

# Tommie tandem, Wildcat rookie headline 2019 MIAC Softball Awards

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2019 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.

St. Thomas juniors **Elise Barnes** and **Kierstin Anderson-Glass** were named Player and Pitcher of the Year, respectively, while St. Catherine shortstop **Alex Ehde** was honored with the Rookie of the Year award and UST coach **John Tschida** was selected by his peers as the MIAC Coach of the Year.

Barnes (Jr. | South St. Paul, Minn.) led or tied for the MIAC lead in six different offensive categories against conference opponents in 2019, batting .459 with 31 runs scored, 24 runs batted in, 14 extra-base hits, and seven home runs in addition to a slugging percentage of .865 on the year. The junior infielder also ranked second in the MIAC with 34 hits and an on-base percentage of .506. She hit safely in 19-of-22 conference games and helped the conference champion Tommies to a 16-1 record in games when she scored a run.

Anderson-Glass (Jr. | Inver Grove Heights, Minn. | Visitation) received Pitcher of the Year honors for the second time in her career after going 11-1 with a league-best 1.09 earned run average and a 10-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio against conference opponents in 2019.

Anderson-Glass - who missed all of the 2017 and 2018 seasons due to injury - pitched complete games in six of her nine starts this year, holding opponents to 11 runs on 45 hits with 52 strikeouts against just five walks. She becomes the fifth multi-time recipient of the MIAC Pitcher of the Year award, joining three-time winners Janet Nagle (2004-06) and Kendra Bowe (2012-14), as well as fellow two-time honorees Maria Bye (2007-08) and Marta Radcliffe (2009-10). Having won the award as a rookie in 2016 and again as a junior in 2019, Anderson-Glass is now the first multi-time Pitcher of the Year in MIAC history to receive the award in non-consecutive seasons.

Ehde (Fy. | Stillwater, Minn.) was named Rookie of the Year after leading all first-year players with 33 hits, 21 RBI, and a batting average of .423 in 78 conference at-bats for St. Kate's in 2019. The first-year shortstop finished her debut season with an on-base percentage of .442 and a slugging percentage of .526 to help the Wildcats lock down the No. 2 seed in the conference playoffs. She becomes St. Catherine's second-ever Rookie of the Year selection, joining 2015 honoree Krista Flugstad. Ehde is the first non-pitcher to win the award since Saint Benedict infielder Kimberly Lidstone in 2013.

Tschida was voted MIAC Coach of the Year for the 13th time in his career after guiding the Tommies to their 16th Conference championship in his 19 seasons at St. Thomas. He is one of three individuals to have won multiple MIAC Coach of the Year honors and the only one to have won at two different institutions, receiving the award four times at Saint Mary's and nine times at St. Thomas.

In addition to individual awards, the 2019 All-Conference Team, honorable mention selections, and All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team were also announced on Monday. The 39-member All-Conference team included players from all 12 MIAC teams, with 15 seniors, nine juniors, 10 sophomores, and five first-year selections on the squad. MIAC champion St. Thomas led the way with six All-Conference selections, followed by Hamline and Saint Benedict with five apiece. Bethel, Carleton, St. Catherine, and St. Olaf each had four honorees, while Augsburg and Macalester both had a pair, and Concordia, Gustavus, and Saint Mary's all had one.

Four players - Augsburg's **Sam Anderson**, Saint Benedict's **Kate Deming**, and St. Thomas' **Melissa Barry** and **Dana Connelly** - were named All-Conference for the fourth year in a row, a feat accomplished by just 23 women in MIAC history. MIAC Player of the Year **Elise Barnes** joined teammate **Chase Shortly**, along with Carleton's **Anna Lauko**, Macalester's **Julia Carpenter**, St. Catherine's **Jenna George**, and St. Olaf's **Emily Carr** and **Julie Graf** as three-time All-MIAC selections. Nine individuals were named All-Conference for the second time, including Augsburg's **Anesia King**, Bethel's **Allie Fauth** and **Mariah Uphoff**, Carleton's **Maris Daleo** and **Sam Kile**, Saint Benedict's **Ally Hjort**, St. Catherine's **Anna Hinderaker**, and St. Thomas' **Kierstin Anderson-Glass** and **Jenna Broman**.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 13th annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for softball. 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.



**Player of the Year** – Elise Barnes | Third Base | St. Thomas (Jr. | South St. Paul, Minn.)

**Pitcher of the Year** – Kierstin Anderson-Glass | Pitcher | St. Thomas (Jr. | Inver Grove Heights, Minn. | Visitation)

**Rookie of the Year** – Alex Ehde | Shortstop | St. Catherine (Fy. | Stillwater, Minn.)

**Coach of the Year** – John Tschida | St. Thomas (19th Season)

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**2019 MIAC Softball All-Conference Team**

| Pos. | Name                    | Institution    | Class | Hometown   High School                  |
|------|-------------------------|----------------|-------|---|
| P    | Sam Anderson            | Augsburg       | Sr.   | Coon Rapids, Minn.                      |
| P    | Kierstin Anderson-Glass | St. Thomas     | Jr.   | Inver Grove Heights, Minn.   Visitation |
| P    | Aly Freeman             | Gustavus       | Jr.   | Omaha, Neb.   Marian                    |
| P    | Grace Gilmore           | Saint Benedict | Fy.   | Hugo, Minn.   Centennial                |
| P    | Julie Graf              | St. Olaf       | Jr.   | Sammamish, Wash.   Eastlake             |
| P    | Ally Hjort              | Saint Benedict | So.   | Woodbury, Minn.                         |
| P    | Sam Kile                | Carleton       | Sr.   | Elk Grove, Calif.   Consumnes Oaks      |
| P    | Sophie Migacz           | Macalester     | Sr.   | McHenry, Ill.   McHenry West            |
| P    | Alex Molloy             | Hamline        | So.   | Salem, Ore.   Silverton                 |
| P    | Kathryn Proper          | St. Catherine  | So.   | St. Paul, Minn.   Como Park             |
| C    | Jenna Broman            | St. Thomas     | Sr.   | Eagan, Minn.                            |
| C    | Emily Carr              | St. Olaf       | Sr.   | Bloomington, Minn.   Jefferson          |
| C    | Natalie Maurice         | Carleton       | Jr.   | Eden Prairie, Minn.                     |
| C    | Justine Schultz         | Saint Mary's   | So.   | Winona, Minn.                           |
| 1B   | Chase Shortly           | St. Thomas     | Sr.   | Forest Lake, Minn.                      |
| 2B   | Melissa Barry           | St. Thomas     | Sr.   | Apple Valley, Minn.   Eastview          |
| 2B   | Claire Boatman          | Saint Benedict | Sr.   | Savage, Minn.   Burnsville              |
| 2B   | Allie Fauth             | Bethel         | So.   | Hutchinson, Minn.                       |
| 2B   | Riley Husom             | Hamline        | So.   | Champlin, Minn.   Champlin Park         |
| 3B   | Elise Barnes            | St. Thomas     | Jr.   | South St. Paul, Minn.                   |
| 3B   | Jenna George            | St. Catherine  | Sr.   | Ellsworth, Wis.                         |
| 3B   | Alexa Hanowski          | Bethel         | Jr.   | Becker, Minn.                           |
| 3B   | Kira Krueger            | Hamline        | Jr.   | Mayville, Wis.                          |
| SS   | Jamie Axelberg          | Bethel         | So.   | Monticello, Minn.                       |
| SS   | Maris Daleo             | Carleton       | So.   | Stillman Valley, Ill.                   |
| SS   | Alex Ehde               | St. Catherine  | Fy.   | Stillwater, Minn.                       |
| SS   | Anesia King             | Augsburg       | Jr.   | Isanti, Minn.   Cambridge-Isanti        |
| SS   | Maria Pake              | Concordia      | Fy.   | Felton, Minn.   Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton |
| SS   | Megan Rubbelke          | Hamline        | So.   | North St. Paul, Minn.                   |
| LF   | Anna Hinderaker         | St. Catherine  | Sr.   | Rosemount, Minn.                        |
| CF   | Julia Carpenter         | Macalester     | Jr.   | Stevensville, Mich.   Lakeshore         |
| CF   | Tarah DeCroock          | St. Olaf       | Fy.   | Farmington, Minn.                       |
| CF   | Kate Deming             | Saint Benedict | Sr.   | Bloomington, Minn.   Jefferson          |
| CF   | Delaney Kohler          | Hamline        | Sr.   | New Brighton, Minn.   Irondale          |
| CF   | Anna Lauko              | Carleton       | Sr.   | Whitefish Bay, Wis.                     |

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|----|---------------|----------------|-----|---|
| CF | Mariah Uphoff | Bethel         | Jr. | Lakeville, Minn.   Lakeville South          |
| RF | Ally Bode     | St. Olaf       | So. | Moose Lake, Minn.                           |
| RF | Dana Connelly | St. Thomas     | Sr. | Mendota Heights, Minn.   Cretin-Derham Hall |
| UT | Mo Burns      | Saint Benedict | Fy. | Minneapolis, Minn.   Providence Academy     |

### 2019 MIAC Softball Honorable Mention Team

| Pos. | Name              | Institution    | Class | Hometown   High School              |
|------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| P    | Amber Chow        | Saint Mary's   | So.   | West St. Paul, Minn.   Henry Sibley |
| P    | Megan Gavin       | Concordia      | So.   | Cold Spring, Minn.   ROCORI         |
| P    | Calli Maki        | Bethel         | Fy.   | Cokato, Minn.   Maple Lake          |
| P    | Audrey Meade      | Macalester     | So.   | Cedar Hills, Utah   Pleasant Grove  |
| P    | Ashley Neuenfeldt | Gustavus       | So.   | Bloomington, Minn.   Jefferson      |
| P    | Annabelle Schutte | St. Catherine  | Fy.   | St. Louis Park, Minn.               |
| C    | Autumn Mortenson  | St. Catherine  | Jr.   | Cottage Grove, Minn.   Park         |
| 2B   | Mikayla Grant     | St. Catherine  | So.   | Kasson, Minn.   Kasson-Mantorville  |
| SS   | Olivia McCabe     | Saint Benedict | Fy.   | Le Center, Minn.   St. Peter        |
| LF   | Anna O'Connor     | Hamline        | Fy.   | Woodbury, Minn.                     |
| CF   | Amber Montero     | St. Catherine  | Jr.   | Circle Pines, Minn.   Centennial    |
| CF   | Haley Williams    | Saint Mary's   | Jr.   | Littleton, Colo.   Rock Canyon      |

### 2019 MIAC Softball All-Sportsmanship Team

| Pos. | Name               | Institution    | Class | Hometown   High School                |
|------|--------------------|----------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 3B   | Jacqueline Nichols | Augsburg       | Sr.   | Royalton, Minn.                       |
| 1B   | Maddie Fauth       | Bethel         | Sr.   | Hutchinson, Minn.                     |
| 2B   | Madison Collins    | Carleton       | Fy.   | Elmhurst, Ill.   York Community       |
| RF   | Nicole Johannes    | Concordia      | Sr.   | Cold Spring, Minn.   ROCORI           |
| C    | Kenzie Skuza       | Gustavus       | Fy.   | Princeton, Minn.                      |
| C    | Ramsey Hare        | Hamline        | Jr.   | Tigard, Ore.                          |
| UT   | Elena Youngdale    | Macalester     | Jr.   | Minneapolis, Minn.   St. Paul Academy |
| C    | Madie Mikolich     | Saint Benedict | Sr.   | Elk River, Minn.   Rogers             |
| LF   | Anna Hinderaker    | St. Catherine  | Sr.   | Rosemount, Minn.                      |
| P    | Amber Trendle      | Saint Mary's   | Sr.   | Chicago, Ill.   De La Salle           |
| DP   | Clare Waddell      | St. Olaf       | Jr.   | Tempe, Ariz.   Tempe Prep Academy     |
| P    | Hayley Dunning     | St. Thomas     | Jr.   | Littleton, Colo.   Chatfield          |