

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



MIAC announces 2022-23 Women's Golf awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced its award recipients for the 2022-23 women's golf season on Monday.

St. Catherine sophomore **Kyra Venne** was selected as the Women's Golf Player of the Year, while Carleton first-year **Carter Sichel** was named Rookie of the Year, and St. Olaf head coach **Katie Luckraft** was recognized as Coach of the Year.

Venne (Woodbury, Minn. | East Ridge) earned medalist honors at the 2022 MIAC Championships and led the conference in scoring average throughout the season at 74.4. Her play throughout the year earned her an invitation to compete as an individual at the 2023 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships. Venne placed among the top 10 finishers at all ten events she attended in 2022-23, including nine top-five results and five medalist honors. She is the first-ever Wildcat to earn MIAC Player of the Year honors in women's golf.

Sichel (Winnetka, Ill. | New Trier) posted the second-lowest scoring average in the conference in her debut season, shooting 75.1 over 16 rounds of play. Sichel placed among the top 10 finishers at eight of the nine events she competed in, ending up in the top five six times and earning a pair of medalist honors. She is the seventh Knight to receive the MIAC Rookie of the Year award in women's golf and the first since the 2018-19 season.

Luckraft (10th season) was celebrated by her peers with MIAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year honors for the first time in her career. Under her guidance, the Oles placed among the top 10 as a team in five meets during the 2022-23 campaign and earned multiple All-Conference honorees for the first time in a decade. She is the second St. Olaf coach to be named MIAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year, joining Luke Benoit who won the award in back-to-back seasons in 2011-12 and 2012-13.

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 last fall automatically earned All-MIAC honors, and coaches nominated and voted on 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 votes from at least three coaches.

Bethel senior **Anna Tollefson** earned All-MIAC honors for the fourth time in her career, a feat achieved by just 18 players in recorded MIAC women's golf history. Saint Benedict junior **Emily Renner**, St. Catherine senior **Sydney Brandt** and junior **Jaycee Rhodes**, and St. Olaf junior **Bergen Senf** all became three-time All-Conference honorees, an achievement reached by only 47 women's golfers in recorded conference history.

2022-23 MIAC Women's Golf Awards

2022-23 MIAC Women's Golf Player of the Year

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
Kyra Venne	St. Catherine	So.	Woodbury, Minn. East Ridge	--

2022-23 MIAC Women's Golf Rookie of the Year

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
Carter Sichel	Carleton	Fy.	Winnetka, Ill. New Trier

2022-23 MIAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year

Name	Institution	Previous Selections
Katie Luckraft	St. Olaf	--

2022-23 MIAC Women's Golf All-Conference

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Honors
Morgan Anderson	St. Catherine	So.	Joliet, Ill. West	2021 (HM)
Sydney Brandt	St. Catherine	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis. Catholic Memorial	2019 2020 (HM) 2021
Bailey Lengfelder	Macalester	Fy.	Renton, Wash. Hazen	--
Cynthia Lu	Carleton	Fy.	Redmond, Wash.	--
Greta McArthur	Bethel	So.	Fargo, N.D. Shanley	2021
Sydney Monge	St. Olaf	Jr.	Minnetonka, Minn.	2020 (HM) 2021 (HM)

Annika Reiersen	Gustavus	Jr.	Delano, Minn.	--
Emily Renner	Saint Benedict	Jr.	Victoria, Minn. Chanhassen	2021 2022
Jaycee Rhodes	St. Catherine	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn. Eastview	2021 2022
Bergen Senf	St. Olaf	Jr.	Fairmont, Minn.	2021 2022
Carter Sichol	Carleton	Fy.	Winnetka, Ill. New Trier	--
Natalie Tatar	Carleton	Fy.	Denver, Colo. St. Mary's Academy	--
Anna Tollefson	Bethel	Sr.	La Crescent, Minn.	2020 2021 2022
Kyra Venne	St. Catherine	So.	Woodbury, Minn. East Ridge	2021
Sarah Zheng	Carleton	Fy.	Bolingbrook, Ill. Neuqua Valley	--

2022-23 MIAC Women's Golf Honorable Mention

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Honors
Laura Beltman	Bethel	So.	Orange City, Iowa Unity Christian	--
Laurel Ward	Gustavus	Sr.	Bozeman, Mont.	2021 (AC) 2022 (HM)