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**NCAC Women's Basketball Special**  
**ALL-NCAC BASKETBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;**  
**HITTLE NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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**CLEVELAND** -- Wittenberg junior forward **Kathy Hittle (Noblesville, IN/Noblesville)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2006 All-North Coast Athletic Conference women's basketball squad, announced today after voting by the conference's head coaches.

Hittle, who helped the Tigers to their 11th North Coast championship, makes her All-NCAC First Team debut. She was the conference's leading rebounder with an average of 8.3 rebounds per game and was ranked in the top 10 in scoring (11.1 points per game) and in field goal percentage (126-246, .512). She's tied for second in the conference with seven double-double performances this season. Hittle earned second-team honors last winter.

Wooster junior **Carly Loehrke (Kalamazoo, MI/Mattawan)** and Denison junior **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Dublin)** join Hittle in making their move to the All-NCAC first team. Loehrke finished the season fourth amongst all league players in scoring (13.7 ppg.), rebounding (7.8 rpg.) and minutes played (32.73 mpg.). She was second in defensive rebounds (5.38 drpg.). Loehrke earned second-team honors last winter. Sheffield, the 2004 Newcomer of the Year, garners her first first-team nod after being named the to the second team the past two seasons. She was second in the NCAC with 2.61 blocks per game. She is the conference's all-time leader with 259 career blocks. Sheffield ranks amongst the top 10 in seven statistical categories. Kenyon senior **Katy Zeanah (New Orleans, LA/Metairie Park)** caps her collegiate career with her third first-team award. She led the conference this season in field goal percentage (.577, 144-252) and was fifth in scoring (12.5 ppg.) and rebounding (7.5 rpg.). Allegheny senior **Caitlin Murtaugh (Bethel Park, PA/Seton-LaSalle)** rounds out the first-team selections. Murtaugh, who scored 9.4 points per game this season, was third in the NCAC in free throw percentage, converting 79 of 94 attempts (.840). She was tied for fourth with 2.0 steals per game.

Denison freshman forward **Carolyn Simpson (Dublin, OH/Dublin)** was voted Newcomer of the Year after she played a key role in the Big Red's second straight NCAC Tournament title.

Wittenberg head coach **Pam Smith** was voted Coach of the Year for the seventh time after she guided her squad to its 11th NCAC championship and a 19-8 record. Smith is 386-158 in her 20-year tenure with the Tigers.

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## 2006 ALL-NCAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**CLEVELAND** -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2005-06 season through balloting by the NCAC women's basketball coaches.

<b>First Team</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>PPG</b>	<b>RPG</b>	<b>APG</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Kathy Hittle ^	Wittenberg	Jr.	F	6-0	11.1	8.3	0.8	Noblesville, IN/Noblesville
Carly Loehrke ^	Wooster	Jr.	C	6-1	13.7	7.8	2.0	Kalamazoo, MI/Mattawan
Caitlin Murtaugh	Allegheny	Sr.	G	5-7	9.4	5.3	2.1	Bethel Park, PA/Seton-LaSalle
Kristen Sheffield !^	Denison	Jr.	W	6-0	11.6	8.1	1.9	Dublin, OH/Dublin
Katy Zeanah %*	Kenyon	Sr.	F	5-10	12.5	7.5	1.8	New Orleans, LA/Metairie Park

**Player of the Year:** Kathy Hittle, Wittenberg

**Newcomer of the Year:** Carolyn Simpson, Denison

**Coach of the Year:** Pam Smith, Wittenberg

<b>Second Team</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>PPG</b>	<b>RPG</b>	<b>APG</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Cassie Bedard +@	Hiram	Jr.	F	5-10	16.2	6.1	0.9	Randolph, OH/Waterloo
Katie Gregorevich	Wittenberg	So.	P	6-0	8.9	5.8	1.1	Northfield, OH/Walsh Jesuit
Alisha Moreno	Kenyon	So.	G	5-6	8.4	3.5	3.4	Mesa, AZ/Dobson
Jessica Oram	Oberlin	Jr.	C	6-0	19.0	8.2	0.7	New York, NY/Beacon
Courtney Steding \$@	Allegheny	Sr.	F	5-9	11.0	5.6	2.0	McDonald, PA/Fort Cherry

<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>PPG</b>	<b>RPG</b>	<b>APG</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Alyssa Clark	Oberlin	Fr.	G	5-9	18.6	6.1	2.8	Cleveland Hts., OH/Regina
Janee' Covington	Earlham	Fr.	G	5-5	12.4	2.3	3.2	Indianapolis, IN/Arlington
Tammy Hoch	Denison	Jr.	F	5-9	5.9	5.7	1.7	Moon Township, PA/Sewickley
Emily Lloyd	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	PG	5-4	9.5	2.7	1.4	Canton, OH/Massillon Jackson
Megan Miller	Wittenberg	Jr.	G/W	5-6	8.0	2.1	1.6	Lancaster, OH/Lancaster
Amanda Nanney	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	G	5-6	6.1	4.2	1.0	Cincinnati, OH/Mother of Mercy
Carolyn Simpson	Denison	Fr.	F	6-0	9.7	5.6	0.7	Dublin, OH/Scioto
Meghan Vasilisin	Allegheny	Jr.	G/F	5-10	8.3	4.9	1.4	Munhall, PA/Oakland Catholic

**Key:** \* 1st team 2005; ^ 2nd team 2005; @ honorable mention 2005;  
 % 1st team 2004; ! 2nd team 2004; + honorable mention 2004;  
 \$ 2nd team 2003

[statistics through NCAC Tournament]