

MIAC announces 2020-21 Women's Golf awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced its award recipients for the 2020-21 women's golf season on Monday.

Bethel senior **Nicole Miller** was named MIAC Player and Senior of the Year, while St. Catherine first-year golfer **Jaycee Rhodes** received Rookie of the Year honors, and her head coach, **Mary Giorgi**, was selected as the Coach of the Year.

Miller (Sr. | Eden Prairie, Minn.) led the MIAC with a program-record 75.6-shot average over 11 rounds this spring. In the five tournaments she competed in, Miller won three and placed among the top-four in the other two. Her career scoring average of 77.04 is also a Bethel record. She becomes the second Royal to win MIAC Player and Senior of the Year honors, joining former teammate Christine Piwnica, who also earned both in the spring of 2018 - the same year Miller was named the conference's top rookie performer.

Rhodes (Fy. | St. Paul, Minn. | Eastview) becomes the first St. Catherine golfer to receive MIAC Rookie of the Year honors after tying for fourth place at the 2020-21 MIAC Championships. The first-year competitor played 13 rounds of golf this spring, averaging an even 80.0 shots per round. Rhodes participated in seven events in her debut season, winning one and placing among the top-10 in five.

Giorgi guided the Wildcats to their second NCAA Championship berth in the last five seasons with a 29-shot margin of victory at the 2020-21 MIAC Championships. St. Kate's averaged a MIAC-best 315.6 shots per round over the course of the season and saved their best golf for last, tallying a 54-hole total of 909 for the second-lowest three-day score in MIAC Women's Golf Championship history and punctuating the MIAC meet with a 298 in round three - the lowest final-round score by a MIAC women's team champion ever. Giorgi is the first St. Catherine coach to receive MIAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year honors.

The MIAC Women'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 meet this spring automatically earned All-MIAC honors, and the 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.

Bethel's **Nicole Miller** became the 16th woman in MIAC golf history to earn four straight All-Conference honors, while Carleton's **Kristin Miyagi** and **Alexis Chan** received All-Conference distinction for the third time. Bethel's **Anna Tollefson** joined a pair of Gusties - **Erin Ericson** and **Emily Kratz** - and a trio of Wildcats - **Jordan Amelon**, **Sydney Brown**, and **Kate Taylor** - in being named All-MIAC for a second time. Macalester junior **Tenley Smith**, who earned honorable mention distinction last season, moved up to the All-Conference squad in 2021. The 2020-21 All-Conference Team includes three seniors, six juniors, four sophomores, and four first-year players. St. Catherine led all teams with five honorees, while Gustavus had four, Carleton had three, Bethel had two, and Macalester, Saint Benedict, and St. Olaf each had one. St. Catherine and St. Olaf were also represented with players on the honorable mention squad.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 15th annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for women'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.



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2020-21 MIAC Women's Golf Player of the Year

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Nicole Miller	Bethel	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.	--

2020-21 MIAC Women's Golf Senior of the Year

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Nicole Miller	Bethel	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.	--

2020-21 MIAC Women's Golf Rookie of the Year

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Jaycee Rhodes	St. Catherine	Fy.	St. Paul, Minn. Eastview	--
2020-21 MIAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year				
Name	Institution			Previous Selections
Mary Giorgi	St. Catherine			2010

2020-21 MIAC Women's Golf All-Conference Team				
Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Jordan Amelon	St. Catherine	Sr.	Iowa City, Iowa West	2020
Sydney Brown	St. Catherine	So.	Eau Claire, Wis. North	2020
Alexis Chan	Carleton	Sr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo. Rock Canyon	2018 2019
Erin Ericson	Gustavus	Jr.	Onalaska, Wis.	2020
Emily Kratz	Gustavus	Jr.	Edina, Minn.	2019
Nicole Miller	Bethel	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.	2018 2019 2020
Kristin Miyagi	Carleton	Jr.	Honolulu, Hawaii 'Iolani School	2019 2020
Dasha Parker	St. Catherine	So.	Minnetonka, Minn. Edina	--
Sydney Regalado	Gustavus	Jr.	Rosemount, Minn.	--
Emily Renner	Saint Benedict	Fy.	Victoria, Minn. Chanhassen	--
Jaycee Rhodes	St. Catherine	Fy.	St. Paul, Minn. Eastview	--
Bergen Senf	St. Olaf	Fy.	Fairmont, Minn.	--
Alyssa Soma	Carleton	Fy.	Ridgewood, N.J.	--
Tenley Smith	Macalester	Jr.	Williamstown, Mass. Mount Greylock Regional	2020 (HM)
Kate Taylor	St. Catherine	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah Skyline	2020
Anna Tollefson	Bethel	So.	La Crescent, Minn. LaCrescent-HoKah	2020
Laurel Ward	Gustavus	So.	Bozeman, Mont.	--

2020-21 MIAC Women's Golf Honorable Mention				
Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Sydney Brandt	St. Catherine	Jr.	Brookfield, Wis. Catholic Memorial	2020 (1T)
Sydney Monge	St. Olaf	Fy.	Minnetonka, Minn.	--

2020-21 MIAC Women's Golf All-Sportsmanship Team				
Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	
Avery Sawchuk	Augsburg	Fy.	Burnsville, Minn.	
Ana Schwarz	Bethel	Jr.	Marshall, Minn.	
Alexis Chan	Carleton	Sr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo. Rock Canyon	
Abbey Frauenholtz	Concordia	So.	New Ulm, Minn.	
Sydney Regalado	Gustavus	Jr.	Rosemount, Minn.	
Izzy Hebert	Macalester	Sr.	Westminster, Colo. Legacy	

Emily Olson	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. O'Gorman
Jordan Amelon	St. Catherine	Sr.	Iowa City, Iowa West
Danielle Palmen	St. Olaf	Sr.	Kenosha, Wis. Prairie School
Sydney Steinmetz	St. Thomas	Jr.	Oshkosh, Wis. West