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**2016-17 D2CCA ALL-WEST REGION WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS ANNOUNCED**  
*California Baptist University's Cassidy Mihalko Selected as Regional Player of the Year*

After earning PacWest Player of the Year honors, California Baptist guard **Caissy Mihalko** has been selected 2016-17 D2CCA West Region Women's Basketball Player of the Year after leading the Lancers to the a PacWest championship and the third seed in the NCAA Division II West Regional Tournament.

Mihalko is a four-time All-PacWest selection and the first every PacWest Player of the Year from her institution. This season she is averaging 19.7 points and 7.9 rebounds, recording 12 double-doubles on the season.

Joining Hardeman as first team selections are **Taylor Peacocke** (Western Washington) **Autumn Williams** (Alaska Anchorage), **Kamille Diaz** (California Baptist), and **Sandra Ikeora** (Dominican).

All five players on the first-team will now move on to a national vote and are eligible to earn a spot on the D2CCA All-America team, and Mihalko will also be eligible for National Player of the Year.

The second team consists of six players due to a tie. **Shomari Harris** of California State University East Bay headlines the second team. Harris was the California Collegiate Athletic Association's Player of the Year after averaging 17.0 points per game and leading the Pioneers to a 22-9 record and a trip the NCAA Tournament.

Joining Harris on the second team are **Kiki Robertson** (Alaska Anchorage), **Jordan Wilson** (Alaska), **Ellen Kett** (Simon Fraser), **Alex Brunk** (Point Loma), and **Roya Rustamzada** (Point Loma).

In total, the PacWest and GNAC landed five players on the all-region team, followed by the CCAA with one. The 2016-17 D2CCA All-West Regional Women's Basketball teams were nominated and voted upon by the region's sports information directors.

The Division II Conference Commissioners Association encourages and promotes Division II athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of higher education. The CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as they discuss views, policies and regulations that impact Division II intercollegiate athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to NCAA Division II member colleges and universities.

**2016-17 D2CCA ALL-WEST REGION WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

**Player of the Year:** Cassidy Mihalko, California Baptist

**FIRST TEAM**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown (Previous institution)</b>
Cassidy Mihalko	Califronia Baptist	G	5-10	Sr.	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin HS)
Taylor Peacocke	Western Washington	G	5-9	Sr.	Kenmore, Wash. (Inglemoor HS)
Autummn Williams	Alaska Anchorage	F	5-10	Sr.	Rochester, New York (Kennedale HS)
Sandra Ikeora	Dominican	G	5-10	Jr.	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin HS)
Kamille Diaz	Califronia Baptist	G	5-6	Sr.	Indio, Calif. (JW North HS)

**Second Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown (Previous institution)</b>
Shomari Harris	Cal State East Bay	G	5-5	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Texas A&M Commerce)
Kiki Robertson	Alaska Anchorage	G	5-7	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Mid Pacific Institute)
Jordan Wilson	Alaska	F	5-11	Sr.	Henderson, Colo. (Praire HS)
Ellen Kett	Simon Fraser	g	5-7	Sr.	Melbourne, Australia (Ruyton)
Alux Brunk	Point Loma	F	6-0	Jr.	Newbury Park, Calif. (Newbury Park HS)
Rota Rustamzada	Point Loma	F	5-11	Jr.	Temecula, Calif (Greak Oak HS)