

2012 MIAC Women's Outdoor Track & Field Awards

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ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The 2012 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Outdoor Track & Field Championships featured a number of outstanding performances and unforgettable moments over the weekend at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. Wednesday, the best of those performances were honored as the conference announced the 2012 MIAC Women's Outdoor Track and Field Awards.

Nearly every team in the conference - led by conference-champion St. Thomas - delivered a highlight throughout the weekend and that parity was reflected in Wednesday's award announcement. Host school Concordia claimed two of the top honors as **Kaari Jensen's** heptathlon score was named Women's Outstanding Performance-of-the-Meet and Head Coach **Marv Roeske** was voted the Women's Coach-of-the-Year. Augsburg sprinter **Ashley Carney** received the Outstanding Women's Track Athlete award, and Hamline thrower **Becky Culp** was named the Outstanding Women's Field Athlete.

The top three finishers in each individual event were named automatic All-Conference, as well as the first-place team in each relay race. Individuals in places 4-6 and relay teams in places 2-6 received All-Conference Honorable Mention honors. To see the All-Conference honorees, view results from the meet [here](#).

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC selected the sixth annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for Women's Outdoor Track & Field. 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.

Outstanding Women's Track Athlete - **Ashley Carney, Augsburg**

-Augsburg sprinter Ashley Carney (Lakeville, Minn./South) claimed the unofficial title of the MIAC's fastest woman by sweeping the conference titles in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, leading to her official honor as Outstanding Women's Track Athlete. Carney won the 200 with a time of 24.93 seconds, and was even better in the 100. Her time of 11.89 with a 3.0 wind factor is the fastest in meet history - beating the old record of 11.96 - and that time currently ranks her third in all of NCAA Division III in 2012. Just a junior, Carney is the latest outstanding Augsburg sprinter, and will have a chance to repeat in both events in 2013.

Outstanding Women's Field Athlete - **Becky Culp, Hamline**

-Hamline has become known for its prowess in the throwing events, and junior Becky Culp (Lino Lakes, Minn.) proved over the weekend that she was ready to carry the legacy forward in 2012. Culp was tremendous at the MIAC meet, claiming titles in both the shot put and discus. She won the shot put championship with a throw that traveled 42-11 to finish first by three inches. She claimed nearly an eight-foot victory in the discus as well, with a winning toss of 146-6. Culp entered the meet seeded No. 1 in both events, and lived up to the billing to result in her Outstanding Women's Field Athlete honor.

Women's Outstanding Performance-of-the-Meet - **Kaari Jensen, Concordia**

-Concordia's Kaari Jensen (Pierz, Minn.) didn't just win the 2012 MIAC women's heptathlon title. She broke both MIAC and school records in the process with a score of 4,829, which is the second-best score recorded in all of Division III in 2012, resulting in the Women's Outstanding Performance-of-the-Meet award. Jensen's score is more the 500 points better than anyone else in the conference this season, and she bettered the 7-year-old MIAC record of 4,668, which was set by Saint Mary's Ashley Dingels in 2005.

Women's Coach-of-the-Year - **Marv Roeske, Concordia**

-In addition to serving as host of the 2012 MIAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Concordia Head Coach Marv Roeske guided his team to a tremendous performance, finishing second with 120.5 points, which earned him the Women's Coach-of-the-Year honor. Roeske's team was particularly good in the field events, winning individual titles in the 400-meter hurdles, javelin, high jump and heptathlon, highlighted by Jensen's school and MIAC record in the heptathlon and her Performance-of-the-Meet award. Roeske has been the Cobbers' women's track and field coach since 1995, and he added cross country duties in 199 as well. This is his second outdoor coaching honor, and fifth overall MIAC coaching award, last winning the outdoor award in 2004.

2012 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team

Augsburg - Ashley Carney (Jr., Lakeville, Minn./South)
Bethel - Courtney Fregeau (So., Andover, Minn.)
Carleton - Megan Erlandson (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./Minnehaha Academy)
Concordia - Erica Holo (Sr., Fargo, N.D./South)
Gustavus - Allyson Hannemann (Sr., Cypress, Texas/Lexington)
Hamline - Carlyne Bocovich (Sr., Andover, Minn.)
Macalester - Alexa Simpson (Jr., St. Elizabetha, Jamaica/Hampton School)
Saint Benedict - Allison Eckrich (Sr., Spearfish, S.D.)
St. Catherine - Jessica Hoffman (Sr., Champlin, Minn./Champlin Park)
Saint Mary's - Kassondra Burtis (Sr., Fairmont, Minn.)
St. Olaf - Jamie Mosel (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn./Southwest)



St. Thomas - Natasha Wright (Sr., Wayzata, Minn.)

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