Devils advance to the NCAA Tournament after a two-year absence.

Defending Pac-12 Tournament Champion USC was picked to finish seventh, collecting 106 points, with WASHINGTON STATE garnering 98 points for eighth in the polling. Ninth were the Ducks with 74 points, followed by UTAH in 10th (57), COLORADO in 11th (42) and ARIZONA in 12th (22).

The 2014-15 regular season tips off Friday, Nov. 14. The Pac-12 Women's Basketball Tournament is slated to be held Thursday-Sunday, March 5-8 in Seattle's KeyArena. For more information, the latest news and the full schedule, visit pac-12.com.

2014-15 PAC-12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MEDIA POLL

	Team (First Place)	Point
1.	California (9)	194
2.	Stanford (7)	190
3.	Oregon State (1)	162
4.	UCLA	144
5.	Washington	126
6.	Arizona State	111
7.	USC	106
8.	Washington State	98
9.	Oregon	74
10.	Utah	57
11.	Colorado	42
12.	Arizona	22

2014-15 PRESEASON ALL-PAC-12 (MEDIA)

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
Jillian Alleyne	Oregon	F	Jr.	Fontana, Calif.
Brittany Boyd	California	G	Sr.	Berkeley, Calif.
Jazmine Davis	Washington	G	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.
Reshanda Gray	California	F	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
Amber Orrange	Stanford	G	Sr.	Houston, Texas

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