

Tommies' Barry, CSB's Hjort headline 2018 MIAC Softball Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2018 MIAC Softball Awards on Monday, including the All-Conference and honorable mention Teams, All-Sportsmanship Team, and Player, Pitcher, Rookie and Coach of the Year honors.

Saint Benedict's first-year pitcher **Ally Hjort** was named both Rookie and Pitcher of the Year for her role in CSB's record-setting season, while St. Thomas infielder **Melissa Barry** was honored with the Player of the Year award and her coach, **John Tschida**, was selected by his peers as the MIAC Coach of the Year.

Hjort (Fy. | St. Paul, Minn. | Woodbury) appeared in 11 MIAC games in her debut season at CSB, collecting eight wins and a save while allowing a MIAC-low 0.75 earned-run average in Conference play. She was also a key element in Saint Ben's historic 2018 season, which included a program-record 36 wins and the team's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 1994. Hjort is now the third consecutive first-year pitcher to earn both MIAC Rookie of the Year and Pitcher of the Year honors in the same season, joining St. Olaf's **Julie Graf** (2017) and St. Thomas' **Kierstin Anderson-Glass** (2016).

Barry (Jr. | Apple Valley, Minn. | Eastview) led the MIAC in hits (34) and stolen bases (13) in 2018. She finished second in the Conference with a .466 batting average and has proven to be just as outstanding in the field, committing just two errors over the last two seasons at second base.

Tschida was voted MIAC Coach of the Year for the 12th time in his career after guiding the Tommies to their 15th Conference championship in his 18 seasons at St. Thomas. Tschida eclipsed 900 career victories in 2018 and has now led St. Thomas to the NCAA Tournament each of the last 15 seasons.

In addition to individual awards, the 2018 All-Conference Team, honorable mention selections and All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team were also announced on Monday. 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.



2018 MIAC Softball Awards

Player of the Year – Melissa Barry | Second Base | St. Thomas (Jr. | Apple Valley, Minn. | Eastview)

Pitcher of the Year – Ally Hjort | Pitcher | Saint Benedict (Fy. | St. Paul, Minn. | Woodbury)

Rookie of the Year – Ally Hjort | Pitcher | Saint Benedict (Fy. | St. Paul, Minn. | Woodbury)

Coach of the Year – John Tschida | St. Thomas (18th Season)

2018 MIAC Softball All-Conference Team

Pos.	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
C	Jenna Broman	St. Thomas	Jr.	Eagan, Minn.
1B	Wendy Roberts	Bethel	Sr.	Grantsburg, Wis.
1B	Megan Toninato	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Woodbury, Minn. Hill-Murray
1B	Chase Shortly	St. Thomas	Jr.	Forest Lake, Minn.
2B	Allie Fauth	Bethel	Fy.	Hutchinson, Minn.
2B	Brooke Ankerfelt	Concordia	So.	Maple Lake, Minn.

2B	Claire Woebke	St. Catherine	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn. Jefferson
2B	Melissa Barry	St. Thomas	Jr.	Apple Valley, Minn. Eastview
3B	Molly Steinberg	Carleton	Sr.	Santa Monica, Calif. Harvard Westlake
3B	Kendra Swanson	Saint Benedict	So.	Richmond, Minn. Rocori
3B	Jenna George	St. Catherine	Jr.	Ellsworth, Wis.
3B	Elise Barnes	St. Thomas	So.	South St. Paul, Minn.
SS	Anesia King	Augsburg	So.	Cambridge, Minn. Cambridge-Isanti
SS	Maris Daleo	Carleton	Fy.	Stillman Valley, Ill.
SS	Emily Webb	Gustavus	Jr.	Maple Lake, Minn.
SS	Brittney Birkhauser	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Assumption
SS	Kylie Macziewski	St. Catherine	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn. Jefferson
SS	Emily Carr	St. Olaf	Jr.	Bloomington, Minn. Jefferson
UT	Morghan Bean	Macalester	Sr.	Muscatine, Iowa
UT	Kate Arneson	St. Olaf	Jr.	Northfield, Minn.
DP	Aubree Douglas	Hamline	Jr.	San Jacinto, Calif.
OF	Katie Parker	Augsburg	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn. Lakeville North
OF	Katie Eppard	Carleton	Sr.	Pleasanton, Calif. Amador Valley
OF	Julia Carpenter	Macalester	So.	Stevensville, Mich. Lakeshore
OF	Emilie Antony	Saint Benedict	Jr.	Forest Lake, Minn.
OF	Kate Deming	Saint Benedict	Jr.	Bloomington, Minn. Jefferson
OF	Kali Aldrich	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Rochester, Minn. Mayo
OF	Dana Connelly	St. Thomas	Jr.	Mendota Heights, Minn. Cretin-Derham Hall
P	Samantha Anderson	Augsburg	Jr.	Coon Rapids, Minn.
P	Alex Molloy	Hamline	Fy.	Salem, Ore. Silverton
P	Ally Hjort	Saint Benedict	Fy.	St. Paul, Minn. Woodbury
P	Alex Smith	Saint Benedict	So.	Stacy, Minn. Chisago Lakes
P	Krista Flugstad	St. Catherine	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn. Jefferson
P	Julie Graf	St. Olaf	So.	Sammamish, Wash. Eastlake
P	Sammy Hogan	St. Thomas	Sr.	Palatine, Ill. St. Viator

2018 MIAC Softball Honorable Mention Team

Pos.	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
C	Natalie Maurice	Carleton	So.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
C	Sammie Galvez	St. Catherine	Jr.	Gilbert, Ariz. Williams Field
1B	Allie Borawski	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Stickney, Ill. Trinity
1B	Macy Vosbeek	St. Olaf	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn. Edina
2B	Abby Grismer	St. Olaf	Fy.	Rapid City, S.D. Stevens
SS	Jamie Axelberg	Bethel	Fy.	Monticello, Minn.
SS	Sara Wennerstrand	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Baxter, Minn. Brainerd
OF	Kim Kurtzweg	Gustavus	Sr.	Arlington, Minn. Sibley East
OF	Anna Hinderaker	St. Catherine	Jr.	Rosemount, Minn.
OF	Alison Curry	St. Olaf	Jr.	Redwood Falls, Minn. Redwood Valley

P	Aly Freeman	Gustavus	So.	Omaha, Neb. Marian
P	Ashley Neuenfeldt	Gustavus	Fy.	Bloomington, Minn. Jefferson

2018 MIAC Softball All-Sportsmanship Team

Pos.	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
C	Taylor Mattice	Augsburg	Sr.	Woodbury, Minn. Centennial
1B	Maddie Fauth	Bethel	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn. Lakeville South
P	Sarah Ogle	Carleton	Jr.	San Diego, Calif. Francis Parker
P	Abigail Haraldson	Concordia	Sr.	Sidney, Mont.
SS	Emily Webb	Gustavus	Jr.	Maple Lake, Minn.
P	Sabrina Warden	Hamline	Jr.	West St. Paul, Minn. St. Croix Lutheran
UT	Katja McKiernan	Macalester	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. Marymount
P	Cassie Meyer	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Champlin, Minn. Champlin Park
C	Autumn Mortenson	St. Catherine	So.	Cottage Grove, Minn. Park
P	McKayla Ahlrich	Saint Mary's	Fy.	Sleepy Eye, Minn.
OF	Clare Waddell	St. Olaf	So.	Tempe, Ariz. Tempe Prep Academy
P	Hayley Dunning	St. Thomas	So.	Littleton, Colo. Chatfield