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BRITTANY SMART, KARAH WALTON NAMED NAIA ALL-AMERICANS

CEDARVILLE, Ohio – Cedarville University juniors Brittany Smart (Springfield, OH; Shawnee) and Karah Walton (Westerville, OH; Worthington Christian) have been named to the NAIA Division II All-America Team in women's basketball for the 2005-06 season. Smart is a repeat selection to the ten-member First Team while Walton earned a spot on the Third Team.

Smart, a 5-foot-9 guard, paced the No. 1 ranked Lady Jackets to a 29-4 record and a fourth consecutive appearance at the NAIA National Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa where they advanced to the Elite Eight. She averaged team-highs of 27.0 points and 7.9 rebounds per game and finished the year with 2,269 career points which is just six points shy of CU's all-time record.

Smart, the reigning American Mideast Conference Player of the Year, was named to the NAIA National All-Tournament First Team. She poured in a tournament and school-record 47 points versus Northwestern in a quarterfinal contest during which she also made a tournament-record 17 field goals. The output was one of four 40-point games for Smart this season.

Walton, a 5-11 point guard, became the fifth player in Lady Jacket basketball history to earn NAIA All-America honors. She averaged 13.4 points while leading the squad with 159 assists and 83 steals. Her average of 5.0 assists per game is the third-best in school history. Walton also became the 15th CU women's player to surpass 1,000 career points as she ended the campaign with 1,059.

Emily Delimpo (Chesapeake, OH; Chesapeake), a six-foot senior center, was NAIA All-America honorable mention. She ranked second on the team in scoring (13.5) and rebounding (7.8).

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