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The Phoenix Club of Philadelphia announces the 2014 Winner of the Dawn Staley Award

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Odyssey Sims, Baylor's Senior Guard, has been named the recipient of the 2014 Dawn Staley award.

"The Dawn Staley award is given to the most outstanding collegiate guard in the country; a player who exemplifies the skills that Dawn possessed during her career (ball handling, scoring, her ability to distribute the basketball and her will to win)," says Michael G. Horsey, Founder of the Phoenix Club of Philadelphia.

"Odyssey is a special player with a tremendous amount of talent. She's a fierce competitor with multiple facets to her game, as evidenced by her being named Big 12 Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year. I'm honored to present her with the 2014 Dawn Staley Award," says Dawn Staley.

Odyssey Sims is one of five players named to The Associated Press women's basketball five-member All-America first team. The Irving, Texas, native was selected for the second straight season and is one of three unanimous selections. Odyssey led her team, this year, to the Elite Eight.

Sims, a 5' 8" senior guard, finished her senior season averaging 28.5 ppg, which ranks No. 2 nationally, as well as 4.7 rebounds, 4.6 assists and 2.0 steals. She shot .446 from the floor, .398 from 3-point range and .808 from the free throw line.

Sims, with 1,054 points in 2013-14, became just the second NCAA Division I women's player to score over 1,000 points in a season. Sims' 28.5 points per game set new single-season scoring records for the Baylor University program and the Big 12 Conference.

Dawn Staley will present the award to Odyssey Sims during the Phoenix Club of Philadelphia luncheon, Thursday, April 17, 2014, at the prestigious Union League of Philadelphia.