

# MIAC announces 2022 Softball Awards

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2022 MIAC Softball Awards on Tuesday, including the All-Conference and honorable mention Teams, All-Sportsmanship Team, and Player, Pitcher, Rookie, and Coach of the Year honors.

Saint Benedict junior **Gabby Spencer** was named MIAC Player of the Year, while Bethel junior **Kayla Simacek** received MIAC Pitcher of the Year honors. Hamline first-year shortstop **Jenna Rubbelke** was selected as the MIAC Rookie of the Year, and Bethel's **Penny Foore** was honored by her peers with MIAC Softball Coach of the Year distinction.

Spencer (St. Paul, Minn. | Roseville) led the MIAC in both slugging percentage (.759) and triples (3) from the leadoff position in conference contests this season. Spencer also owned the second-best on-base percentage in the conference (.563), third-best batting average (.466), fourth-most doubles (8) and total bases (44), and ranked fifth in walks (10) to go along with a perfect fielding percentage in center field. Spencer joins 2014 recipient Lexi Alm as the only CSB players in history to be named MIAC Softball Player of the Year.

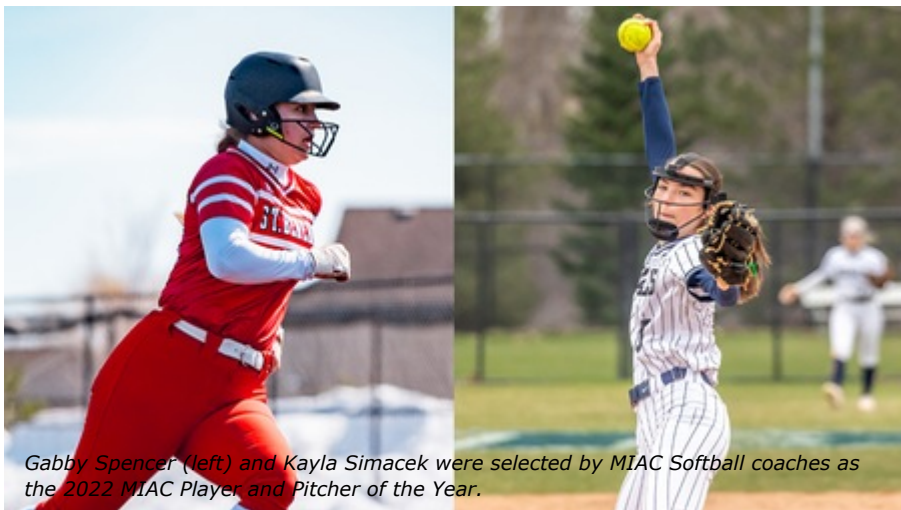
Simacek (Hastings, Minn.) went 19-1 as a starter in conference games this season and led the league in complete games (15), shutouts (4), innings pitched (124.0), strikeouts (182), and earned run average (1.02). Simacek became the Royals' all-time strikeouts leader in April, midway through her second full season in the circle and en route to the program's first MIAC title since 2015. Simacek is the first Bethel player in program history to be named MIAC Softball Pitcher of the Year and the first Royal since Angie Jackson in 2015 to receive top individual conference honors.

Rubbelke (North St. Paul, Minn.) became an instant impact player in her debut season at Hamline, leading all conference players in batting average (.507), on-base percentage (.577), and runs scored (30) in league play. Rubbelke tallied a hit in all but one conference game this season as the Pipers' leadoff hitter, finishing the season with 34 hits to go along with a league-best 60 assists from the shortstop position.

Foore (7th season) guided the Royals to a record-setting season in 2022, winning a program-best 20 conference games and surpassing 30 wins overall for the first time ever. Bethel enjoyed a 23-game win streak from March 12 through April 24, and the Royals went on to win their second-ever MIAC regular season championship and first-ever MIAC Playoff title behind Foore's leadership. This is Foore's first MIAC Softball Coach of the Year honor.

In addition to individual awards, MIAC softball coaches also selected the All-Conference, Honorable Mention, and All-Sportsmanship Teams. Thirty-eight players were honored with All-Conference status. Bethel's **Allie Fauth** became the 25th woman on record to receive All-MIAC selection four times, while Hamline's **Megan Rubbelke**, St. Catherine's **Alex Ehde**, and St. Olaf's **Tarah DeCroock** earned the honor for the third time in their careers. A total of 81 softball players all-time have received All-MIAC honors three times or more.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 15th 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.



*Gabby Spencer (left) and Kayla Simacek were selected by MIAC Softball coaches as the 2022 MIAC Player and Pitcher of the Year.*

## 2022 MIAC Softball Awards

### 2022 MIAC Softball Player of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
OF	Gabby Spencer	Saint Benedict	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn.   Roseville	--

### 2022 MIAC Softball Pitcher of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
P	Kayla Simacek	Bethel	Jr.	Hastings, Minn.	--

### 2022 MIAC Softball Rookie of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School
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SS	Jenna Rubbelke	Hamline	Fy.	North St. Paul, Minn.
<b>2022 MIAC Softball Coach of the Year</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>		<b>Previous Selections</b>	
Penny Foore	Bethel		--	

<b>2022 MIAC Softball All-Conference Team</b>					
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Hometown   High School</b>	<b>Previous Selections</b>
C	Julia Azure	St. Catherine	Jr.	Lino Lakes, Minn.   Centennial	2021 (HM)
C	Gabby Cook	Hamline	Jr.	Longmont, Colo.   Fairview	--
C	Cortney Hokanson	Bethel	Sr.	Shakopee, Minn.	2021
1B	Mackenzie Clarke	Macalester	Sr.	Redwood City, Calif.   Sequoia	2021
1B	Madison Collins	Carleton	Sr.	Elmhurst, Ill.   York	2021 (HM)
1B	Megan Rubbelke	Hamline	Sr.	North St. Paul, Minn.	2019   2021
2B	Regan Brodine	Macalester	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.   North Allegheny	--
2B	Kayla Hokanson	Bethel	Sr.	Shakopee, Minn.	--
3B	Autumn Earney	Bethel	Fy.	Ellsworth, Wis.	--
3B	Riley Hall	Saint Mary's	Fy.	Dallas Center, Iowa	--
3B	Kira Krueger	Hamline	Sr.	Mayville, Wis.	2019
3B	Kaylyn Leonard	Gustavus	Sr.	Plymouth, Minn.   Robbinsdale Armstrong	--
SS	Bryn Carlstrom	Saint Benedict	So.	Rochester, Minn.   Mayo	2021
SS	Sophie Cave	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Maplewood, Minn.   North St. Paul	--
SS	Alex Ehde	St. Catherine	Sr.	Stillwater, Minn.	2019   2021
SS	Maya Patty	St. Olaf	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn.   Mounds View	--
SS	Jenna Rubbelke	Hamline	Fy.	North St. Paul, Minn.	--
OF	Shreya Ashok	St. Olaf	So.	Prior Lake, Minn.	--
OF	Taylor Brunn	St. Catherine	Jr.	Little Canada, Minn.   Concordia Academy	2021
OF	Allison Ciero	Saint Mary's	Fy.	Glen Ellyn, Ill.   Glenbard West	--
OF	Lexi DeBace	Bethel	Sr.	Little Canada, Minn.   Roseville	2021
OF	Tarah DeCroock	St. Olaf	Sr.	Farmington, Minn.	2019   2021
OF	Allie Fauth	Bethel	Gr.	Hutchinson, Minn.	2018   2019   2021
OF	Sophie Futchko	Macalester	Fy.	Prince Frederick, Md.   Huntingtown	--
OF	Kenzie Leither	Concordia	Sr.	Kimball, Minn.	--
OF	Brooke McKelvey	Carleton	Sr.	West Linn, Ore.	--
OF	Madelyn Mueller	Gustavus	So.	North Mankato, Minn.   Mankato West	2021
OF	Hannah Peschel	St. Olaf	So.	Shoreview, Minn.   Mounds View	--
OF	Gabby Spencer	Saint Benedict	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn.   Roseville	2021
OF	Lizzy Walker	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   Bloomington Jefferson	--
DP	Addy Bowne	Saint Benedict	Fy.	Big Lake, Minn.	--

P	Megan Gavin	Concordia	Sr.	Cold Spring, Minn.   ROCORI	2019 (HM)   2021 (AC)
P	Olivia Howe	St. Scholastica	Sr.	Scandia, Minn.	--
P	Alyssa Montero	St. Catherine	Jr.	Circle Pines, Minn.   Centennial	--
P	Elly Novak	Saint Benedict	Jr.	Montgomery, Minn.   Tri-City United	2021
P	Jaelyn Orth	St. Olaf	So.	West St. Paul, Minn.   Henry Sibley	--
P	Piper Otto	Gustavus	So.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.   Champlin Park	2021 (HM)
P	Kayla Simacek	Bethel	Jr.	Hastings, Minn.	2021

2022 MIAC Softball Honorable Mention

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
C	Rachel Kawiecki	Gustavus	Fy.	Richfield, Minn.   Academy of Holy Angels	--
C	Katie Weisheit	St. Olaf	So.	Wheaton, Ill.   Wheaton Warrenville South	2021 (HM)
1B	Kaitlín Boyles	St. Catherine	So.	Woodbury, Minn.   East Ridge	--
2B	Andrea Conway	St. Olaf	Jr.	Dundee, Ill.   Dundee-Crown	--
3B	Megan Rasmussen	Saint Benedict	So.	Prior Lake, Minn.	--
SS	Kari Breuer	St. Scholastica	Jr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.	--
OF	Jordyn Swoboda	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Willmar, Minn.	2021 (AC)
OF	Meredith Taylor	Augsburg	Fy.	Randolph, Minn.	--
UTL	Lindsay Burr	St. Catherine	Sr.	Baldwin, Wis.   Baldwin-Woodville	2021 (AC)
DP	Mikaela Girard	Bethel	Fy.	Northfield, Minn.	--
P	Olivia O'Connor	Augsburg	So.	White Bear Lake, Minn.	--
P	Logan Robinson	Carleton	Sr.	Alexandria, Va.   National Cathedral School	--

2022 MIAC Softball All-Sportsmanship Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	
P	Saryn Sherrell	Augsburg	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   South	
OF	Angela Dabu	Bethel	Sr.	Apple Valley, Minn.	
3B	Michaela Fielder-Jellsey	Carleton	Sr.	Yuba City, Calif.	
C	Caitlin Culleton	Concordia	Sr.	Vassar, Minn.   Warroad	
1B	Kayla Ruud	Gustavus	Jr.	Savage, Minn.   Shakopee	
C	Kiana Island	Hamline	So.	Gering, Neb.	
OF	Anna Leidner	Macalester	Sr.	New York, N.Y.   Bronx Science	
OF	Mo Burns	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   Providence Academy	
OF	Serena Lee	St. Catherine	Fy.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.   Osseo	
1B	Erin Sullivan	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.   Assumption	
2B/P	Abby Grismer	St. Olaf	Sr.	Rapid City, S.D.   Stevens	
DP	Kate Broderick	St. Scholastica	Jr.	Prior Lake, Minn.	