

MIAC announces 2022 Men's Indoor Track & Field awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced its annual award recipients for Men's Indoor Track & Field on Thursday, capping off an outstanding championship meet last weekend.

The top three finishers in each individual event along with each first-place relay team received All-MIAC honors. Individuals that finished 4-6 and relay teams that finished 2-6 received All-Conference Honorable Mention distinction. MIAC track & field coaches also selected individual award recipients for Outstanding Track Athlete, Outstanding Field Athlete, Outstanding Performance of the Meet, and Coach of the Year.

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Concordia senior **Jesse Middendorf** was selected as the Outstanding Track Athlete while Saint John's junior **Maguire Petersen** received Outstanding Field Athlete and Outstanding Performance of the Meet honors. Saint John's head coach **Jeremy Karger-Gatzow** was celebrated by his peers as the MIAC Coach of the Year.

Middendorf (Sr. | Melrose, Minn.) broke his own program record in the 800-meter run with a winning time of 1:53.23 last Friday before taking down another Cobber mark on Saturday by winning the 1000-meter run in 2:28.73. Middendorf also helped Concordia to victory in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:19.86. He is now a two-time MIAC champion in both the 800 and 4x400 relay. Middendorf is the first Cobber competitor to receive individual MIAC indoor track & field honors since current Carolina Panthers wide receiver Brandon Zylstra was selected Most Outstanding Field Athlete in 2015.

Petersen (Jr. | Hutchinson, Minn.) won the MIAC heptathlon with a school- and meet-record total of 5,118 points, the fourth-best score in NCAA Division III this season. The point total surpassed the previous record of 5,088 set by Gustavus Adolphus' Cameron Clause at the 2014 indoor meet. Throughout the heptathlon competition, Petersen tied for first in the 55-meter dash (6.63 seconds) and followed that with wins in the long jump (6.35 meters), shot put (13.48 meters), and high jump (2.09 meters). All four were season highs, while the shot-put distance was a career-best. Petersen's mark of 2.09 meters in the high jump was 0.01 from the program record he set in 2020. He is the first Johnnie to win MIAC Indoor Field Athlete of the Year since Eric Buss won back-to-back in 2008 and 2009.

Karger-Gatzow guided the Johnnies to their first-ever MIAC Indoor Track & Field championship in 2022. Under his guidance, SJU racked up 15 All-Conference slots and four individual or relay MIAC titles this season. This is his first MIAC Indoor Track & Field Coach of the Year honor in his seven seasons at Saint John's.

In addition to the top individual award winners, conference coaches also recognized the 2022 Men's Indoor Track & Field All-MIAC Sportsmanship team, as well as the 2022 All-Conference individuals and relay teams. Complete results and recaps of the 2022 MIAC Indoor Track & Field Championships can be found on the [event homepage](#).

2022 MIAC MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD AWARDS

Outstanding Track Athlete: Jesse Middendorf, Concordia (Sr. | Melrose, Minn.)

Outstanding Field Athlete: Maguire Petersen, Saint John's (Jr. | Hutchinson, Minn.)

Outstanding Performance of the Meet: Maguire Petersen, Saint John's (Heptathlon)

Coach of the Year: Jeremy Karger-Gatzow (7th season)

2022 MIAC Men's Indoor Track & Field All-Sportsmanship Team

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
Varney Conneh	Augsburg	Jr.	Champlin, Minn. Champlin Park
Lukas Walton	Bethel	Sr.	Roseville, Minn. Como Park
Aravindh Subramanian	Carleton	Jr.	Dayton, N.J. South Brunswick
Nolan Christenson	Concordia	Sr.	Alexandria, Minn.
Josh Wilson	Gustavus	Sr.	Farmington, Minn.
Thomas Amberg	Hamline	Sr.	Redwood Falls, Minn. Redwood Valley

Henry Basu	Macalester	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. La Center for Enriched Studies
Kevin Arthur	Saint John's	Jr.	Champlin, Minn. Champlin Park
Sean Curran	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Appleton, Wis. Xavier
Nick Edwards	St. Olaf	Sr.	Boise, Idaho
Weston Stroschein	St. Scholastica	Jr.	Alborn, Minn. South Ridge

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