

MIAC announces 2021-22 Men's Golf awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced its award recipients for the 2021-22 men's golf season on Monday.

Gustavus senior **Jacob Pedersen** was selected the Men's Golf Player of the Year, while Bethel's **Will Karkoc** was named Freshman of the Year, and Gustavus head coach **Scott Moe** received Coach of the Year.

Pedersen (Minnetonka, Minn.) led the conference with an average of 72.2 shots over 20.5 rounds in 2021-22. He shot par or better in all ten of the events he competed in this season, which included seven top-five finishes and three medalist honors. He tallied a MIAC-record 7-under-par 65 on the final day of the 2021 MIAC Championships in October to bookend his collegiate career with conference medalist honors, having previously won in his first season in 2018. Pedersen was also selected MIAC Men's Golf Player of the Year following his debut season in 2018-19, making him the sixth men's golfer in the last two decades to earn multiple MIAC Player of the Year honors and the second to do it in non-consecutive seasons.



Jacob Pedersen is the sixth golfer in MIAC history to win Men's Golf Player of the Year more than once.

Karkoc (Maple Grove, Minn.) averaged 76.7 shots over 17.5 rounds in his first year in the MIAC. Karkoc saved his best golf for last, winning the SJU Spring Invitational in the 2021-22 finale with an 18-hole score of 70 (-1) to earn medalist honors at the 16-team meet. He becomes the second Royal golfer ever to be named MIAC Men's Golf Freshman of the Year joining 2008-09 recipient Mason Swenson.

Moe (25th season) was celebrated by his peers with MIAC Men's Golf Coach of the Year honors for the eighth time in his career. Moe guided the Gusties to an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament this spring, marking the program's first team bid to the national meet since 2013. He previously received MIAC Coach of the Year honors for men's golf in 1997, 1998, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, and 2013. He is also a four-time recipient of the MIAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year award.

The MIAC Men's Golf All-Conference team was selected using a combination of MIAC championship results and end-of-season voting. The top 10 finishers (including ties) at the MIAC Championship this spring automatically earned All-MIAC honors, and coaches nominated and voted to add five additional players to the All-MIAC squad based on their body of work throughout the season. The conference also recognized honorable mention selections, bestowing the accolade upon any individual who did not place among the top-five vote-getters but still received consideration on multiple ballots.

Gustavus senior **Jacob Pedersen** became just the 16th man in recorded conference history to be named All-MIAC four times, while teammate **Max Ullan** and St. Olaf senior **Casey Parker** received All-Conference honors for the third time. Only 39 men's golfers in league history have been named All-MIAC at least three times. The 2021-22 MIAC Mens' Golf All-Conference Team is comprised of four seniors, four juniors, five sophomores, and two freshmen. Saint John's five honorees, while Gustavus had three, Bethel and Carleton had two, and Augsburg, Concordia, and St. Olaf each had one, with Macalester being represented on the honorable mention squad.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 16th annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for men's golf. Members of the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team are selected by their coaches and teammates as individuals who demonstrate ideals of positive sportsmanship both on and off the field of competition.

2021-22 MIAC Men's Golf Awards

2021-22 MIAC Men's Golf Player of the Year

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Jacob Pedersen	Gustavus	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn.	2019

2021-22 MIAC Men's Golf Freshman of the Year

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
Will Karkoc	Bethel	Fy.	Maple Grove, Minn.

2021-22 MIAC Men's Golf Coach of the Year

Name	Institution	Previous Selections
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2021-22 MIAC Men's Golf All-Conference Team				
Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
James Berger	Carleton	Jr.	Los Altos Hills, Calif. Gunn	--
Sam Berger	Saint John's	So.	Waconia, Minn.	2021
Thomas Gutzmer	Saint John's	Jr.	Jordan, Minn.	2021
Jacob Hall	Bethel	Fy.	Dresser, Wis. Osceola	--
Will Karkoc	Bethel	Fy.	Maple Grove, Minn.	--
Nate Loxtercamp	Saint John's	So.	Richmond, Minn. Melrose Area	2021
Anderson Murphy	Carleton	Jr.	Coral Gables, Fla. Ransom Everglades	2021 (HM)
Mason Opheim	Concordia	Sr.	Fargo, Minn. Davies	2021
Stellan Orvick	Augsburg	So.	Minneapolis, Minn. Washburn	2021
Casey Parker	St. Olaf	Sr.	Northfield, Minn.	2020 2021
Jacob Pedersen	Gustavus	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn.	2019 2020 2021
Glavine Schugel	Saint John's	So.	New Ulm, Minn.	2021
Blake Schuler	Saint John's	So.	Waconia, Minn.	--
Max Ullan	Gustavus	Sr.	Blaine, Minn.	2019 2020
Wyatt Wasko	Gustavus	Jr.	Lake Elmo, Minn. Stillwater	--

2021-22 MIAC Men's Golf Honorable Mention				
Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Tommy Hayes	Macalester	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. Whitney M. Young Magnet	--

2021-22 MIAC Men's Golf All-Sportsmanship Team				
Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	
Sawyer Bailey	Augsburg	So.	Eden Prairie, Minn. Minnetonka	
Aaron Lawless	Bethel	Jr.	Cannon Falls, Minn.	
James Berger	Carleton	Jr.	Los Altos Hills, Calif. Gunn	
Justin Lamp	Concordia	So.	Fargo, N.D. Davies	
Max Ullan	Gustavus	Sr.	Blaine, Minn.	
Karanja Karubiu	Macalester	Sr.	Nairobi, Kenya United World College	
Thomas Gutzmer	Saint John's	Jr.	Jordan, Minn.	
Harry Olander	St. Olaf	So.	St. Paul, Minn. Cretin-Derham Hall	
Zach Wenner	St. Scholastica	Fy.	Becker, Minn.	